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U.S. Department of Agriculture
 Natural Resources Conservation Service
 600 Farm Credit Building
 375 Jackson Street
 St. Paul, MN 55101-1854

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Joel Berg - DEPT
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• From:

Michael M. Price
 Public Affairs Specialist

• Phone Number: (612) 290-3677

• FAX: (612) 290-3375

MESSAGE:

Joel / Larry:

Here are 19 pages
 representing 2 new
 AmeriCorps Project Proposals
 (RC+D) in MN - for 5 new positions.

New money needed - most preferably
 from a state who'll not use part
 of their AmeriCorps allocation.

M. Price

P.S. Two more RC+D
 Areas want to submit 2 to 3 other
 project proposals for FY-97. Should
 have them to you by mid next week.

M. Price



Len Schmidt - Chair

Board of Directors

Kevin Arends
Rick Utech
Michelle Lee
Muriel Langseth

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Tarey Johnson

(2) positions



June 13, 1996

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Pine
County
St. Louis

Michael M. Price
USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service
375 Jackson St., Suite 600
St. Paul, MN 55151-1854

Dear Mr. Price,

Please accept our application for an AmeriCorps member. We are excited to have this opportunity to submit a joint application with Pine County Tourism Association and we look forward to working on our project.

Sincerely,

Leonard R. Schmidt

Len Schmidt, President
Munger Trail Towns Association

*Sandstone
Pine County Tourism
Assoc.*



1-800-718-7553

P.O. Box 82 • Sandstone, MN 55072

Michael Price
USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service
600 Farm Credit Services Building
375 Jackson Street
St. Paul, MN 55101

Dear Mr. Price,

June 10, 1996

On behalf of the Pine County Tourism Association, I would like to take this opportunity to articulate our organization's support for the AmeriCorps positions that we have applied for jointly with the Munger Trail Towns Association.

The membership of the Pine County Tourism looks forward to helping facilitate the projects outlined in the application. If there is anything else that we can do to demonstrate this support, feel free to give me a call at (320) 233-7455.

Thank you for this wonderful opportunity!

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Diane P. Carlson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal line extending from the end.

Diane Carlson, Chair
Pine County Tourism Association.

Refer to the Title Page Instruction on page 26. Please type or print in black ink.

1.	APPLICATION TITLE: <u>Pine County Tourism Assn/ Munger Trail Town Assn.</u>	FOR INTERNAL USE ONLY
	☒ Single Site ☐ Multi-Site	
2.	LEGAL APPLICANT: <u>USDA - Natural Resource Conservation Service</u>	
	Contact Person's Name: <u>Michael Price</u>	
	Address: <u>600 Farm Credit Services Bldg 375 Jackson St.</u>	
	City, State, Zip: <u>St Paul, MN 55101</u>	
	Telephone/Fax: <u>(612) 290-3677 phone (612) 290-3375 fax</u>	
	Applicant's Congressional District: <u>Minnesota #4</u>	
3.	INSTITUTIONAL INFORMATION	
	☐ Federal Agency ☐ National Non-Profit Organization ☐ Professional Corps Prog ☐ Multi-State Program	
	Employer's ID Number: _____	
4.	PROJECT DIRECTOR: <u>Larry Nelson</u>	
	Organization's Name: <u>Onanegozie Resource Conservation & Development, Inc.</u>	
	Address: <u>119 So. Lake St</u>	
	City, State, Zip: <u>Mora, MN 55051</u>	
	Telephone/Fax: <u>(320) 679-4604 phone (320) 679-2215 fax</u>	
5.	GRANT TYPE: ☐ Planning or ☒ Operating or ☐ Educational Awards Only	
6.	ISSUE AREA AND NATIONAL PRIORITIES:	
	☐ Educational ☐ Environment ☐ School Readiness ☐ Neighborhood Environment ☐ School Success ☐ Natural Environment ☒ Home Needs ☐ Public Safety ☐ Independent Living ☐ Violence Prevention ☒ Community Revitalization ☐ Crime Control	
7.	AREA(S) TO BE SERVED:	
	☐ Urban ☒ Rural ☐ Other Congressional District of primary area served: <u>Minnesota #8</u> Congressional Districts of secondary areas served: _____	
8.	PARTICIPANTS:	
	# of Full-time Participants <u>2</u> # of Full-time Participants Needing Educational Awards <u>2</u> # of Part-time Participants _____ # of Part-time Participants Needing Educational Awards _____ # of Participants Needing Child Care _____ # of Expected National Recruitment Participants _____ # of their Children needing Child Care _____ # of Unfunded Participants _____	
9.	BUDGET: Corporation Funds Requested YR1 _____ YR2 _____ YR3 _____	
	Total Budget Amount YR1 _____ YR2 _____ YR3 _____	
10.	PROGRAM OPERATES in an area of need as identified by the Corporation? ☒ Yes or ☐ No	
	Which One? <u>Human Needs</u>	
11.	PROJECT DURATION: Start Date <u>10-1-96</u> End Date <u>9-30-97</u> Number of Program Terms _____	
12.	CERTIFICATION: The applicant certifies to the best of his/her knowledge and belief that the data in this application are true and correct and that the filing of the application has been duly authorized by the governing body of the applicant and that the applicant will comply with the assurances required of applicants if the assistance is approved.	
	Date <u>June 13, 1996</u> Name <u>Larry Nelson</u> Title <u>RCED Project Coordinator</u>	

TITLE PAGE AMERICORPS NATIONAL DIRECT APPLICATION

Please attach the Budget Narrative to this page. Instructions for this form are on page 27.

Applicant Name: USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service
 Program Name: Pine County Tourism Assn/Munger Trail Towns Assn.

☐ Aggregate ☐ Program (if applicable)

		Corporation Share (CNCS) Funds Requested from the Corporation	Grantee Share Other Federal/State/ Local/Private Funds	Total Total Program Funding
A. PARTICIPANT SUPPORT COSTS				
	Training and Education		3,000	3,000
	Uniforms			
	(please specify in Budget Narrative) Other			
	Subtotal		3,000	3,000
B. STAFF				
	Salaries	24,000		24,000
	Benefits	4,800		4,800
	Training	1,000		1,000
	(please specify in Budget Narrative) Other			
	Subtotal	29,800		29,800
C. OPERATIONAL				
	Travel			
	Transportation	3,000		3,000
	Supplies	1,000	4,000	5,000
	Equipment	1,000	1,000	2,000
	(please specify in Budget Narrative) Other		4,200	4,200
	Subtotal	5,000	9,200	14,200
D. INTERNAL EVALUATION MONITORING				
			1,000	1,000
E. ADMINISTRATION				
			3,500	3,500
		(may not exceed 5% of Corporation funds, A-E)		
(in dollar amounts) Total A-E		34,800	16,700	51,500
Percentages		68 %	32 %	100%
(Corporation maximum 75% - Grantee maximum 25% - 100%)				

BUDGET FORM AMERICORPS NATIONAL DIRECT APPLICATION

F. OTHER PARTICIPANT SUPPORT COSTS

	Number of Participants	Corporation Share (maximum 85%)	Grantee Share (minimum 15%)	Total 100%
Living Allowance	2	24,000		24,000
FICA and Workers' Compensation				
Health Care*	2	2,400		2,400
Alternative Health Care** (\$1,200 per eligible participant)				

Total (F)

28,800

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28,800

Total (A-F)

63,600

16,700

80,300

Estimated Number
of ChildrenEstimated Number
of Eligible ParticipantsCorporation Share
(maximum 100%)Grantee
Share

Total

G. CHILD CARE

TOTAL (A-G)

H. EDUCATION AWARDS

	Number of Participants	Amount per Participant	Total
Full-Time Participants	2	\$4725	9,450
Part-Time Participants		\$2363	

Total (H)

2

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4,725

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9,450

* If grantee is utilizing current policy meeting minimum benefits for eligible participants.
 ** If grantee is utilizing alternative health care policy to be made available.

Applicant Name: _____

Program Name: _____

1. WHAT IS YOUR PROGRAM'S MISSION STATEMENT?

To increase rural economic development
activity by enhancing the provision of
tourism information involving a broad-based
community-driven development process.

Each application must include statements of primary objectives in three areas: Community Service, Community Building, and Participant Development. Please use a separate copy of this form to describe your objectives in each area (i.e., Community Service, Community Building, Participant Development). In the case of community service, also use a separate form for each priority area, if you are working on more than one (i.e. education, environment, etc.)

2.

THIS PAGE APPLIES TO

☐ Community Service☐ Participant☐ Community☐ Education

Development

Building

☐ Public Safety☐ Human Needs☒ Environment**3. WHAT ARE YOUR ANNUAL OBJECTIVES IN THE AREA CHECKED ABOVE?**

List your three primary objectives.

a. Develop a complete, continuous Pine/Carlton
Countries bike & snowmobile map/maps that
includes all trails from all entities within
the county. This objective will result in the
distribution of bike and snowmobile maps to over
230,000 people in the two countries.

Planning, development, implementation, and
evaluation of a FAMILIARIZATION tour to the area.

c. Facilitate the development of a Pine County
and Munger State Trail homepage and associated
links and have them published on the
World Wide Web.

AMERICAN CORPS NATIONAL DIRECT APPLICATION
 MISSION STATEMENT AND ANNUAL OBJECTIVES

**CERTIFICATION
SIGNATURE**

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SIGNATURE. By signing this Certification page, the applicant certifies that it will agree to perform all actions and support all intentions stated in the Certification sections in part III of this application. The three Certifications are:

- ☐ Certification: Delinquent, Suspension, and Other Responsibility Matters.
- ☐ Certification: Drug-Free Workplace
- ☐ Certification: Lobbying Activities

Organization Name: _____

Project Name: _____

Name and Title
of Authorized Representative: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

**ASSURANCES
SIGNATURE**

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PINE COUNTY TOURISM ASSOCIATION

Organization Name: Munger Trail Towns Association

Project Name: _____

Name and Title
of Authorized Representative: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

ASSURANCES & CERTIFICATION SIGNATURE FORM AMERICORPS NATIONAL DIRECT APPLICATION

Corporation for Resources Conservation Service National Public Service
Community Service Objective A

Grantee: Natural Resources and Conservation Service

Site: Pine County - Carlton County

Components of Objective Statement A: Develop a complete, continuous Pine/Carlton Counties bike & snowmobile map/maps that includes all trails from all entities within the county. This objective will result in the distribution of bike and snowmobile maps to over 30,000 people in the two counties.

- 1. What work will be done? What service activities will participant participate in?** Presently, different snowmobile clubs produce separate versions of snowmobile maps covering various parts of the two counties. Existing snowmobile maps are produced by individual snowmobile clubs and do not adequately show entire counties or areas. While the Munger Trail has a map, no bike map exists that shows connections between the Munger Trail and other existing bike trails. The AmeriCorps members will work with existing snowmobile groups, Willard Munger Trail Towns Association, Pine County Tourism Association, as well as other tourism and economic development organizations to gather input to develop, market, and plan for distribution of maps.
- 2. What is the hoped for result of the work/activities described above?** The objective will be to develop a map/maps showing a complete picture of snowmobile trails in the two counties. The map/maps will also show bike riding opportunities connecting with the Munger State Trail, the longest paved rail-to-trail conversion in the United States.
- 3. How will you measure the quality of your product or the impact of your service?** After distribution of each map, a survey of tourism businesses and visitors utilizing the maps, as well as local snowmobile and bicycle organizations, will be conducted to determine the perceived level of satisfaction and usefulness.
- 4. By what standard will you gauge success?** Compare this new map/maps with those maps available prior to the effort. This comparison will be evaluated by assessing the satisfaction of the various user groups.
- 5. How many individuals will receive the benefit of the work your participant performs?** More than 30,000 snowmobilers visit the two counties each season. They will have detailed and adequate snowmobile maps. Approximately 25,000 bicyclists use the Munger Trail on an annual basis. Our estimates indicate that approximately 25% will be able to venture off the Munger trail to explore the countryside and other local resources.

Corporation for Resources Conservation Service National Public Service
Community Service Objective B

Grantee: Natural Resources and Conservation Service

Site: Pine County - Carlton County

Components of Objective Statement B: Planning, development, implementation, and evaluation of a FAMiliarization tour to the area.

- 1. What work will be done? What service activities will participant participate in?** A FAMiliarization tour is a media tour designed to acquaint media representatives with the resources of the area. The AmeriCorps members will work cooperatively with MN Office of Tourism, Pine County Tourism Association, and the Munger Trail Town Association to initiate, schedule, and carry out the details associated with implementing one FAM tour to the two counties.
- 2. What is the hoped for result of the work/activities described above?** This tour will result in increased media awareness and visibility of the area. This will translate into an increased awareness of the area's tourism resources by potential visitors to the area, resulting in an overall increase in the tourism activity to the area. The project goal is to attract at least five writers to the area.
- 3. How will you measure the quality of your product or the impact of your service?** Develop, and implement, in cooperation with the MN Office of Tourism, an evaluation plan to measure the impact of the effort.
- 4. By what standard will you gauge success?** A media FAMiliarization tour in which five or more writers participate will represent a successful effort.
- 5. How many individuals will receive the benefit of the work your participant performs?** This project will benefit writers from at least 5 magazines as well as the readership of those publications that they represent. According to the Minnesota Office of Tourism, actual numbers of visitors to the area as a result of FAMiliarization tour efforts, are extremely difficult to measure. However, local estimates may be in the area of 40-50 businesses that could potentially benefit from the tour.

Corporation for Resources Conservation Service National Public Service
Community Service Objective C

Grantee: Natural Resources and Conservation Service

Site: Pine County - Carlton County

Components of Objective Statement C: Facilitate the development of a Pine County and Munger State Trail homepage and associated links and have them published on the World Wide Web.

1. What work will be done? What service activities will participant participate in? The AmeriCorps members will work through a community development process that brings together teachers and students from Pine county schools, local business owners, community leaders, technology leaders, and other interested professionals. This group will develop and carry out a plan that will establish a coordinated, articulated presence for local tourism and other community resources on the World Wide Web.

2. What is the hoped for result of the work/activities described above? Increased awareness by people outside the local community about the resources and opportunities available to them from the area. This will be accomplished through the development of a WWW homepage and associated links.

3. How will you measure the quality of your product or the impact of your service? Evaluation efforts will include counting the numbers of visitors to those web sites established by the project. The breadth of local community awareness and project participation will also be an indicator of overall impact. The WWW development process will involve students from local school districts, local businesses and community leaders, as well as the AmeriCorps members. Post-development evaluative assistance will be provided by professionals from the Minnesota Extension Service, Minnesota Office of Tourism, and local school districts.

After the web page has been functional for several months, the AmeriCorps members will conduct a survey of area businesses to determine the impact that this project has had on their marketing efforts.

4. By what standard will you gauge success? A successful project will include employees and students from at least one school district, a minimum of five local businesses, and two tourism organizations. The end result will be a well-developed, representative presence on the web for 15 local communities.

5. How many individuals will receive the benefit of the work your participant performs? The project will directly benefit 300 individuals and businesses from local communities. Others will benefit indirectly by visiting the web sites. Those seeking visitor information about the area will be able to access current information utilizing modern, high-speed information technology retrieval methods. Students from at least one school will be afforded the opportunity to develop relevant computer application skills, be a part of a major community development effort, and create a greater understanding of their community.



City of Sandstone
ADMINISTRATION OFFICE

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June 13, 1996

Michael Price
USDA Natural Resource Conservation Services
600 Farm Credit Services Building
375 Jackson Street
St. Paul, MN 55101

Dear Michael:

Enclosed is an application for three Americorps participants for one year, part of a three-year project. The community is excited about the possibility of working with the Americorps program to accomplish many projects that will help implement our comprehensive plan completed in 1995 and suggestions from the Governor's Design Team..

Many volunteers, students and groups will assist with these projects. One of the major roles of the Americorps participants will be to assist with coordination of the extensive work force available.

Please let me know if you need more information.

Sincerely,

Muriel Langseth, Administrative assistant
City of Sandstone

Enc.: 8

Refer to the Table Page Instruction on page 26. Please type or print in black ink.

FOR ATTENTION (22)

1. APPLICATION TITLE: City of Sandstone
☐ Single Site ☐ Multi-Site

2. LEGAL APPLICANT: USDA - Natural Resource Conservation Service
Contact Person's Name: Michael Price
Address: 600 Farm Credit Services Bldg. 375 Kaclspn Street
City, State, Zip: St. Paul, MN 55101
Telephone/Fax: (612) 290-3677 (612) 290-3375 fax

Applicant's Congressional District: Minnesota #4

3. INSTITUTIONAL INFORMATION ☐ Federal Agency ☐ National Non-Profit Organization ☐ Professional Corps Prog. ☐ Multi-State Program

Employer's ID Number: _____

4. PROJECT DIRECTOR: Larry Nelson
Organization's Name: -Onanegozie Resource Conservation & Dev. Council, Inc.
Address: 119 South Lake Street
City, State, Zip: Mora, MN 55051
Telephone/Fax: (320) 679-4604 (320) 679-2215 Fax

5. GRANT TYPE: ☐ Planning ☒ Operating ☐ Educational Awards Only

6. ISSUE AREA AND NATIONAL PRIORITIES:

☐ Educational	☒ Environment
☐ School Readiness	☒ Neighborhood Environment
☐ School Success	☒ Natural Environment:
☐ Human Needs	☐ Public Safety
☐ Independent Living	☐ Violence Prevention
☐ Community Revitalization	☐ Crime Control

7. AREAS TO BE SERVED: City of Sandstone
☐ Urban ☒ Rural ☐ Other
 Congressional District of primary area served: Minnesota #8
 Congressional Districts of secondary areas served: _____

2. PARTICIPANTS: # of Full-time Participants 3 # of Full-time Participants Needing Educational Awards 3
of Part-time Participants _____ # of Part-time Participants Needing Educational Awards _____
of Participants Needing Child Care _____ # of Expected National Recruitment Participants _____
of their Children needing Child Care _____
of Unfunded Participants _____

9. BUDGET: Corporation Funds Requested YR1 66,880 YR2 _____ YR3 _____
Total Budget Amount YR1 115,980 YR2 _____ YR3 _____

10. PROGRAM OPERATES in an area of need as identified by the Corporation? ☒ Yes or ☐ No
Which One? Environment

11. PROJECT DURATION: Start Date 10/1/97 End Date 9/30/98 Number of Program Teams 3

12: CERTIFICATION: The applicant certifies to the best of his/her knowledge and belief that the data in this application are true and correct and that the filing of the application has been duly authorized by the governing body of the applicant and that the applicant will comply with the assurances required of applicants if the assistance is approved.

Date 6-13-96 Name Lawrence Nelson Title RCFD Project Coordinator

TITLE PAGE AMERICORPS NATIONAL DIRECT APPLICATION

Please attach the Budget Narrative to this page. Instructions for this form are on page 27.

Applicant Name: USDA - Natural Resources Conservation Services
 Program Name: City of Sandstone

☐ Aggregate ☐ Program (if applicable)

	Corporation Share (CNCS) Funds Requested from the Corporation	Grantee Share Other Federal/State/ Local/Private Funds	Total Total Program Funding
A. PARTICIPANT SUPPORT COSTS			
Training and Education		4,500	4,500
Uniforms			
(Please specify in Budget Narrative) Other			
Subtotal		4,500	4,500
B. STAFF			
Salaries	27,890		27,890
Benefits	2,800		2,800
Training	1,500		1,500
(Please specify in Budget Narrative) Other			
Subtotal	32,190		32,190
C. OPERATIONAL			
Travel			
Transportation	2,000		
Supplies	1,000	28,000	
Equipment	1,000	4,000	
(Please specify in Budget Narrative) Other		3,000	
Subtotal	4,000	35,000	39,000
D. INTERNAL EVALUATION MONITORING			
		1,500	1,500
E. ADMINISTRATION			
		4,500	4,500
(may not exceed 5% of Corporation funds, see)			
(if budget includes) Total A-E	36,190	45,500	81,690
Percentages	44.5 %	55.5 %	100%
(Corporation maximum 75% - Grantee minimum 25% = 100%)			

BUDGET FORM AMERICORPS NATIONAL DIRECT APPLICATION

F. OTHER PARTICIPANT SUPPORT COSTS	Number of Participants	Corporate Share (maximum 85%)	Grantee Share (minimum 15%)	Total 100%
Living Allowance	3	27,890		27,890
Housing/food			4200	4,200
FICA and Workers' Compensation				
Health Care*	3	2,800		2,800
Alternative Health Care** (\$1,200 per eligible participant)				
Total (F)		30,690	4200	34,290
Total (A+F)		66,880	49,700	115,980

G. CHILDCARE	Estimated Number of Children	Estimated Number of Eligible Participants	Corporate Share (maximum 100%)	Grantee Share	Total
TOTAL (A+G)					

H. EDUCATION AWARDS	Number of Participants	Amount per Participant	Total
Full-Time Participants	3	\$4725	14,175
Part-Time Participants		\$2363	
Total (H)	3	4725	14,175

* If grantee is utilizing current policy meeting minimum benefits for eligible participants.

** If grantee is utilizing alternative health care policy to be made available.

Applicant Name: USDA - Natural Resource Conservation Services
 Program Name: City of Sandstone

1. WHAT IS YOUR PROGRAM'S MISSION STATEMENT?

Enhance and promote the natural resources and recreational opportunities in the Sandstone area to improve the quality of life for its residents and help recruit new residents, businesses, industry and tourists.

Each application must include statements of primary objectives in three areas: Community Service, Community Building, and Participant Development. Please use a separate copy of this form to describe your objectives in each area (i.e., Community Service, Community Building, Participant Development). In the case of community service, also use a separate form for each priority area, if you are working on more than one (i.e., education, environment, etc.)

2.

THIS PAGE APPLIES TO

☐ Community Service

☐ Participant Development

☐ Community Building

☐ Education

☐ Public Safety

☐ Human Needs

☒ Environment

3. WHAT ARE YOUR ANNUAL OBJECTIVES IN THE AREA CHECKED ABOVE?

List your three primary objectives.

A. To implement the City of Sandstone's designation as an Urban Wildlife Sanctuary

B. Develop Sandstone's parks to improve the recreational opportunities, historic interpretation and trail system connecting parks and also trails outside the city

C. Establish the Kettle River Environmental Education Center as a viable entity.

MISSION STATEMENT AND ANNUAL OBJECTIVES AMERICORPS NATIONAL DIRECT APPLICATION

**CERTIFICATION
SIGNATURE**

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☐ Certification: Lobbying Activities

Organization Name: _____

Project Name: _____

Name and Title
of Authorized Representative: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

**ASSURANCES
SIGNATURE**

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Organization Name: _____

City of Sandstone

Project Name: _____

City of Sandstone

Name and Title
of Authorized Representative: _____

Muriel Langseth, Administrative assistant

Signature: _____

Date: _____

6-13-96

Americorps
Community Service Objective A

GRANTEE: Natural Resource Conservation Services

SITE: City of Sandstone

OBJECTIVE STATEMENT A: To implement the City of Sandstone's designation as an Urban Wildlife Sanctuary.

1. What work will be done? What service activities will your participants engage in? Enhance and complete five existing and establish 13 new Urban Wildlife Sanctuary sites on public lands by planting trees, shrubs and flowers that attract non-game wildlife species such as songbirds, hummingbirds and butterflies as well as enhance their habitat. Conduct inventory of all public open spaces to identify sanctuary areas. Landscape areas to be attractive and provide low maintenance. Develop a maintenance plan for all sites. Prepare a brochure that explains the Urban Wildlife Sanctuary designation. Develop materials that include lists of appropriate plantings to attract particular types of songbirds, hummingbirds and butterflies, guidelines for landscaping -- planting, maintenance and weed control options. Develop a campaign to encourage private property owners to follow the Urban Wildlife Sanctuary guidelines. Conduct two tours and two workshops.
2. What is the hoped for result of the work/activities described above? To establish the City of Sandstone as one of two cities in the United States that has designated the entire city as an Urban Wildlife Sanctuary. (Boulder, Colorado is the other city.) To attract birds and butterflies and improve the appearance of many public areas with plantings and landscaping. To prepare many sites on public land that will serve as landscape models. To encourage community pride and awareness in property owners by helping them improve their land as habitats for songbirds, hummingbirds and butterflies.
3. How will you measure the quality of your product or the impact of your service? Quality of the planted areas will be measured by the number of sites and maintenance plans completed, attractiveness and health of the plantings and the increase in numbers and varieties of birds and butterflies. The awareness and participation of the citizens and visitors will measure the quality of the written materials and the Urban Wildlife Sanctuary awareness campaign.
4. By what standard will you gauge success? A successful project will complete the 18 sites, increase citizen participation by at least 100 persons, attract visitors to the city, increase targeted wildlife by 40 percent and improve the city's appearance. It will reduce governmental costs of maintaining public open space by 20 percent or more.
5. How many individuals will receive benefit of the work your participants perform? Tens of thousands over the years will benefit from the scenic beauty as the trees and plants grow and spread, the emphasis on creating environmentally healthy areas for birds and butterflies, improving the community to make it a better place to work, live and play and strengthening the economic climate by establishing a unique attractive city to help existing businesses as well as attracting new business and industry.

P. 18

FAX NO. 6122903375

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Americorps
Community Service Objective B

GRANTEE: Natural Resource Conservation Services

SITE: City of Sandstone

COMPONENTS OF OBJECTIVE STATEMENT B: Develop Sandstone's parks to improve the recreational opportunities, historic interpretation and trail system connecting the parks and trails outside the city.

1. What work will be done? What service activities will your participants engage in? Implement the existing landscape plans for Robinson Park and a new community park. Develop a volunteer plan to build softball fields, tennis courts, hockey and skating rinks, park center, landscaped areas, signs, benches and all the items in the community park plan. Work with students in Robinson Park to help with the interpretation of its history as a quarry by clearing around artifacts, foundations, etc., and developing signage and brochures. Establish landscaped areas to reduce mowing. Develop a three-year trail construction plan to improve existing and build new trails to connect the parks to each other, to the Munger State Trail and all areas of the city. Develop and implement a plan to make the Main Street Park more attractive and coordinated.
2. What is the hoped for result of the work/activities described above? Establish an excellent city park and trail system to meet needs of residents and visitors of all ages following the guidelines in the City's 1995 Comprehensive Plan.
3. How will you measure the quality of your product or the impact of your service? Periodically, we will consult with contractors, landscape architects, planners and engineers to insure quality design and construction.
4. By what standard will you gauge success? The increased use of the parks and trails during all seasons by 1500 or more persons per year, economic benefit of having facilities to hold tournaments, bike and ski tours (estimated over \$60,000 annual increase in dollars spent in Sandstone area), less vandalism by students who will have worked on the parks and trails, more youth participation in a variety of recreation activities and healthier adults who have a variety of opportunities to exercise.
5. How many individuals will receive benefit of the work your participant performs? Estimated annual users of parks and trails would include 300 softball players, 500 tennis players, 1000 trail users, 900 youth hockey players, over 5000 spectators and a countless number of users of playground equipment. Potential indirect economic benefit is unlimited.

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Community Service Objective C

GRANTEE: National Resource Conservation Services

SITE: City of Sandstone

COMPONENTS OF OBJECTIVE STATEMENT C: Establish the Kettle River Environmental Education Center as a viable entity.

1. What work will be done? What service activities will your participants engage in? Finish a trail center to house a resident staff person. Build a equipment storage building using recycled materials. Build a greenhouse to supply native plants to plant on public lands. Improve existing and build new trails, including construction of a bridge and ramps. Transform 1916 turbine removed from hydropower dam into an attractive local industrial artifact with an interpretive sign. Landscape and construct bird houses and wildlife structures to enhance the local wildlife population through habitat management. Establish primitive tent campsites with composting toilets. Work with the University of Minnesota to establish a wood tick control research project.
2. What is the hoped for result of the work/activities described above? Increased use of the facility by classes from elementary to college, collaborative activities with the Crossroads Learning Center (alternative education), Audubon Center of the North Woods, Northern Raptor Center, and other local, county and state organizations. Public recreation and programming provided for citizens and visitors.
3. How will you measure the quality of your product or the impact of your service? Experts in the construction, environmental education and trail fields will be consulted throughout the project to insure that work meets industry standards.
4. By what standard will you gauge success? A successful project will result in increased annual usage of the facility both by 500 local and 1500 non-local persons, with a gradual increase in five years to over 5000 per year.
5. How many individuals will receive benefit of the work your participant performs? At least 80 adults and 100 students will benefit from working on the initial project. Thousands of persons who annually visit the center, participate in the programs and/or learn sound environmental practices from the example set at the center will benefit. Indirect benefits to most local businesses from the increase in visitors will improve the area economy.

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From:

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MESSAGE:

Draft -
please review
& call w/ any
suggestions for
improvement. Additions

NOTE: The italicized item:
RD members must have four-
year degree !! This is a
truism - right ???

Michael

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Assuming "full-funding of the AmeriCorps Program for Fiscal Year 1997 (October 1, 1996 - September 30, 1997), the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) in Minnesota will have 23 AmeriCorps Members working in one of eight AmeriCorps projects in twelve cities. Service time for most AmeriCorps Members will be October 1, 1996 through August 31, 1997.

AmeriCorps is President Clinton's national service program, passed with bipartisan support from Congress, that engages 20,000 Americans of diverse backgrounds in performing service that meets critical community needs in return for an educational award which may be used to pay for college, job training, or graduate school, or to pay back student loans. The majority of AmeriCorps members are working in partnership with states, local governments, and non-profit organizations.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture is running three types of AmeriCorps teams in 38 states and is composed of approximately 1,200 members: an Anti-Hunger Team, a Public Lands and Environment Team, and a Rural Development Team. Many of the AmeriCorps projects are sponsored by community-based organizations and all projects are designed to get things done while boosting community, opportunity and responsibility.

The mission of the USDA NRCS AmeriCorps program is to engage a diverse group of Americans in working partnerships with communities to provide real and measurable service to meet environmental and human needs, while earning education benefits and building an ethic of service, responsibility and citizenship.

The goal of AmeriCorps, a service program, is to get things done by marshalling the country's best resources--its citizens--to solve America's problems. AmeriCorps is the President's domestic Peace Corps program.

Each of the 23 USDA NRCS AmeriCorps members selected and who work a full term of 1700 hours receive a service stipend of \$7,945 or \$12,000 (depending upon whether they are selected as an environmental corps (EC) or a rural development (RD) team member). *RD Members must have a four-year college degree.* Members also receive a \$4,725 educational award, basic health insurance, and child care allowance, if qualified.

The major objective and work locations of our respective projects are:

1. to promote multi-use trail development including associated business opportunities (2 Members headquartered out of Mahnomon);
2. to assist residents in five southern Minnesota counties to rehabilitate river systems, improve water quality, and insure public safety (5 Members headquartered out of Waseca);
3. to provide a diverse wetland and upland plant community with associated wildlife for public enjoyment (2 Members headquartered at the Agassiz National Wildlife Refuge, Thief River Falls);
4. to further develop the capacity of the Agassiz Environmental Learning Center to serve the environmental education needs of the region (1 Member headquartered out of Fertile).
5. to facilitate improved water quality by working with landusers to determine high pollution potential feedlots and sample drinking water quality (2 Members headquartered out of Waite Park);

6. to assist the Laurentian RC&D Council with planning and implementing natural resource, human and economic development projects in a five-county area (2 Members headquartered in Duluth and 1 each in Grand Rapids, Two Harbors, Virginia and International Falls);
7. to assist the Red Lake Indian Reservation in gathering data that will aid them in making better water quality resource management decisions (2 Members headquartered in Red Lake); and
8. to work with partners and volunteers in the Summit University/Frogtown Area of St. Paul to utilize technical, educational and community resources to identify and convert two vacant lots into community urban gardens (2 Members headquartered in St. Paul).

AmeriCorps Members AmeriCorps members will learn personal responsibility for improving communities; receive increased opportunities for education and job training/work habits; develop skills in learning community and coalition building; citizenship skills; multiculturalism; conflict resolution; self-government; creative problem solving; skills in strategic planning; and skills in working more effectively with local governments that people encounter in their daily lives.

Training, Supervision, and Evaluation AmeriCorps members will receive project training from USDA NRCS professional conservationists and from other sponsoring agencies and organizations. Twenty percent of each AmeriCorps member's time may be spent in training; the remaining 80% of their time will be spent providing service to their respective community projects and work plans. Primary supervision will be conducted by USDA NRCS in cooperation with local partners. Each AmeriCorps member will participate in at least two performance appraisal evaluations. These will be conducted by USDA NRCS supervisors.

Overall AmeriCorps Program USDA's 1,200 AmeriCorps members are only a small portion of the 20,000 members of the overall AmeriCorps program. Most of the AmeriCorps projects are not funded directly by Federal agencies. Two-thirds of the AmeriCorps projects are funded by State commissions appointed by each State's governor.

AmeriCorps Member Pledge

*I will get things done for America--
to make our people safer, smarter, and healthier.*

*I will bring Americans together--
to strengthen our communities.*

Faced with apathy, I will take action.

Faced with conflict, I will seek common ground.

Faced with adversity, I will persevere.

I will carry this commitment with me this year and beyond.

I am an AmeriCorps Member--

AND I AM GOING TO GET THINGS DONE!

For more information about USDA NRCS AmeriCorps opportunities and an application, contact the nearest NRCS office in your county or write to: USDA, NRCS, AmeriCorps State Project Director, 600 Farm Credit Services Building, 375 Jackson Street, St. Paul, MN 55101; or call (612) 290-3677. For more information about nationwide USDA NRCS AmeriCorps opportunities call our toll free line at 1-800-880-4183 or 1-800-880-USDA.

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Subject: INF - AMERICORPS - 2ND QUARTER
REPORT

Date: March 28, 1996

To: Joel Berg, Director of National Service
USDA, Washington, D.

Here is our agency's Second Quarter Report on AmeriCorps for
Fiscal Year 1996.

Please note that project coded "X27A" and "Y27C," in Warren,
Minnesota, is not requesting project renewal for Fiscal Year
1997. However, our project coded "Y27E," Duluth, Minnesota,
will be requesting 5 additional AmeriCorps Members (1 Rural
Development and 5 Environmental Corps).

If you have any questions, please give me a call at (612)
290-3677.

MICHAEL M. PRICE
Public Affairs Specialist
AmeriCorps Project Director

Enclosures

cc:
William Hunt, STC, NRCS, St. Paul, MN

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MESSAGE:

Please review - questions
let me know.

Paula, I'm also
filing a copy of these
enclosures to Bill
Hunt - He'll be in
D.C. to get these
tomorrow morning.

M. Price

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This is Michael Price in MN - Monday, January 22 around lunch time. This message is to Bill Hunt, State Conservationist, Joel Berg, USDA, and to Paula Jones. This message will be brief, however, it'll be one in a series - each in the series to a specific AmeriCorps related topic.

Bill, I told Paula and Joel about the interview you did recently with KMOJ-FM radio in Minneapolis. We and KMOJ received a tremendous response about the topics you discussed - the 1890 National Scholars Program and AmeriCorps. Paula and Joel both requested a copy of the recorded program, unfortunately after talking with Don Mitchell at KMOJ an afternoon program user at KMOJ accidentally erased the tape - thus a tape of the interview isn't available.

I told Don at KMOJ that we received about 70 calls - several of them from out of state. The out of state callers got the information as a result of station personnel putting the information out on the INTERNET!

Bill, I've explained to Don about our efforts to try to establish a two-person part-time AmeriCorps project in the Twin Cities area in the next few weeks and asked if he would do another interview with you to assist us in our recruitment efforts. He "most definitely" is interested and just asks that I give him a few days notice so that we can arrange scheduling. I'll keep you posted about this effort.

Have a good day.

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Two of three

This is Michael Price in MN, Monday morning, January 22 with a message to Joel Berg, Paula Jones, Bill Hunt, NRCS Area Conservationists in Minnesota Glen Kajewski and John Nicholson, and a courtesy copy to Gwen Wild, ASTC in MN. Some of this information may be duplicative to some of you - in some cases all new.

Regarding our efforts to place an NRCS AmeriCorps member in a Native American AmeriCorps project in NW MN, we have concurrence from WA to precede. And yes, Joel, their project is an Environmental project.

Glen/John, we have discussed this as being a part-time position - that is completing a 900-hour appointment. Being that the AmeriCorps project there will end on or about Sept. 30, 1996, the position will have to be a part-time position - simply because the project doesn't extend beyond Sept. Also, Paula Jones has suggested that we might want to consider selecting two Native Americans to put in that project. As it is we have the dollars for a full time position - thus two part-time people would use the funds of a full time position. Glen, I know you and John Nicholson, and Larry Voltz, the District Conservationist who would provide the NRCS supervision of our AmeriCorps member(s) in this project also discussed the idea of seeing if the Indian Reservation would consider taking on two AmeriCorps positions.

Obviously, Glen, I need to have you keep me informed as to their interest need, willingness to consider taking on two people vs. one. Bottom line, proceed to work with the Indian Reservation staff to recruit at least one part-time AmeriCorps "Environmental Corps" member.

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This message is to Bill Hunt, Paula Jones, Joel Berg and to MN NRCS Area Conservationist, Harvey Sundmacker.

Regarding establishing a Urban AmeriCorps project for two AmeriCorps members "yet this year," NHQ/the Depts concern is do we have the money. Paula / Bill - you folks have to decide that - obviously in our current AmeriCorps budget we do not have the funds for two more positions - Paula would have to find additional funds for us and as she said to me this a.m. those dollars may well be there from states where other positions weren't filled. Bill you may want to discuss this while you're in D.C. this week..

Joel Berg also told me this a.m. that a potential roadblock to establishing a project at this late date for two positions would be the availability of dollars for the "educational award," however, Joel implied that he would have a better feel for that by the end of this week because the USFS has committed dollars to AmeriCorps - thus monies from the USFS might be available. I'll keep in touch with Paula and Joel on this part of the issue.

I'm working with Harvey Sundmacker, our NRCS Area Conservationist to set up a meeting - very soon - with him and perhaps a couple of his District Conservationists to develop the project objectives and obtain the necessary approvals.

Paula/Joel, the AmeriCorps member(s) selected for this project would have the opportunity to meet (cluster) with other USDA NRCS AmeriCorps members in Waite Park, MN (about 60 miles NW of the Twin Cities) as well as to cluster with AmeriCorps members in a wide variety of "State" AmeriCorps projects throughout the Twin Cities area.

Folks we can make this work - lets do it!

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Would be nice if we could make two Rural Development positions for this project (\$12,000⁺ living allowance). Would we have to aim for two part-time positions in FY-96? Or is a carry-over in 1997 possible.



Subject: INF - AmeriCorps Member Selections

Date: May 2, 1996

To: William Hunt, STC
NRCS, St. Paul, MN

File Code: 260

We have followed up with your concurrence to select three people for our two newest USDA NRCS AmeriCorps projects in Minnesota.

Accepting these new positions, effective May 5 starting with pay period 9 (April 28-May 11, 1996) are:

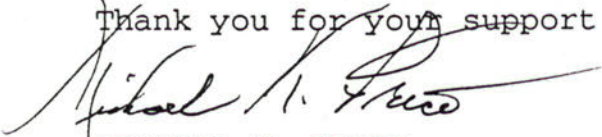
Naomi Blue, Environmental Corp Member, Red Lake Indian Project, Bemidji, MN;

Vivian Sanders, Rural Development Member, Community/Urban Garden Project, St. Paul, MN;

Scott Kissner, Rural Development Member, Community/Urban Garden Project, St. Paul, MN

We now have 7 AmeriCorps projects and 21 AmeriCorps Members in Minnesota.

Thank you for your support in this effort.


MICHAEL M. PRICE
Public Affairs Specialist
AmeriCorps Project Director

cc:

Harvey Sundmaker, AC, NRCS, Brooklyn Center, MN

Glen Kajewski, AC, Thief River Falls, MN

Larry Voltz, DC, NRCS, Bemidji, MN

Barbara Strus, Budget Analyst, NRCS, St. Paul, MN

Paula Jones, AmeriCorps National Program Manager, NRCS, Washington, D.C.

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MESSAGE: -

Dee, here are
the addresses you need

for us to get our
AmeriCorps enrollment
forms.

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Supervisor of the Environmental Corps Member with the Red Lake Indian Reservation is:

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Supervisor of the two Rural Development AmeriCorps Members with the Community/Urban Garden project is:

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~~Joel~~ Veltz, DC, NRCS, Bemidji, MN
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MESSAGE:

Dear Paula and Joel:

RE: Our revised and proposed project to select one Environmental Corps AmeriCorps member to be placed in a cooperative-effort with the Red Lake Indian Reservation.

We desperately need your help, cooperation and communication from you to obtain approval of our proposal. Activities and data gathered in this project are specifically designed to help improve water quality for thousands of native Americans on the Red Lake Indian Reservation. This will be done in cooperation with 30 existing AmeriCorps members currently working in this project.

Our NRCS Area and District Conservationist have put in a great deal of time working with the Indian Reservation to help them understand our need to "tighten" our aspect of the project's plan so that it has specific and measurable objectives for the intended audience. For us to have to go back to those people and tell them that we can't put an AmeriCorps person in that project will have significant and long-lasting detrimental negative relations between our agency and Indian Reservation personnel. We must not allow that to happen.

I would not be writing this if I felt the objectives we've revised and submitted to you, on February 21, 1996 were inadequate, not specific, immeasurable, did not meet the needs of the "community" (the Red Lake Indian Reservation) and were contrary to the vision of AMERICORPS!

Help us - support us. We're ready to go with this - this has taken too long and involved too many people in MN-in and outside of NRCS-for us to be neglected in a desire to be positive and supportive of AMERICORPS.

Please call me at (612) 290-3677.

Michael M. Price

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MESSAGE:

Kathryn

The circled  are our newest two AmeriCorps Projects and 3 new members as of today.

Fax #s are shown - please include them as recipients of the AmeriCorps News Letter

Thanks
M Price

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| ★ SHAWNA M. FREYHOLTZ (EC Member) | ★ LIALA D. HURST (EC Member) |
| ★ BOYD W. RASMUSSEN (EC Member) | ★ JOY L. ROSE (RD Member) |

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- ★ AARON C. NEUBERT (RD Member)

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| ★ KEVIN B. PLOOF - (RD Member) | |

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| ★ ANNIE O. TURNER (EC Member) | |



Bemidji: Red Lake Indian Reservation Project - Larry Voltz, Project Mgr.
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- ★ NAOMI BLUE (EC Member)



Brooklyn Center: Community/Urban Garden Project - Harvey Sundmacker, Project Mgr.
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| ★ VIVIAN SANDERS (RD Member) | ★ SCOTT KISSNER (RD Member) |
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AMERICORPS PROGRAM PROPOSAL

USDA - NRCS Onanogozie RC&D

Laurentian RC&D Area: counties of Cook, Itasca, Koochiching, Lake, and St. Louis in Minnesota

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GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION		

1. PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Laurentian Resource Conservation & Development (RC&D) Project Assistance

Laurentian Resource Conservation & Development (RC&D) Council is a newly-formed local nonprofit organization representing Cook, Itasca, Koochiching, Lake and St. Louis counties in Minnesota. The RC&D is sponsored by Boards of County Commissions and Soil & Water Conservation Districts (SWCDs). The mission of Laurentian RC&D is to promote and develop economic, human and natural resources through cooperative efforts. Laurentian RC&D is seeking the assistance of one AmeriCorps Member for current project implementation and future project planning.

Onanogozie Resource Conservation & Development (RC&D) in Minnesota has been working closely with the Laurentian RC&D Council in its start-up phase. Larry Nelson, Onanogozie RC&D Project Coordinator, is the Project Director for this AmeriCorps proposal. Larry Nelson and the Laurentian RC&D Council will oversee the AmeriCorps Member's activities.

The AmeriCorps Member for Laurentian RC&D project assistance is Julie Smith, Ms. Smith successfully completed a year term with the 1994-1995 US Forest Service AmeriCorps Rural Development program. During this term, Ms. Smith worked closely with two other Minnesota RC&Ds, WestMtn RC&D and Prairie Country RC&D. Ms. Smith received a US Forest Service "Superior Performance" award and a RC&D "Outstanding Performance" award for her AmeriCorps work. Because of Ms. Smith's experience with RC&Ds, her training for this position will be minimized.

AMERICORPS MEMBER'S GOALS AND DUTIES ARE:

GOAL	GOAL DESCRIPTION and DUTIES	% TIME
GOAL 1.	Investigate new septic system technologies	25
	1a. Research wetland, peat, composting and other alternative septic technologies	
	1b. Create database of existing septic companies	
	1c. Mail informational brochure about new technologies to companies, counties, cities, interested landowners, etc.	
	1d. Hold an informational meeting inviting all stakeholders	
GOAL 2.	Assist and promote program for applying septic sludge to forest/agricultural lands	25
	2a. Gather research and information (universities, USFS)	
	2b. Partner with USFS, DNR, MPCA and others on project	
	2c. Complete a feasibility study	
	2d. Conduct a seminar involving keyplayers	
	2e. Propose to change and work with USFS on policy of application of septic sludge spreading on federal lands	
	2f. Conduct promotional/educational mailings	
GOAL 3.	Conduct a "Value Added Products" workshop	20
	3a. Contact businesses and individuals involved in value added products	
	3b. Determine date, time, location, and cost of workshop	

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AMERICORPS MEMBER'S GOALS AND DUTIES (continued):

- 3c. Seek funding through counties, cities, local businesses and individuals
- 3d. Conduct publicity activities through mailings, newspapers, radios and television stations before and after event
- 3e. Create a database of value added product businesses and database of workshop participants
- GOAL 4.** Promote agroforestry practices 20
- 4a. Gather research and information on agroforestry practices applicable to the Arrowhead Counties (University of MN, USFS, Center for Semi-Arid Agroforestry); create report and promote through educational mailings
- 4b. Conduct promotional/educational short rotation woody crop (SRWC) mailings
- 4c. Promote woody riparian buffers along ag/pasture lands through educational mailings
- 4d. Be actively involved in the MN Forest Resources GELS Council and connect with other interested keyplayers and agencies
- GOAL 5.** Assist with loggers safety education workshops 10
- 5a. Assist MARC&D Forester with workshops
- 5b. Conduct promotional/educational mailings

2. LOCATIONS

Project Director's Headquarters: Mora, Minnesota

AmeriCorps Member's Headquarters: Two Harbors, Minnesota

AmeriCorps Member's Work Area: Counties of Cook, Itasca, Koochiching, Lake and St. Louis; Mora, MN

Contact: Larry Nelson, Project Coordinator
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3. SOCIOECONOMIC CONDITIONS IN THE PROJECT AREA

The project area is the Laurentian RC&D area of Cook, Itasca, Koochiching, Lake, and St. Louis counties. This five county area is in northeastern Minnesota, and is 10,661,204 acres bounded on the north by Canada and Lake Superior on the east. According to the 1990 US Census data, the population in the five county area is 269,658. One county, St. Louis County, has 74% of the five county population. There are five recognized population centers that account for 48% of the five county population; one of those centers is Duluth which accounts for 32% of the population. Five Native American Reservations are either wholly or partially within the five county area. According to the 1990 US Census, 5,808 Native Americans reside in the Laurentian county area. The regional labor force has decreased during the 1980's and unemployment remains above the state and national averages. Each of the five counties experienced an overall population decrease between 1980 and 1990; the number of persons aged 60 and over increased in each of the five counties. More than one in four is over age 60.

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3. SOCIOECONOMIC CONDITIONS IN THE PROJECT AREA (continued)

The local economy is dominated by iron mining, forest industries, agriculture, tourism and transshipment of products. Important resources are low grade iron ore, wood products, abundant surface and subsurface water supplies, and diverse plant and animal species.

The topography of the five county area is diverse. Glacial lake beds with some of the largest peat deposits in the world can be found in some areas which is 43% of the nation's peat supply. The Mesabi and Vermillion Iron Ranges are the largest iron ore deposits in the United States.

Some of the cleanest and most extensive river and lake systems in Minnesota can be found here. Three major watersheds, the Great Lakes, Upper Mississippi, and the Souris-Red-Rainy, all have their beginnings in the region. This is the home of the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness, with more than 1,000,000 acres; Voyageurs National Park, with more than 220,000 acres; Chippewa National Forest, 270,000 acres; and Superior National Forest, 3,866,232 acres of which 2,161,240 acres is federally owned. Federal, county and state ownership of land and water resources is quite extensive. More than 60% of the land in the five county area is in federal, state and county ownership. One of the counties in the area, Cook county, has 90% public ownership.

Access to secondary education is available through a network of seven community colleges, three technical colleges, one general college, and the University of Minnesota, Duluth. There are approximately 28 school districts, providing primary, junior and secondary education to students in the area. Two environmental learning centers operate in the Laurentian area: Laurentian Environmental Center and Wolf Ridge Environmental Learning Center.

4. NUMBER OF AMERICORPS PARTICIPANTS REQUESTED

One.

5. TYPE OF POSITION NEEDED FOR AMERICORPS PROJECT:

The AmeriCorps position would assist with planning and implementing local projects in a five county area by the guidance of Laurentian RC&D Council and Onnagozie's RC&D Project Coordinator. The specific duties are listed under "Project Description".

6. CAN THE POSITION BE FUNDED WITHIN YOUR CURRENT ALLOCATION?

This position cannot be funded within the current NRCS allocation. A moratorium on NRCS program assistance for new RC&Ds was previously in place up to January 1996. Laurentian RC&D Council has submitted an application for NRCS program assistance for 1997. Other funding has been sought, but is not available.

7. EXPECTED CHARACTERISTICS OF THE PARTICIPANT (EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT)

Julie Smith has a Bachelor of Science degree in Natural Resource and Environmental Studies from the University of Minnesota, College of Agriculture. Ms. Smith concentrated in Soil Resources and minored in Forest Resources.

8. SPECIALIZED SKILLS REQUIRED

Experience with Resource Conservation & Development (RC&D). Good public relations skills. Public speaking experience. Ability to communicate verbally and in writing. Leadership qualities. Extensive computer experience with IBM compatible computers utilizing DOS and UNIX operating systems. Minnesota's driver's license. Julie Smith has these required skills.

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9. PARTNERS IN THIS PROJECT

Onanogozie Resource Conservation & Development (RC&D); Laurentian Resource Conservation & Development (RC&D); Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS); County Board of Commissions and Soil & Water Conservation Districts of Cook, Itasca, Koochiching, Lake and St. Louis Counties.

10. RECRUIT LOCALLY OR USE OF NATIONAL POOL OF APPLICANTS

Recruited locally - Julie Smith lives in Duluth, MN which is in the Laurentian RC&D county area.

11. IF LOCALLY, HOW WILL YOU RECRUIT?

Julie Smith was recruited by Larry Nelson of Onanogozie RC&D through his knowledge of her USFS AmeriCorps work with WesMin RC&D and Prairie Country RC&D.

12. MEASURABLE RESULTS OF THE PROJECT OR ACTIVITIES

Results will be measured by the production of a septic system database and seminar, septic sludge application feasibility study and seminar, value added database and workshop, loggers safety education workshop, agroforestry report, promotional/educational brochures, and newsletters. Additional measurable results will be in the number of contacts and partnering organizations made through project research, workshops, seminars, and promotional/educational mailings.

13. TRAINING AVAILABLE FOR PARTICIPANT WILL INCLUDE:

On-the-job training through Onanogozie RC&D Project Coordinator and Laurentian RC&D Council Members. NRCS and SWCD staff will be involved with certain job tasks. Previous training took place during Julie Smith's first AmeriCorps term working with WesMin RC&D and Prairie Country RC&D. Overall project coordination will be through Onanogozie RC&D's Project Coordinator, Larry Nelson.

14. SUPERVISION WILL BE PROVIDED BY:

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**CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL SERVICE
COMMUNITY SERVICE OBJECTIVE**

GRANTEE: NRCS - Onanogozic Resource Conservation & Development (RC&D)

SITE: Laurentian RC&D five county area: Cook, Itasca, Koochiching, Lake
and St. Louis in Minnesota

COMPONENTS OF OBJECTIVE STATEMENT A: Address septic system problems in the five county area by researching and promoting new technologies of septic systems and septage uses.

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

The AmeriCorps Member will research new septic system technologies. Stakeholders and keyplayers involving companies, homeowners, researchers, agency staff, etc. will be contacted. A database will be created incorporating septic system companies and research institutions. An educational seminar on septic system technologies will be provided to the public. An informational brochure will be published and mass mailed throughout the area.

The AmeriCorps Member will research new septic sludge application methods on forest and agricultural lands. Keyplayers and stakeholders will be contacted. The Member will partner with agencies to change policy on sludge application on public lands. A feasibility study of sludge application on forest and agricultural land will be conducted. Through the previous activities, a database of all keyplayers in septage application will be created. From the research, an educational seminar on septic sludge application will be provided to the public along with a promotional/educational brochure. Informational meetings will also be conducted.

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

An increased public knowledge and awareness of new septic system technologies and septic sludge uses. More cooperative efforts to install septic systems that work more efficiently to reduce contamination to water resources. Increased utilization of septic sludge that is pumped from septic systems.

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

Product quality will be assessed by Onanogozic RC&D Project Director and the Laurentian RC&D Council on a daily basis. Final measure will be the willingness of the private and public sectors to seek out new septic technologies and utilize septic sludge to facilitate long-term benefits to the environment.

4. By what standard will you gauge success?

The standard of success of the AmeriCorps Member's service will be gauged by the number of participants at the seminars; listings on database; people receiving informational brochures; and inquiries made by the public. The success will also be measured by the increase in land application of septic sludge and the installation of alternative septic system technologies.

5. How many individuals will receive the benefit of the work your participant performs?

Any person with a failing septic system and/or who wants a new system in place will directly benefit. A large percentage of people in the 5 county area utilize septic systems and septic system failure is common. With more efficient septic systems in place and utilization of septage, water resources will be conserved, thus benefiting a population of 269,658 or more people.

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**CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL SERVICE
COMMUNITY SERVICE OBJECTIVE**

GRANTEE: NRCS - Onanogozic Resource Conservation & Development (RC&D)

SITE: Laurentian RC&D five county area: Cook, Itasca, Koochiching, Lake,
and St. Louis in Minnesota

COMPONENTS OF OBJECTIVE STATEMENT B: Aid in economic development in the five county area by promoting value added products.

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

The AmeriCorps Member will contact businesses and individuals involved in value added products who in turn will be listed on a database. A date, time, location and cost of a value added workshop will be determined. The Member will seek workshop funding through counties, cities, local businesses and individuals. The Member will conduct publicity for the workshop. An informational brochure will be created and mass mailed.

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

The public and private sectors are made aware of value added products. Economic development will be enhanced at the local level with increased value added businesses. Networking will occur and be an impetus to start-up these types of businesses in the 5 county area.

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

Product quality will be assessed by Onanogozic RC&D Project Coordinator and the Laurentian RC&D Council on a daily basis. Final measure will be responses of a participant critique sheet of the value added products workshop.

4. By what standard will you gauge success?

The standard of success will be gauged by the number of participants in the value added workshop, inquiries and mailings. Success will entail an increase in interest, awareness, networking and number of value added businesses in the area. Long-term success will be gauged on increased rural economic development.

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

The workshop participants and networking individuals and companies will benefit from the workshop. Value added businesses could dramatically enhance rural economic development, thus benefiting a population of up to 269,658 people.

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**CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL SERVICE
COMMUNITY SERVICE OBJECTIVE**

GRANTEE: NRCS - Onanogozie Resource Conservation & Development (RC&D)

SITE: Laurentian RC&D five county area: Cook, Itasca, Koochiching, Lake
and St. Louis in Minnesota

COMPONENTS OF OBJECTIVE STATEMENT C: Promote forestry alternatives and safe forestry practices by researching and promoting agroforestry and safe logging practices throughout the five county area.

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

The AmeriCorps Member will research and write a report on agroforestry practices. The Member will make contacts of keyplayers and stakeholders in the forestry field (e.g. MN Forest Resource GEIS Council). Agroforestry practices (such as Short Rotation Woody Crops (SRWC) and woody riparian buffers) will be promoted through an educational brochure and mass mailed. The AmeriCorps Member will also assist the MN Association of Resource Conservation & Development Forester on Loggers Safety Workshops by completing informational mailings and reports.

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

The hoped for result will be that forestry could be modified into other forms, like agroforestry, to diversify the landscape and conserve resources; that the public and private sectors would be educated on alternative land use; and that loggers would be educated to reduce accidents on the job.

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

Product quality will be assessed by Onanogozie RC&D Project Director and the Laurentian RC&D Council on a daily basis. Final measure will be agroforestry being considered as an alternative to traditional forestry practices and that logger accidents would decrease.

4. By what standard will you gauge success?

Success will be gauged by the increase in inquiries, interest and awareness of agroforestry and loggers safety.

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

Loggers and logging companies will benefit from the logger safety education. Agroforestry could aid in economic development by diversifying it, thus benefiting forestry/agroforestry businesses and the local economy. The conserved resources and boost in the local economy will benefit a population of up to 269,658 people.

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