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APPROVED OPERATING SITE OBJECTIVES

1995 - 1996 PROGRAM YEAR

KANSAS



Amended - August 22, 1995

SUBJECT: Approval for AmeriCorps Members for FY 96

THRU: Ann Carey, Director, CARD

TO: James N. Habiger, State Conservationist, NRCS,
Kansas

This letter is to serve as your formal notification of approval for recruitment of members to serve in the AmeriCorps Program for FY 96. You are approved for the below listed projects with positions as indicated:

Project	Positions		TYPE
	FT	PT	
Big Creek Stabilization		16	PL&E
	4		RDT
Aquatic Habitat & Riparian	8		RDT
Crawford State Park	5		PL&E
Total:	17	16	

Attached are the objectives that have been agreed to between the State of Kansas, the USDA Office of National Service, and the Cooperation for National and Community Service. These objectives serve as your contract and commitment for what you plan to accomplish during fiscal year 96. If you are not in agreement with the objectives as attached, you need to contact me immediately.

Also attached is a list of your project sites, operating site numbers and cluster sites.

When recruiting members, remember to send in your assessment worksheet prior to making a firm commitment to anyone.

If you have any questions, please contact Paula Cole Jones, NRCS Program Manager, at (202) 720-1853.


JOEL BERG
Director
National Service

Attachments

CC:

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Larry Miles, AmeriCorps Project Director, NRCS, Kansas

AMERICORPS SUMMARY
Kansas

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STATE	# OF MEMBERS	TYPE	# OF CLUSTERS	# OF SITES
Kansas	16 PT 17 FT	16 PL&E(PT) 5 PL&E(FT) 12 RDT		3

Site 1: Hays

1A	Duty Site: # of RDT Members: # of PL&E Members: Site supervisor: Phone #: Fax #: Duties:	Hays 4 - Site #: Y20A 16 PT - Site #: X20A Daniel Meyerhoff (913) 625-2588 (913) 628-3746 creebank stabilization
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Site 2: Topeka

2A	Duty Site: # of RDT Members: # of PL&E Members: Site supervisor: Phone #: Fax #: Duties:	Topeka 8 - Site #: Y20B 0 Norman Sawyer (913) 267-5721 (913) 267-3013 Aquatic habitat restoration
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Site 3: Farlington

3A	Duty Site: # of RDT Members: # of PL&E Members: Site supervisor: Phone #: Fax #:	Farlington 0 5 - Site #: X20B Dave Goble (316) 362-3671 Park Renovation
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COMMUNITY SERVICE OBJECTIVES

Objective 1

GRANTEE: USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service **SITE:** Kansas
Big Creek Stabilization (4 FT Members - RDT & 16 PT Members-PL&E)
SITE SUPERVISOR: Daniel H. Meyerhoff **PHONE:** (913) 625-2588 **COUNTY:** Ellis

COMPONENTS OF OBJECTIVE STATEMENTS: Using bioengineering techniques stabilize about 4 miles of streambank on Big Creek in the City of Hays near Fort Hays State University.

1. What work will be done? What service activities will your participants engage in?

Using willow stakes, cedar tree revetments, lunger boxes, and other techniques stabilize stream channel banks.

2. What is the hoped for result of the work/activities described above?

The stabilized stream banks will demonstrate how effective bioengineering methods can be in solving these stabilization problems. The stabilized streambanks will add to the natural beauty of the riparian area. The diversity of the aquatic and terrestrial habitat in the riparian corridor will be improved and add to the educational utility of the area for University outdoor classroom use.

3. How will you measure the quality of your product or impact of your service?

Quality will be measured by the change in use of the riparian area for leisure activities by city residents and University students and the change in use of the area for outdoor classrooms.

4. By what standard will you gauge success?

Seventy percent of the stream bank stabilization methods will be successful.

5. How many individuals will receive the benefit of the work your participants perform?

About 50,000 to 60,000 residents of the City of Hays, FHSU and residents of surrounding counties. An estimated equal amount of visitors to the area annually will also benefit. Eighteen AmeriCorps members will gain valuable technical training and team work experience.

COMMUNITY SERVICE OBJECTIVES

Objective 4

GRANTEE: USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service **SITE:** Kansas
Wetland & Riparian Area Restoration & Public Information Program
(8 Members - RDT)

SITE SUPERVISOR: Norman Sawyer **PHONE:** (913) 267-5721 **COUNTY:** Shawnee

COMPONENTS OF OBJECTIVE STATEMENTS: To increase public awareness of riparian values by restoring and enhancing aquatic habitat and riparian areas in northeast Kansas.

1. What work will be done? What service activities will your participants engage in?

Work on wetland & riparian restoration & enhancement projects. Will include wetland restoration & creation, bank stabilization, restoration of riparian forest habitat, removal of solid waste pollution & public education activities.

2. What is the hoped for result of the work/activities described above?

Solid waste debris will be cleaned-up on approximately ten miles of urban and rural streams. Approximately three additional miles of stream will be improved through bank stabilization and restoration of riparian forests (30 acres targeted). The acres and miles treated will consist of 35 to 30 project sites. The prescription will concentrate on the use of bioengineering techniques to restore degraded areas. The team will also participate in public education outreach by making presentations at local schools and preparing media news releases.

3. How will you measure the quality of your product or impact of your service?

A reduction in streambank erosion and survival of riparian plantings on at least 80 of restoration sites. Quality will also be judged by surveying the communities and individuals that own the restored/cleaned-up streams.

4. By what standard will you gauge success?

A plan will be prepared for each restored area. This plan will include standards and specifications that will be used to determine successful project implementations. Each area that the crew works in will be photo documented to record improvement. The crew members will also be encouraged to provide input to streamline the process and gain experience in project design and planning.

COMMUNITY SERVICE OBJECTIVES

Objective 2

GRANTEE: USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service **SITE:** Kansas
Big Creek Stabilization (4 FT Members - RDT & 16 PT Members-PL&E)
SITE SUPERVISOR: Daniel H. Meyerhoff **PHONE:** (913) 625-2588 **COUNTY:** Ellis

COMPONENTS OF OBJECTIVE STATEMENTS: Establish a nature trail adjacent to an in the riparian area for use as an outdoor educational area.

1. What work will be done? What service activities will your participants engage in?

Handicapped accessible trail will be constructed. Trees and shrubs will be identified with appropriate signs.

2. What is the hoped for result of the work/activities described above?

A nature trail for general public use as well as educational use will be developed for community use.

3. How will you measure the quality of your product or impact of your service?

A survey of users of the nature trail will be made to measure the quality of the work.

4. By what standard will you gauge success?

1/2 mile of trail will be constructed; seventy percent of the surveyed users of the nature trail indicate the experience has been positive.

5. How many individuals will receive the benefit of the work your participants perform?

About 50,000 to 60,000 residents of the City of Hays, FHSU, and surrounding counties will benefit from the nature trail. An estimated 1000 handicapped residents annually will benefit from a facility not previously available to handicapped persons. An additional number of high school and grade school students plus others visiting the university campus will benefit from the nature trail. Eighteen AmeriCorps members will gain technical hands on training and team work experience benefits from the project.

COMMUNITY SERVICE OBJECTIVES

Objective 3

GRANTEE: USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service **SITE:** Kansas
Big Creek Stabilization (4 FT Members - RDT & 16 PT Members-PL&E)
SITE SUPERVISOR: Daniel H. Meyerhoff **PHONE:** (913) 625-2588 **COUNTY:** Ellis

COMPONENTS OF OBJECTIVE STATEMENTS: Accomplish a major cleanup of the stream channel to remove trash, fallen trees, demolished picnic tables, etc. to enhance the natural beauty of the area.

1. What work will be done? What service activities will your participants engage in?

Pick up trash and debris from the stream channel and adjacent area.

2. What is the hoped for result of the work/activities described above?

Enhance the natural beauty of the area. Make the area a pleasant place to visit. Give AmeriCorps members, community volunteers, and the community in general a sense of pride in community accomplishment.

3. How will you measure the quality of your product or impact of your service?

Site evaluations and feedback from the campus community.

4. By what standard will you gauge success?

One mile of stream channel One half mile of the creek channel situated on campus.

5. How many individuals will receive the benefit of the work your participants perform?

An estimated 50,000 to 60,000 residents of the city of Hays, FHSU students, and adjacent county residents would benefit directly. Student and other visitors to the university campus and the city would also benefit. Eighteen AmeriCorps members would gain valuable team work experience. An estimated 300 to 400 local resident volunteers will benefit from the community service provided to the project.

5. How many individuals will receive the benefit of the work your participants perform?
All citizens of Kansas but in particular residents of northeast Kansas.

COMMUNITY SERVICE OBJECTIVES
Objective 5

GRANTEE: USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service
Crawford State park (5 FT Members - PL&E)

SITE: Kansas

SITE SUPERVISOR: Dave Goble **PHONE:** (316) 362-3671 **COUNTY:** Crawford

COMPONENTS OF OBJECTIVE STATEMENTS: Restore and enhance Crawford State Park to a viable park facility.

1. What work will be done? What service activities will your participants engage in?

Provide cleanup and maintenance support for the park and wildlife areas including grounds, facilities, and habitat.

2. What is the hoped for result of the work/activities described above?

Five hundred ninety acres of parks grounds, facilities, and habitat will be restored and enhanced.

3. How will you measure the quality of your product or impact of your service?

Comparison of the recreational use of the parks and wildlife areas to pre-restoration conditions.
Comparison of wildlife population and diversity to pre-restoration conditions.

4. By what standard will you gauge success?

Recreational use and wildlife population and diversity is at least 90 percent of pre-restoration conditions.

5. How many individuals will receive the benefit of the work your participants perform?

Those individuals within a 50 mile radius of the park(310,000 area population).

COMMUNITY SERVICE OBJECTIVES
Objective 6

GRANTEE: USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service **SITE:** Kansas
Crawford State park (5 FT Members - PL&E)
SITE SUPERVISOR: Dave Goble **PHONE:** (316) 362-3671 **COUNTY:** Crawford

COMPONENTS OF OBJECTIVE STATEMENTS: Developing partnerships with agencies and associations.

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- 1. What work will be done? What service activities will your participants engage in?**
Working with volunteer groups and communities to build partnerships in the effort of restoring and enhancing the park and wildlife areas.
 - 2. What is the hoped for result of the work/activities described above?**
Increased volunteers to assist parks and wildlife personnel in the restoration and maintenance of the park and public lands. Increased volunteering will allow park and wildlife personnel to concentrate on jobs requiring technical skills.
 - 3. How will you measure the quality of your product or impact of your service?**
Observation of the citizen volunteer group's appreciation and respect for public use and wildlife facilities and areas. Observation of the interaction of citizen volunteers with AmeriCorps members and parks staff in accomplishing restoration tasks. Survey volunteers to determine perceived success of the AmeriCorps team.
 - 4. By what standard will you gauge success?**
The participation level of citizen volunteer group will increase 20 percent. Eighty percent of the volunteers surveyed believe the AmeriCorps team effort was successful.
 - 5. How many individuals will receive the benefit of the work your participants perform?**
Communities in the immediate geographic vicinity of the park. The recreation community with over 310,000 population within a 50 mile radius of the park. Five AmeriCorps members.



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TO : SED, Kansas State CFSA Office
ATTN : Jim Meisenheimer AmeriCorps State Project Director
THRU : Acting Deputy Administrator for Program Delivery and Field Operations
SUBJECT: Approved for AmeriCorps Members for FY 96

This letter serves as your formal notification of approval to begin recruitment of members to serve in the AmeriCorps Program for FY 96. You are approved for the below listed projects with positions as indicated:

PROJECT : Kickapoo Agricultural, Environmental and Heritage Project
POSITIONS: 2
TYPE : Rural Development Team (RDT)

PROJECT : Ag Education on the Farm and in the School System
POSITIONS: 3
TYPE : Rural Development Team (RDT)

Attached are the objectives that have been agreed to between you, the USDA Office of National Service, and the Corporation for National and Community Service. These objectives serve as your contract and commitment for what you plan to accomplish during FY 96. If you are not in agreement with the objectives as attached, you need to contact me immediately.

Also attached is a list of your project site(s), operating site numbers and cluster sites.

When recruiting Members, remember to send in your assessment worksheet prior to making a firm commitment to anyone. With regards to any other recruitment questions, particularly questions relating to the media and press releases, contact Katherine Gibney at (202) 720-4369.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (202) 720-6350.


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Attachments

AMERICORPS SUMMARY
Kansas

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STATE	OPERATING SITE NO.	# OF MEMBERS	TYPE	# OF CLUSTERS	# OF SITES
Kansas	95ADFDCO47T20A	5	RDT	1	2

CLUSTER SITE TOPEKA

of RDT Members 5
Site Supervisor (to be provided)
Phone # "
FAX # "
Duties Construct tribal park, traditional houses; develop cultural food plots, maintain cultural heritage; develop wildlife habitat; and Ag Education on the farm and in the school system.

DUTY SITE 1 HORTON (T20A)

of RDT Members 2
Site Supervisor Rod Winkler
Address Brown County CFSA Office
 1310 Oregon
 Hiawatha, Kansas 66434
Phone # (913) 742-3787
FAX # (913) 742-7604
Duties Plan and construct tribal park, build traditional houses, develop cultural food plots, maintain cultural heritage, and develop wildlife habitat.

DUTY SITE 2**BURLINGTON (T20B)****# of RDT Members****3****Site Supervisor****Luann Callan****Address****Coffey County CFSA Office****313 Cross St., Suite 1****Burlington, Kansas 66839-1190****Phone #****(316) 364-2313****FAX #****(316) 364-3149****Duties****Ag Education on the farm and in th**

- 2 **SUMMARY:** The Kickapoo Tribe in Kansas needs help in developing a tribal park on their reservation and in teaching tribal farmers how to use farm records, sustainable agriculture and alternative crops.

Environmental needs will be met by helping the tribal members develop the park through design and use of habitat. Rural development assistance will be accomplished by teaching tribal members how to use alternative crops, sustainable agriculture, agriculture equipment and farm records. The Kickapoo community will be helped in the development of their park which will be utilized by all of the tribal members, and non-tribal neighbors. The assistance in the building of traditional housing and food stuffs will enhance the self-esteem of the tribal members.

The administering organization for the Kickapoo project will be CFSA. AmeriCorps members will be under the daily tutelage of the CED In the county of the reservation, Primary partners for the project will be: Kickapoo Tribe, NRCS, CES, Kansas Commission for National and Community Service (AmeriCorps/USA).

3. **OBJECTIVE #1:**

GRANTEE: CFSA

SITE: Brown County, Kansas

SITE SUPERVISOR: Rod Winkler

PHONE: (913) 742-3787

AMERICORPS PROJECT OBJECTIVE(S) STATEMENT Provide assistance to the Kickapoo Tribe in Kansas in the planning and construction of a tribal park, building of traditional houses, developing cultural food plots, maintaining cultural heritage, and developing wildlife habitat. Instruct tribal farmers and members in the use of farm records.

- a. **What work will be done? What service will your members engage in?** Working with Kickapoo tribal leaders, Department of Landscape, Architecture and Design at Kansas State University and NRCS in developing wildlife habitat at the 472 acre planned watershed multi-purpose lake. Help in construction of several traditional houses near the park. Work with tribal members in planning 80 acres of traditional food stuffs. The endeavor will be joined by the Kickapoo elders who will serve as mentors. Members will also help in determining means of cultivating and watering the crops. Teach tribal participants about the fundamentals of agribusiness, including operation of farm equipment and the purpose of conservation measures, crop rotation and alternative crops.
- b. **What is the hoped for result of the activities described above?** The project will showcase traditional Kickapoo housing and food stuffs. In addition, the development of the wildlife habitat and park facilities will provide recreational facilities for tribal members and area residents. Kickapoo members will become functional in agribusiness operations.

- c. **How will you measure the quality or success of the service provided?** A well planned and developed park and wildlife habitat will demonstrate the input of the AmeriCorps members. Demonstrating that Kickapoo members have become functional in the use of each piece of farm machinery available. Also, feedback from tribal leaders and tribal members will help determine the success of the program. By determining that Kickapoo members are functional and self sufficient in agricultural production and farm record keeping.
- d. **By what standard will you gage success?** By seeing a well designed, planned and constructed park and wildlife habitat. By training 90 percent of Kickapoo farmers and ranchers trained in farm safety, farm environmental problems and the operation of agriculture equipment. By 60 percent of all Kansas Kickapoo farmers and ranchers, knowing how to safely use farm equipment By the pride the Kickapoo's display In their newly constructed traditional housing and food " planting.
- e. **How many individuals will receive the benefit of the service your members perform?** Of the 930 tribal members all of them will receive indirect benefit. There are 200 tribal members involved with reservation farming with 30 being directly involved as operators and managers of the land. We anticipate direct contact with the 30 individuals.

2. **SUMMARY:** The Southeast areas of Kansas, see map, has 22 counties in the designated area with multiple school districts and 4-H clubs. Due to budget cuts many schools have de-emphasized ag. education the Cooperative Extension Service (CES) has lost personnel who work with youth.

AmeriCorps member will provide community service and help in rural development by helping farmers become more knowledgeable with farm safety and farm environmental problems. Community service with youth will be through the schools and the CES. The primary tools for teaching students about agriculture will come from Ag. in the Classroom and CES. AmeriCorps member will also be available to assist CES personnel with 4-H clubs and county fairs. Civic groups will have access to AmeriCorps members for presentations on agriculture.

The administering organization for Ag. education on the farm in the school system will be CFSA. The County Executive Director (CED) at the members' site will be responsible for the members' daily activity. Primary program partners will be: CES, Natural Resources Conservation Services (NRCS), Ag in the Classroom, Kansas Commission for National and Community Service (AmeriCorps/USA). Clustering of members will be with AmeriCorps members serving under the auspices of CFSA, NRCS and AmeriCorps,/USA.

3. **OBJECTIVE #2:**

GRANTEE: CFSA

SITE: Coffey County, Kansas

SITE SUPERVISOR: Luann Callan

PHONE: (316) 364-2313

AMERICORPS PROJECT OBJECTIVE(S) STATEMENT Help farmers in the Southeast part of Kansas become more knowledgeable in farm safety and in environmental needs. Help youth through school systems, vocational schools, 4-H clubs and FFA chapters better understand agriculture and it's role in their community, state, and nation, through an adaptation of "Ag in the classroom".

- a. **What work will be done? What service will your members engage in?** Members will individually assist at least 540 farmers with an assessment of farm safety and environmental Issues with their respective operations. Members will also work with school districts, vocational schools, 4-H and FFA groups. There are an estimated 65 public school districts in the target areas and we expect to have active participation in 35. The number of FFA chapters to be served will be equal to the number of school districts in which we will have active programs. Service to 4-H clubs will be through the County Extension Service and there are an estimated 70 4-H clubs in the area to be served with approximately 1,200 members. Members will help educators and youth leaders with information and exhibits about alternative crops and sustainable agriculture, conservation programs, crop Insurance protection, farm credit and loans, and agriculture in general. Members will travel throughout the target area to provide presentations at schools, civic groups, youth meetings, county fairs and to Individuals as applicable. An estimated 70 presentations will be made to civic groups and

organizations within the areas.

- b. **What is the hoped for result of the activities described above?** At least 180 farmers will use the safety assistance audit to create a safer farm environment. Farmers and their families will become more aware of the environmental hazards/problems on their farming operations. Thirty percent of the youth who receive the Information will have a better understanding and appreciation of agriculture In general. At least 30 percent of the young people would become more knowledgeable about agriculture In general and programs associated with same.
- c. **How will you measure the quality or success of the service provided?** Success in working with farmers will be measured by the numbers who have participated in a farm safety and environmental review. It is expected 180 producers would participate in the safety and environmental review. Feedback will be in the form of an evaluation statement from educators and youth leaders which should indicate whether or not the program is successful. It is expected that 70 percent of these individuals will give positive responses about the role of agriculture In their community. The feedback will be utilized to identify areas needing improvement to ensure the objectives are being met. Success for this aspect of the program will be considered met if at least 30 percent of young people become more knowledgeable about agriculture mission, goals, safety and agricultural environmental conditions.
- d. **By what standard will you gage success?** It is expected that 33 percent of the 540 farmers will use this assistance areas and will successfully complete a safety and environmental review of their operation. At least 180 farmers should show an improvement in farm safety and will demonstrate better knowledge in rural environmental issues/conditions. The standard for success with the students will be the number of young people who increase their knowledge of agriculture. Success can also be forecast if 70 percent of the educators and youth leaders surveyed give positive feedback about the value and benefits of the program
- e. **How many individuals will receive the benefit of the service your members perform?** An estimated 180 producers will receive direct benefits from the members. A secondary benefit will be by the citizens within the affected area. Fewer farm accidents will reduce the strain an the limited number of health providers in the counties. The educational aspect of the project will benefit at least 1,000 students.



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AmeriCorps USA
Public Lands and Environment Program

Daniel Boone National Forest
London Ranger District
London, Kentucky

Fifth Congressional District

Rural Area
(Not CNCS Priority)

PROJECT START DATE:
September 10, 1995

PROJECT COMPLETION DATE:
September 10, 1996

19 ~~20~~ Full Time Members

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II. OBJECTIVE STATEMENT

Our objectives are as follows:

- To perform work that will conserve, restore, and sustain natural habitats for Threatened, Endangered, and Sensitive species.
- To maintain, improve, and construct recreation facilities to benefit users of the National Forest System.
- To assist the local communities through involvement in environmental education outreach and community beautification projects.
- To assist in restoring natural beauty in the National Forests and assist in disaster recovery efforts and fire suppression when requested.

COMPONENTS OF OBJECTIVE STATEMENT

A) What work will be done? What service will your members engage in?

Members will work in support of Threatened and Endangered Species habitat enhancement and evaluation on the London, Somerset, and Stearns Ranger Districts for Red-Cockaded Woodpecker and Blackside Dace. The work would include the following:

- Prescribed burning will be done on 6,000 acres on the London, Somerset, and Stearns Ranger Districts to maintain, and increase suitable Red-Cockaded Woodpecker habitat by removing undesirable vegetation and to maintain an open stand to facilitate foraging.
- Surveys will be conducted on 4,000 acres on the London, Somerset, and Stearns Ranger Districts to determine unlocated Red-Cockaded Woodpecker colonies, potential new colony sites, new colony sites established by juvenile females leaving existing colonies, suitable habitat, and habitat enhancement needs.
- Artificial Red-Cockaded Woodpecker cavities will be placed at suitable locations on the Stearns Ranger District to prepare sites for juvenile females leaving the existing colonies.
- Surveys will be conducted on streams on the London, Somerset, and Stearns Ranger Districts that are known to contain populations of Blackside Dace. The data collected will establish the habitat needs of Blackside Dace and will be used to evaluate the potential of other streams to have populations of Blackside Dace.

Members will assist in other wildlife support projects, including the following:

- Stocking trout in designated streams (London and Stearns Districts).
- Prescribed burning will be done on 200 acres to benefit wildlife on the Stanton District.

Members will assist in recreation facility projects, including the following:

- A section of the Sheltolee Trace National Recreation Trail, 4 miles in length, will be constructed in the Milburn Hollow area (London District).

- A two mile section of the Sheltopee Trace National Recreation Trail will be reconstructed (Stearns District).
- Two timber bridges, 30 feet in length, will be constructed, one on Clifty Trail at Sawyer Campground (Somerset District), and one on the Sheltopee Trace National Recreation Trail over Whitman Branch (London District).
- One mile of loop trail will be rehabilitated and two sets of steps will be reconstructed at Alpine Picnic Ground (Somerset District).

AmeriCorps members will assist in watershed improvement projects, including the following:

- Stabilize 1/2 mile of shoreline on Cave Run Lake on the Morehead Ranger District.
- Maintain existing dams on the Stanton Ranger District by removing woody vegetation that could cause the dam to fail.

Members will work in community outreach projects, including the following:

- AmeriCorps members will help to expand the Cold Hill School Environmental Education Pilot Project to other schools. Members will assist with both classroom and outdoor environmental education programs (London District).
- Members would remove numerous household waste dump sites that exist around the Redbird Ranger District.
- Corps Members would assist with Laurel Lake Cleanup, a Federal Lands Cleanup Day activity jointly sponsored by the Forest Service and local communities (London District).
- Members will assist with National River Cleanup Week activities, including Rockcastle River Cleanup and Cumberland Falls State Park Cleanup.
- Members will assist in local community enhancement activities, including Laurel County, Rockcastle County, and Rowan County Cleanup Days.

B) What is the hoped for result of the activities described above?

It is hoped that the projects completed by the AmeriCorps enrollees will result in:

- Improved habitat for the Endangered Red-Cockaded Woodpecker.
- Critical resource data being collected for improved evaluation and management of Proposed, Endangered, Threatened and Sensitive wildlife and aquatic species.
- Improvements in the quality of recreation facilities, and in turn, the quality of National Forest visitors' experiences.
- Fostering good working relationships and partnerships with communities, organizations, special interest groups, and private individuals, by working together as teams to accomplish the required objectives.
- School children gaining environmental awareness and interest, as an outcome of environmental education programs.

- Enhancement of AmeriCorps members' skills, abilities, and attitudes, including: collaborative working skills; communication and leadership skills; positive attitude and work ethic; independent thinking and self-directed learning; a land-use conservation ethic and stewardship awareness; technical skills; and a sense of community service and citizenship.

C) How will you measure the quality of these activities?

Most activities will be measured against established and approved standards. Program managers will review all activities in progress, focus on objectives, and re-direct activities as necessary. Line Officers will be responsible for accepting the quality of work accomplishments, and will hold members accountable as part of their performance expectations. Pre-tests and post-tests will be used to help determine the success of environmental education programs.

D) By what standard will you gauge success?

Success will be determined by completion of projects in a timely manner, per established standards for quality.

E) How many individuals will receive the benefit of the work your members perform?

The Daniel Boone National Forest is located within a six hour drive of 23 million people. The forest hosted an estimated 5,278,000 visitors in FY 1992. The enhancement of recreation facilities will benefit these individuals by providing a more enjoyable recreation experience, and benefit the local communities by increasing and enhancing the tourism trade.

640 school children will be involved in environmental education programs with the help of AmeriCorps enrollees.

III. COLLABORATION

Name of Contributor	Type of Organization	Contribution
Kentucky State Department of Adult Education and Literacy	State	High School Equivalency - GED
Board of Education Laurel County	County	Environmental Education Cold Hill Pilot Project
Kentucky Highlands Investment Corporation	State	Community Service Projects
Eastern Kentucky Univ.	State	Environmental Education
Kentucky State Department	State	Environmental Education

CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL SERVICE
COMMUNITY BUILDING OBJECTIVES

OBJECTIVE STATEMENT: To develop an effective 911 Emergency Response system that will enable local firefighters to increase their response time by 10 minutes.

COMPONENTS OF OBJECTIVE STATEMENT:

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1)What activities will you be engaged in?

Install and train local officials on the use of 911 software.

Conduct road inventory of signs, minor structure, culverts, and ponds.

Conduct cost assessment of needed infrastructure improvements.

2)What is the hoped for result of the activities described above?

Reduce response time of local fire departments to rural and urban fires by 10 minutes saving 5 structures and 100 acres of forestland from fire damage.

3)How will you measure the quality of these activities?

Completion of the projects within the allotted time, allowing for unavoidable delays and obstacles.

A functioning 911 system utilized by local fire departments.

4)By what standard will you gauge success?

Lower fire insurance rates.

Increased interest in installation of dry fire hydrants to further protect rural areas.

5) How many individuals will receive the benefit of the work your members perform?

5 local rural fire departments

Public Safety officials.

Rural and urban citizens.

CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL SERVICE
COMMUNITY SERVICE OBJECTIVES

Objective

Grantee: USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service STATE: Kansas

SITE SUPERVISOR: _____ PH: _____ COUNTY: _____

OBJECTIVE STATEMENT:

1. What work will be done? What service will your participants engage in?
Provide cleanup and maintenance support for state parks and wildlife areas where 1993 and 1995 floodwater caused damage to grounds, facilities, and wildlife habitat at Cheney Reservoir, Glen Elder lake, Kanopolis Lake, Milford Lake, Perry Lake, and other flood damaged recreational facilities.
2. What is the hoped for result of the work/activities described above?
Restore all damaged signs and picnic tables for maximum public use.
3. How will you measure the quality of your product or impact of your service?
Measure the recreational use of the parks and wildlife areas compared to the pre-flood condition.
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CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL SERVICE
COMMUNITY SERVICE OBJECTIVES

Objective

Grantee: USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service STATE: Kansas

SITE SUPERVISOR: _____ PH: _____ COUNTY: _____

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Restore park trails, fences, and roads to full public use.

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Measure the recreational use of the parks and wildlife areas compared to the pre-flood condition. Measure public use compared to pre-flood conditions.

4. By what standard will you gauge success?

Repairs will be complete on 100,000 feet of trails, 75,000 feet of fence, and 50,000 feet of access roads.

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Restore damaged fishery, waterfowl, and wildlife habitats.

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Inspection of all plantings and habitats created will be done to ensure that they meet the technical standards of the state parks. Measure the recreational use of the parks and wildlife areas compared to the pre-flood condition. Measure public use compared to pre-flood conditions.

4. By what standard will you gauge success?

14,000 trees planted, 250 fish habitat areas created, 50 waterfowl nests built and 75 acres of native grasses planted.

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1995 - 1996 PROGRAM YEAR

LOUISIANA



August 15, 1995

SUBJECT: Approval for AmeriCorps Members for FY 96

THRU: Ann Carey, Director, CARD *Ann E Carey*

TO: Donald W. Gohmert, State Conservationist, NRCS,
Louisiana

This letter is to serve as your formal notification of approval for recruitment of members to serve in the AmeriCorps Program for FY 96. You are approved for the below listed projects with positions as indicated:

Project	Positions		TYPE
	FT	PT	
Farm*A*Syst	3		RDT
Dry Fire Hydrants	5		RDT
LA Coastal Wetlands	1		RDT
	9		PL&E
Total:	18		

Attached are the objectives that have been agreed to between the State of Louisiana, the USDA Office of National Service, and the Cooperation for National and Community Service. These objectives serve as your contract and commitment for what you plan to accomplish during fiscal year 96. If you are not in agreement with the objectives as attached, you need to contact me immediately.

Also attached is a list of your project sites, operating site numbers and cluster sites.

When recruiting members, remember to send in your assessment worksheet prior to making a firm commitment to anyone.

If you have any questions, please contact Paula Cole Jones, NRCS Program Manager, at (202) 720-1853.

Joel Berg
JOEL BERG
Director
National Service

Attachments

cc:

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Fort Worth, Texas

Billy Moore, Project Director, NRCS, Louisiana

AMERICORPS SUMMARY
Louisiana

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STATE	# OF MEMBERS	TYPE	# OF CLUSTERS	# OF SITES
Louisiana	18	9 PL&E/9 RDT	3	3

Cluster Site 1: Winnsboro

1A Duty Site: Winnsboro
 # of RDT Members: 1 - Site #: **Y22A**
 # of PL&E Members: 0
 Site supervisor: Donna Remides
 Phone #: (318) 435-7328
 Fax #: (318) 435-7436
 Duties: Dry Fire Hydrant

1B Duty Site: Ruston
 # of RDT Members: 1 - Site #: **Y22B**
 # of PL&E Members: 0
 Site supervisor: P. Ellzey Simmons
 Phone #: (318) 255-3554
 Fax #: (318) 251-9199
 Duties: Dry Fire Hydrant

1C Duty Site: Tallulah
 # of RDT Members: 1 - Site #: **Y22C**
 # of PL&E Members: 0
 Site supervisor: Anthony Bridgewater
 Phone #: (318) 574-16063554
 Fax #: (318) 574-1931
 Duties: Farm*A*Syst

This will be a shared cluster with RECD

Cluster Site 2: Alexandria

2A Duty Site: Natchitoches
 # of RDT Members: 1 - Site #: **Y22D**
 # of PL&E Members: 0
 Site supervisor: Benny Dobson
 Phone #: (318) 352-4946
 Fax #: (318) 352-5559
 Duties: Dry Fire Hydrant

2B Duty Site: Denham Springs
 # of RDT Members: 1 - Site #: Y22E
 # of PL&E Members: 0
 Site supervisor: Danny Clement
 Phone #: (504) 664-5368
 Fax #: (504) 664-7734
 Duties: Dry Fire Hydrant

2C Duty Site: Jennings
 # of RDT Members: 2 - Site #: Y22F
 # of PL&E Members: 0
 Site supervisor: James Neveu
 Phone #: (318) 824-9533
 Fax #: (318) 824-9684
 Duties: Dry Fire Hydrant
 Farm*A*Syst

They will also cluster with RECD
This is a rotating cluster; they don't always meet in the same place and it
has worked out well.

3 Duty Site: Galliano
 # of RDT Members: 1 - Site #: Y22H
 # of PL&E Members: 9 - Site #: X22A
 Site supervisor: Gary L. Fine
 Phone #: (504) 475-5280
 Fax #: (504) 475-6545
 Duties: Coastal Wetlands

COMMUNITY SERVICE OBJECTIVES
Objective 1

GRANTEE: USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service
Farm-A-Syst (3 Members - RDT)

SITE: Louisiana

COMPONENTS OF OBJECTIVE STATEMENTS: Create public awareness of farmstead pollution problems in a nine parish area resulting in a broad-based knowledge of groundwater pollution risks.

1. What work will be done? What service activities will your participants engage in?

Organize a farm field day, develop a Farm*A*Syst exhibit, develop a public service announcement, identify agencies and/or sources with newsletters to provide Farm*A*Syst information for use in their releases, and attend agency and organization meetings.

2. What is the hoped for result of the work/activities described above?

Result in increased public awareness of groundwater pollution risks and best mgmt practices addressing the solutions.

3. How will you measure the quality of your product or impact of your service?

By increased interest and participation by rural landowners and by increased program delivery participation by other groups.

4. By what standard will you gauge success?

Three requests per parish received for Farm*A*Syst assessments per member and by the number of participants at field days, meetings, etc.

5. How many individuals will receive the benefit of the work your participants perform?

Thousands of rural landowners will be notified of the availability and scope of the Farm*A*Syst program targeted parishes. At least 90 farmsteads will directly benefit from assessments conducted by AmeriCorps members.

COMMUNITY SERVICE OBJECTIVES
Objective 2

GRANTEE: USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service
Farm*A*Syst (3 Members - RDT)

SITE: Louisiana

COMPONENTS OF OBJECTIVE STATEMENTS: Conduct Farm*A*Syst assessments on 90 farmsteads (9 per parish) to help the landowner become knowledgeable about water pollution.

1. What work will be done? What service activities will your participants engage in?

Conduct Farm*A*Syst assessments which will include 8 worksheets, a site evaluation, and an overall assessment for each landowner contacted. Members will also evaluate the assessment materials and program implementation strategies to see how they can be made more user friendly.

2. What is the hoped for result of the work/activities described above?

Landowner will make changes to reduce pollution risks and the knowledge and awareness of landowners of water pollution problems will be increased. It will also give the landowners information needed to do the best possible job of protecting the groundwater.

3. How will you measure the quality of your product or impact of your service?

By the actions taken by landowners to change some of their practices that may be affecting their drinking water. Also by the number of requests received for technical assistance.

4. By what standard will you gauge success?

At least 90 farmsteads completing the assessment.

5. How many individuals will receive the benefit of the work your participants perform?

90 farm families.

COMMUNITY SERVICE OBJECTIVES
Objective 3

GRANTEE: USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service
Dry Fire Hydrant (5 Members - RDT)

SITE: Louisiana

COMPONENTS OF OBJECTIVE STATEMENTS: Complete planning activities for the installation of 35 dry fire hydrants per parish.

1. What work will be done? What service activities will your participants engage in?

Participate on parish dry fire hydrant committees, maintain minutes, and assist with applications; meet with parish government, soil & water conservation districts, and local volunteer fire departments to present program guidelines and solicit participation; conduct site location inventories with assistance from local committees; and verify completion of the planning activities by reviewing easements, design, permits storage of materials, etc.

2. What is the hoped for result of the work/activities described above?

Completion of planning activities for the installation of 35 dry fire hydrants per parish.

3. How will you measure the quality of your product or impact of your service?

By successful and timely implementation of the planned activities. All installation locations will be tested by a certified member of the dry fire hydrants committee. The sites will be strategically located as to impact on insurance rates.

4. By what standard will you gauge success?

The willingness of parish governments to actively participate in the program. Also on the successful coordination with parish governments, soil & water conservation districts, and local volunteer fire departments and the establishment of a work plan for installation of dry fire hydrants.

5. How many individuals will receive the benefit of the work your participants perform?

Thousands of rural homeowners, 64 parish governments, 43 soil & water conservation districts, and local volunteer fire departments in all parishes of Louisiana.

COMMUNITY SERVICE OBJECTIVES
Objective 4

GRANTEE: USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service
Dry Fire Hydrants (5 Members - RDT)

SITE: Louisiana

COMPONENTS OF OBJECTIVE STATEMENTS: Plan & install 35 dry fire hydrants in each receptive parish within the respective area of responsibility and perform required evaluation.

1. What work will be done? What service activities will your participants engage in?

Make an accounting of material shipped to central locations; monitor and document (photo) installation; work closely with parish representative to schedule installation; document and solicit volunteers to assist in the installation; coordinate local media coverage; write at least one news article with approval to publish; assist in quality control; and prepare monthly progress reports.

2. What is the hoped for result of the work/activities described above?

The planned installation of 35 dry fire hydrants in each receptive parish within the respective area of responsibility. AmeriCorps Members are responsible for planning the installation of 1,435 dry fire hydrants in 41 parishes.

3. How will you measure the quality of your product or impact of your service?

By each dry fire hydrant inspected and certified. Quality will also be measured by the good working relationships established with parish representatives, quality control inspections, and successful use of community volunteers to complete the tasks to install the dry fire hydrants.

4. By what standard will you gauge success?

Success will be gauged by at least 80% of the 41 parishes participating in the dry fire hydrant program and 100% of the dry fire hydrants installed passing inspection.

5. How many individuals will receive the benefit of the work your participants perform?

Thousands of rural homeowners will benefit by receiving fire protection. Many communities will receive an economic benefit through reduced fire insurance rates.

COMMUNITY SERVICE OBJECTIVES

Objective 5

GRANTEE: USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service **SITE:** : Louisiana
Louisiana Coastal Wetlands (10 Members - 9 PL&E/1 RDT)
SITE SUPERVISOR: Gary Fine **PHONE:** (504) 475-5280 **PARRISH:** LaFourche

COMPONENTS OF OBJECTIVE STATEMENTS: Members will vegetatively propagate selected plants to establish three cultural & management methods study fields and one conservation plant assembly

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1. **What work will be done? What service activities will your participants engage in?**
Five thousand containerized plants will be propagated & planted to quarter-acre plots to determine handling & management methods.
 2. **What is the hoped for result of the work/activities described above?**
Members will develop plant production technology that can be used by wetland plant producers.
 3. **How will you measure the quality of your product or impact of your service?**
By successful propagation of five thousand containerized plants & production of a report on plant production technology.
 4. **By what standard will you gauge success?**
Successful development of Member leadership skills, job skills, personal motivation, and community involvement. 90 percent of all containerized plants will survive and produce a viable plant source.
 5. **How many individuals will receive the benefit of the work your participants perform?**
Many individuals, vendors, private landowners, companies, and local, parish, State, and Federal governments will benefit from the technology & improved vegetative species.

COMMUNITY SERVICE OBJECTIVES

Objective 6

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Louisiana Coastal Wetlands (10 Members - 9 PL&E/1 RDT)
SITE SUPERVISOR: Gary Fine **PHONE:** (504) 475-5280 **PARRISH:** LaFourche

COMPONENTS OF OBJECTIVE STATEMENTS: Will stabilize the Bayou Lafourche shoreline, Lafourche parish and protect it from erosion caused by boat traffic and storms.

1. What work will be done? What service activities will your participants engage in?

Will propagate & plant selected plants on six miles of shoreline along Bayou Lafourche. Members will develop plant performance and survival records to measure plant response & success relative to erosion control measures. Members will organize civic organizations & school groups to plan, plant, and publicize conservation efforts on Bayou Lafourche.

2. What is the hoped for result of the work/activities described above?

Will be six miles of valuable shoreline protected and enhanced by vegetation. Secondary benefits will be supportive documents to develop vegetative recommendations information for use by others.

3. How will you measure the quality of your product or impact of your service?

By the ability of Members to organize, plan, plant, and publicize their efforts.

4. By what standard will you gauge success?

On successful completion of vegetative plantings and the scope of community involvement in this project. 90 percent of the plants will survive, ultimately stabilizing six miles of shoreline.

5. How many individuals will receive the benefit of the work your participants perform?

Thousands of parish residents, bayou businesses and users, tourists, Lafourche Parish Fresh Water District, Lafourche Port Authority, and more will benefit from this project.

COMMUNITY SERVICE OBJECTIVES

Objective 7

GRANTEE: USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service SITE: Louisiana
Louisiana Coastal Wetlands (10 Members - 9 PL&E/1 RDT)
SITE SUPERVISOR: Gary Fine PHONE: (504) 475-5280 PARRISH: LaFourche

COMPONENTS OF OBJECTIVE STATEMENTS: Will create a sand dune and stabilize blowing sand on Trinity Island, Terrebonne Parish, Louisiana.

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1. What work will be done? What service activities will your participants engage in?
Will create a sand dune & stabilize blowing sand on Trinity Island, Terrebonne parish, Louisiana, by establishing 3,000 linear feet of sand fence and planting 7,500 selected plants on two acres of dune.
 2. What is the hoped for result of the work/activities described above?
Will be to create 1,500 linear feet of dune measured by elevation changes & plant survival & performance.
 3. How will you measure the quality of your product or impact of your service?
By development of a standard & specification for barrier island dune creation to be used to further coastal restoration.
 4. By what standard will you gauge success?
On successful creation of a sand dune, stabilization of blowing sand on Trinity Island, & development of a standard & specification for barrier island dune creation that can be used by conservationists, environmental consultants, nurserymen, schools, and the public.
 5. How many individuals will receive the benefit of the work your participants perform?
Thousands of residents in the gulf coast region will benefit through the technology derived to restore, enhance, and protect barrier islands.

COMMUNITY SERVICE OBJECTIVES

Objective 8

GRANTEE: USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service **SITE:** Louisiana
Louisiana Coastal Wetlands (10 Members - 9 PL&E/1 RDT)
SITE SUPERVISOR: Gary Fine **PHONE:** (504) 475-5280 **PARRISH:** LaFourche

COMPONENTS OF OBJECTIVE STATEMENTS: Members will plant selected plant species in the interior of a spoil disposal area intended for marsh creation near the south shore of Lake Ponchartrain.

1. What work will be done? What service activities will your participants engage in?

In cooperation with the Louisiana Department of Natural Resources (DNR), Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry-office of Soil and Water Conservation, local soil and water conservation districts, and local volunteers, AmeriCorps Members will use 1,600 plants, supplied through funding from DNR, to plant 8,000 feet of interior borrow canal shoreline. All plants will be protected by herbivore exclusion devices. AmeriCorps Members will recruit local volunteers to assist with this project. A sign will be erected and will be visible from Interstate 10 indicating the involvement of USDA/AmeriCorps Members in completion of the project.

2. What is the hoped for result of the work/activities described above?

The establishment of emergent marsh vegetation in this area will enhance its productivity and usefulness to various forms of wildlife and marine estuary life in addition to providing soil stability gains erosion. This will enhance the fisheries and trapping industries which are vital to the economic base of south Louisiana.

3. How will you measure the quality of your product or impact of your service?

The quality of our product will be measured by the creation of a vital marsh area which will sustain various forms of wildlife and marine estuary life. The quality will also be measured by the ability of the AmeriCorps Members to organize, plan, plant, and publicize their conservation efforts.

4. By what standard will you gauge success?

The project will be successful when 8,000 feet of interior borrow canal shoreline has been planted with 1,600 plants. Success will also be gauged on timeliness of project installation and observed

increase in biodiversity, ecosystem enhancement, and soil stabilization provided by the plant community. Another measure of success will be community satisfaction with the completed project.

5. How many individuals will receive the benefit of the work your participants perform?

The work accomplished by the AmeriCorps Members will benefit residents of St. Charles and Jefferson Parishes and many others who are concerned with the restoration and protection of Lake Pontchartrain Basin. Fishermen and trappers will benefit from the increased wildlife and marine estuary life, thus benefiting the local economy. Millions of people traveling from Baton Rouge to New Orleans on Interstate 10 will view the results of this important marsh restoration project.