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AMERICORPS/USDA



Second Quarter Report

December 1, 1994 - March 31, 1995



AmeriCorps Members (from left) Ruthie Davis and Harold Harbert, serving on the Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Public Lands and Environment Team, are counting the bugs and other small organisms in a water sample taken from the Big Creek stream channel in Fulton County in the metro Atlanta area. (Photo by USDA Photographer Ken Hammond.)

"AmeriCorps has not had the public attention or understanding that it needs. . . This is a very, very underrated activity of the government that has really a great potential, particularly in rural America."

Agriculture Secretary Dan Glickman, April 24, 1995

AmeriCorps*USA

*National Direct, Federal Agency,
Tribal, and Territorial
Grantee Quarterly Report*

Grantee Name : United States Department of Agriculture

Grant ID #: 94ADFDC047

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Part I—Aggregate Data from Operating Site Quarterly Reports

1. Mark the reporting quarter to which this form applies:

Second Quarter

(12/01/94 — 3/31/95)

2. Aggregate Members and Service Hours:

	F/T	P/T
# of Members allotted to program	1187	17
# of Members enrolled on last day of quarter	1063	17
Hours served in second quarter	602,904	4,170

Total hours served to date FULL TIME AND PART TIME = 905,381

3. To the best of your knowledge, are the service hours reported in the operating site quarterly reports accurate? Yes

4. To the best of your knowledge, do the service hours reported in the operating site quarterly reports reflect adequate progress toward completion of required service hours? Yes

5. Please provide estimates of the following:

(a). Total number of non-AmeriCorps Member volunteers involved in AmeriCorps service activities this quarter: 1,858

estimated volunteers

(b). Total hours spent on AmeriCorps service activities by non-AmeriCorps Member volunteers this quarter: 28,057

AmeriCorps/USDA Second Quarter Summary:

The United States Department of Agriculture is sponsoring approximately 1,200 AmeriCorps Members serving in 38 states in urban and rural projects fighting hunger, protecting the environment, and re-building rural America. During their second quarter of service --- from December 1, 1994 - March 30, 1995 --- the Members provided 607,047 hours of service to their communities, bringing the total number of hours of service performed since the launch in September to 905,381. AmeriCorps Members also recruited at least 1,858 unpaid volunteers who served at least 28,057 hours.

Members of the Anti-Hunger, Nutrition, and Empowerment Team cooked and prepared meals at soup kitchens, created community gardens, conducted nutrition and food safety workshops for the elderly, sorted goods at food banks, developed nutrition education programs for schools, provided outreach for the Women's, Infants, and Children (WIC) nutrition program, began efforts to improve participation in the summer feeding program, assisted earthquake victims with emergency food information, and informed pantries about how their clients who are working but are still poor can boost their incomes by utilizing the Earned Income Tax Credit.

Members of the Public Lands and Environment Team working on Forest Service lands performed rehabilitation and watershed protection work, reforested fire-damaged lands, constructed and maintained trails for hiking and horseback riding, planted cuttings for riparian and wildlife restorations, maintained and rehabilitated campgrounds and made campgrounds accessible for the disabled, completed timber stand improvements, restored historic sites, conducted threatened and endangered species habitat surveys, removed and installed fences, improved wildlife habitats, and hung erosion control netting on roads.

Members of the Public Lands and Environment Team working on private and local municipal lands repaired and restored flood-damaged areas, re-created fish habitats, conducted water quality monitoring, built community greenhouses, constructed urban, suburban, and rural nature trails, built playgrounds, restored windbreaks originally created by the Civilian Conservation Corps, revegetated coastal marshes, restored collections at the National Arboretum, created a safe-haven lot at a public housing development, cleaned up an urban wetland, revitalized historical sites, improved camping sites, and protected stream banks.

Members of the Rural Development Team provided service on projects related to areas such as running water and indoor plumbing, sustainable agriculture, emergency response and prevention, fisheries restoration, alternative uses of natural resources, environmental education facilities, community improvement and personal responsibility, tourism promotion, water quality protection, recycling promotion, American Indian empowerment, water quality protection, rural housing improvement, and cultural resource preservation.

The Cost-Effective of AmeriCorps/USDA Projects

The limited cost/benefit analyses prepared by or for AmeriCorps/USDA provide that the Department's program is extremely cost-effective.

The USDA Forest Service has just calculated that its 236 AmeriCorps Members serving on Public Lands Teams perform at least \$1.51 worth of service for each \$1.00 that the American taxpayer spends to support such service. Although it is difficult to blend cost benefits from different Forest Service regions around the country, the cost-benefit figures are based on an average of the combined cost savings of all recreation projects completed. These costs included all Federal spending, including the Member stipends and educational awards.

The Forest Service AmeriCorps Public Lands crews completed recreation projects for 51% less than similar projects completed by force account (if completed by Federal employees), and 68% less than similar services completed by contracted services. For example, in one area it cost AmeriCorps \$64,185 to complete 53 miles of heavy trail maintenance. The same projects would have cost \$126,000 by force account, and \$212,000 if the services were contracted.

The Clinch-Powell Resource Conservation & Development Council in Tennessee calculated that, in the first four months of the program, the four USDA AmeriCorps Rural Development Team Members, who are managed by the Council, performed approximately \$2.73 worth of service for each \$1.00 that the American taxpayer spent to support such service.

As evidenced by the chart on the next page, the Council calculated that, if purchased on the "Open market," one service project performed by one Member would have cost an estimated \$23,975 while another service project performed by three Members would have cost an estimated, \$50,400, bringing the total value of the service performed to \$74,375. The cost of the AmeriCorps Members, pro-rated to the four months period in which they performed the projects, was \$27,272.

AMERICORPS SOLID WASTE SPECIALIST (One member sponsored by the U.S. Forest Service)

Accomplishments (4 months)	Cost to Community if Service Purchased on Open Market*	Cost as Provided Through AmeriCorps	Savings to Community Through AmeriCorps
Assist Hancock County with Convenience Center Design, Permitting and Funding Grant	\$3,400		
Assist Hancock County with completion of 10 year Solid Waste Management Plan as required by state law.	\$8,500		
Preparation of Bid Specs and package for Recycling Equipment for the City of Harrogate.	\$1,700		
Preparation of Bid Specs and Package for Transfer Station for Claiborne County.	\$2,550		
Preparation of Bid Specs and Package for Grainger County Recycling Center	\$2,125		
Design and Layout of Solid Waste Education Brochure	\$1,400		
Preparation, development and writing of four grant proposals for outside funding of important solid waste projects.	\$4,000		
TOTAL	\$23,975 (estimate)	approx. \$7,272	\$16,703

* Estimated costs based on the known 'going price' in the RC&D region.

SPECIALTY RECREATION AND TOURISM INITIATIVE (three members sponsored by the Natural Resources Conservation Service)

Accomplishments (4 months)	Cost to Community if Service Purchased on Open Market*	Cost as Provided Through AmeriCorps	Savings to Community Through AmeriCorps
Inventory, Development of Regional Committee, Setup of Tourism Network, Preliminary Funding Search, Eco-Tourism Feasibility Study, Wilderness Road Draft and Design of Regional Tourism Database	\$50,400 (estimate)	approx. \$20,000	\$30,400

* Estimated costs based on the known 'going price' in the RC&D region.

"We're not trying to tell anybody what to do with these (AmeriCorps) folks in their communities. We let the communities decide what needs to be done, and we just try to foster the kind of cooperative conduct that is the key to our future ... We're building America by doing this."

- President Bill Clinton
at USDA National Rural Conference
Ames, Iowa, April 25, 1995

"The Peace Corps, as great as it is, was focused on other countries and that's good and fine, but this program is focused on our country and our communities, enabling AmeriCorps Members to go on and get their education, and even more importantly, unleashing this volunteer energy and enthusiasm."

- Vice President Al Gore
at USDA National Rural Conference
Ames, Iowa, April 25, 1995

"I'm a budget-cutting Republican rancher who doesn't support these types of programs generally, but this (AmeriCorps/USDA) is a program with winners for all."

- Joan Frey, Klickitat County Commissioner (R)
Klickitat County, Washington

6. Summary of Progress this Quarter Toward Accomplishing Annual Objectives:

(a) Direct Service Objectives

AmeriCorps/USDA is "Getting Things Done" on Forest Service Lands

The following is a brief summary of second quarter and cumulative accomplishments from the eight Public Lands and Environment Teams operating on National Forest land through the USDA direct grant, in which total of 236 AmeriCorps Members have performed over 141,702 hours of service since the beginning of the program. This summary also includes accomplishments of one camp operating through the Northwest Service Academy, which receives significant technical support from the Forest Service. It should be noted, the below-listed tasks were accomplished during the worst period of weather to be encountered by most of the sites. USDA AmeriCorps Members:

- * Maintained 180 miles of trail this quarter, bringing the cumulative total to 241 miles this program year.
- * Maintained and prepared 16 campgrounds for forest visitors this quarter, bringing the cumulative total to 24 campgrounds maintained and prepared this program year.
- * Completely restored 45 individual campsites this quarter, bringing the cumulative total to 55 campgrounds maintained and prepared this program year.
- * Reconstructed 20 campsites to make them accessible to people with disabilities this quarter, bringing the cumulative total to 26 campsites made accessible for this program year.
- * Completed 354 acres of timber stand improvement projects this quarter, bringing the cumulative total to 551 acres improved this program year.
- * Constructed 20 miles of new fence and removed 15 miles of ineffective fence this quarter, bringing the cumulative total to 21 miles of fence constructed and 18 miles of fence removed this program year.
- * Rehabilitated 12,000 acres of land damaged by wildfire this quarter, bringing the cumulative total to 24,000 acres of land rehabilitated this program year.

- * Rehabilitated 60 acres of wildlife habitat including the construction of 2 water tanks and 3 water lots, bringing the cumulative total to 425 acres of habitat improved and 4 range waterlots installed this program year.
- * Improved watersheds damaged by wildfire by cutting and planting 18,000 willows and cottonwoods in riparian areas to prevent further erosion, bringing the cumulative total to 63,000 cuttings gathered and planted this program year.
- * Constructed 7 bridges in campground areas this quarter.
- * Removed hazard trees from 24 campgrounds this quarter.
- * Constructed 59 new picnic tables and 3 complete playground areas this quarter.
- * Painted and refurbished several CCC historic structures this quarter.
- * Constructed 153 visitor information signs this quarter.
- * Rehabilitated 4500 acres of wilderness areas.
- * Enhanced Threatened and Endangered Species habitat by constructing and installing 238 bird boxes.
- * Completed disaster relief projects including the construction of 11 fences and 20 retaining structures to prevent further flood damage.
- * Surveyed 3000 trees and planted over 70 acres.
- * Pruned two acres of fruit trees.
- * In addition, in the previous quarter, Members constructed 25 stream structures for anadromous fisheries on .75 miles of stream, constructed 6 new miles of new hiking trails, restored two historic sites, completed threatened and endangered species habitat surveys on 900 acres, protect 82 acres of huckleberry field sacred to the Warm Springs Takima Tribal Nations, hung erosion netting on 300 feet of steep Forest service road cut-backs, and helped clear 15 miles of road that provide access to water monitoring sites.

AmeriCorps/USDA is "Getting Things Done" Fighting Against Hunger

The following is a summary of the second quarter accomplishments of the five USDA Anti-Hunger, Nutrition, and Empowerment Team projects managed by the USDA Food and Consumer Services through local partnerships with anti-hunger groups and youth service corps. USDA/AmeriCorps Members:

- * Provided nutrition and food safety education to 11,196 senior citizens this quarter, bringing the cumulative total to 11,432 adults educated this program year.
- * Helped over 100 families obtain over \$61,000 in tax refunds --- through the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) --- for "working poor" families in Vermont, allowing the families to continue to supporting themselves through work instead of welfare.
- * Cooked, prepared, and/or served meals for 6,000 people at local soup kitchens this quarter, bringing the cumulative total to 16,200 meals for the program year.
- * Distributed informational flyers explaining how to access food assistance programs to 2,530 citizens this quarter, bring the cumulative total to 3,030 citizens reached this year.
- * Restored the infrastructure of four food pantries this quarter.
- * Provided nutrition and food safety education to 5,000 elementary children this quarter.
- * Referred 186 citizens to food assistance this quarter, bringing the cumulative total to 415 citizens helped this program year.
- * Contacted 250 schools this quarter about hosting school breakfast and summer feeding programs, bringing the cumulative total to 500 schools contacted during the program year.
- * Distributed 500 flyers to parents this quarter about how to utilize the school breakfast program for their children.
- * Established five new sites this quarter for the Summer Feeding Program.
- * Established one community/school orchard and revitalized five community gardens this quarter.

- * Informed 130 social service offices and non-profit organizations about how to help clients obtain the EITC this quarter.
- * Distributed flyers --- in both Spanish and English --- to 45,000 individuals about how to obtain the EITC.
- * Contacted high school students in 25 schools about beginning Youth Against Hunger Clubs.
- * Provided post-earthquake assistance for 800 victims a week in the Los Angeles area.

AmeriCorps/USDA is "Getting Things Done" Helping the Environment

The following are highlights from the first quarter accomplishments of the 14 Environmental Team projects sponsored by the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service on private lands in urban and rural areas and the one project sponsored by the USDA Agricultural Research Service at the National Arboretum in Washington, D.C. USDA AmeriCorps Members:

- * AmeriCorps Members in Atlanta, Georgia monitored water quality within the Big Creek Watershed at thirty locations each month. One member has received certification to instruct and is helping to organize an Adopt-A-Stream program in Cobb County. Within the Atlanta Metro area, Members helped improve six parks for the 210,000 people who visit annually. Forty acres have been cleaned of litter and debris; 2950 linear feet of trails were installed; and installed three water bars. Nearly 9,000 trees were planted in parks and local schools. Christmas tree recycling coordinated by Members resulted in 40,000 trees recycled into mulch in one county; and five dump trucks of mulch were delivered to area parks. Members completed the construction of a greenhouse and prepared 5,000 square feet of nursery space; cleaned and mulched a nature trail; and mapped all plant materials on campus; and went to south Georgia to retrieve 8,000 seedlings from the Georgia Forestry Commission.
- * In Chicago, the Members installed plantings at two youth centers, a community center and a church. At three conservatories and a nursery, Members helped with plant production in return for plant materials training. One-hundred twenty volunteers were recruited to help with creating urban green safety sites. Members helped helped to rehabilitate 30 apartments at Lathrop Homes..
- * In East St. Louis, Members prepared 10 community garden sites for planting. Fifty-seven trees have been planted in the National Tree Trust on the SCC campus. Compacted soils were treated with Bio Mulch as a demonstration site on the SCC campus. Hundreds of plants have been started in a greenhouse for use by community groups and Members completed 50% of the renovations on the East St. Louis High School greenhouse. Six miles of trails were developed on the McCully Heritage Project by AmeriCorps Members. They also cleared brush and helped stabilize roads along 5 miles of highway in Calhoun County. Members graded and reseeded a playground that was used for trailers during the flood and are currently installing fencing at the site. A two city block area in Quincy was cleared of brush and weeds. Members completed plans to develop 5 acres of wetlands into an environmental education center.

* In Boston, Members cleaned up 8 community sites and planted trees and shrubs. A paved path was constructed and a community church and sites for summer school and daycare were improved. At a shelter for unwed mothers, members assisted in the installation of a playground and landscaped the site. This site was also prepared for a greenhouse to be built.

* Members in New Jersey are developing forest stewardship plans on 250 acres in Beemerville. They have designed and laid out 2 miles of nature trails, planted riparian buffers, cleaned up a woodland dump at Snyder Farm including 11 tons of steel that was recycled, and made artificial nest cavities for wildlife and erected fencing at Wharton State Forest. In the Musconetcong Watershed, Members planted 1,500 feet of wildlife and wind screens, prepared 2,000 feet of trails, designed and installed 325 signs for the trails, and established gardens and a compost site.

* In Oklahoma, Members have restored 28 windbreaks and have planted 20,000 trees. Their work spans 14 miles of windbreaks in 8 counties. Of the 23 western counties, 40% have received requests for increased windbreak restoration from approximately 300 requests by landowners.

* AmeriCorps Members in the Galveston Bay area transplanted 40,000 seedlings of *Spartina alterniflora* to be used for coastal shoreline protection. They designed, built, and installed 10 aquariums to cultivate seagrass and collected 80 sprigs for cultivation. Two-hundred mangrove trees transplanted on Bird Island; 2,500 cypress trees were planted in Wallesville Reservoir and 2,000 trees were planted at a national wildlife refuge. Members also built a waterfowl viewing platform at the refuge.

* In Goldendale, Washington, AmeriCorps Members have completed one riparian fencing project and another is underway. With the fencing work slowed by poor weather conditions, Members provided service in the firewood assistance program. Members converted dead and dying trees into firewood which was used for winter heat by 25 families referred to us through the Klickitat County Senior Services and InterFaith Volunteer Services. Thirty-five children in housing with low income families now have a playground constructed by AmeriCorps Members.

* Members at the National Arboretum completed the first two stages of preparing Fern Valley, cut to the ground and removed herbaceous portions of perennial in the Boxwood collection, cleared 150 yards of vines and weed trees, pruned and removed entangled weeds and restored the large Crabapple trees, and removed weed trees and vines from the canopy of existing trees on the mall.

AmeriCorps/USDA is "Getting Things Done" Rebuilding Rural America

USDA has fully embraced the vision --- held by both the President and the Corporation for National and Community Service --- that AmeriCorps be community-based, community-designed, and community-run. The USDA Rural Development Team has different community service objectives for each and every individual site, based on the needs of each local community. Consequently, the Rural Development Team Members are providing such a wide variety of services that they are nearly impossible to aggregate.

The best illustration of how the Rural Development Team is "getting things done," is a list of success stories in each of the following areas: running water and indoor plumbing, rural economic development, emergency response and prevention, fisheries restoration, alternative uses of natural resources, environmental education facilities, community facilities improvement, personal responsibility development, tree planting, windbreak restoration, and riparian improvement, tourism to boost local economies, land use planning, recycling promotion, American Indian tribal empowerment, woodland management, water quality protection, rural housing improvement, and cultural resource preservation. Many of the Rural Development Team Members are working in rural Empowerment Zones, Enterprise Communities, and Champion Communities.

Running Water and Indoor Plumbing

- * In Las Cruces, New Mexico, two members informed approximately 500 residents about the Section 306 Water and Waste Disposal grants and assisted them in applying, which resulted in 14 applications.
- * In Beaufort, South Carolina, a member is working with the community on their solid waste treatment plan.
- * In El Paso, Texas, a member has gone out into the local colonias to promote RECD programs, particularly for water and sewer hook-up, bathroom and kitchen repair, and home repair.
- * In El Paso, Texas, another member has organized an effort to inform local residents about how to obtain Section 306C water quality improvement grants.
- * Member in New Mexico worked with the Carson National Forest and the village of Vallecitos to write a successful grant to carry out a preliminary study to find locate fresh water and develop a fresh water delivery system that will provide 98 people with safe drinking water.

Rural Economic Development

- * In New Mexico, Member provided technical assistance and wrote a successful grant that will allow the Sangre De Cristo Woodworkers, a small business enterprise to continue and provide 8 jobs in 1995
- * Members in Kentucky assisted in the updating of the Resources for Economic Development catalog for McCreary County, assisted in writing a grant proposal for a parking lot for the Downtown Stearns Area, and developed a grant proposal for "Welcome to McCreary County" signs to be placed at the 5 highways leading into the county.
- * Members in Oregon successfully redesigned the Downtown Revitalization Loan funding program which involved a carry-over of the unused existing funds into the new program, initiated the compilation of a local business directory, assisted the development of a Business Revitalization Committee which developed an action plan, and developed a Flexible Manufacturing Facility Grant which, if funded, will be used to acquire land and fund operating costs at the facility.
- * In Douglas, Arizona, a member has instituted a customer-relations/public relations training program for business and border-station employees, has coordinated business development activities in the area and secured a \$4,000 grant from a local source for this purpose, has met with local banks and lending sources to support business development activities, had developed advertising and marketing materials, including a strategy to improve the image of the area.
- * In Middlesboro, Kentucky, a member set up an office to assist cooperation among the local Chamber of Commerce, the city council, and a local museum develop strategies for encouraging tourism and downtown development, to help the Chamber of Commerce and a local industrial foundation to obtain permits and arrange for wetland mitigation.
- * In London, Kentucky, another member is representing an EZ/EC community organization to community leaders and citizens and helping to determine the parameters for benefits associated with the EZ/EC, working with a local farm cooperative and bank to define loan conditions for local farmers, organizing the local extension service to help farmers learn about, obtain funding for, and implement alternative crops.
- * In Hazard, Kentucky, an RECD member has worked with the local EZ/EC Team, conducted training, helped 3 local businesses with writing grant proposals and other support activities, conducted a series of workshops on grant writing, helped obtain entrepreneurial training for the county, and helped obtain \$8,000 in Land and Water Conservation funds for a city park.

- * In Boyce, Louisiana, a member has been assisting in local business development, working on opening a home for senior citizen veterans, and tutoring children in reading and math.
- * In Cave Junction, Oregon, a member is coordinating the use of a \$3 million Social Services Block Grant for an EZ/EC designated community and the activities of another community development agency in the area, and is working on a site plan for a local park and a tourism project in conjunction with the State office of tourism, including designing brochures, billboards, etc.
- * In Lincoln County, West Virginia, an RECD member was awarded a \$4,500 grant to purchase equipment and advertising for a local bartering program, has organized 4 communities to form local community project groups so as to be able to receive as much as \$2,000 in private grant money for each project.

Sustainable Agriculture

- * In Machias, Maine, Member implemented a series of four workshops on Best Management Practices for Velpar use for blueberry growers, sponsored by the Maine Blueberry Commission. Ninety-eight growers attended the workshops.
- * In McDowell County, West Virginia, 2 RECD members are working with a county gardening program to explain, provide the tools, and equipment for, and encourage sustainable agriculture for approximately 1,300 county residents.

Emergency Response and Prevention

- * In North Dakota, Members assisted in the surveying of houses and buildings around Devils Lake. The water levels are high and this work will assist with managing if a flood occurs. Members participated in a similar hazard survey in response to a request from the Ramsey County Emergency Management Coordinator.
- * In Missouri, Members performed 27 dam safety reports and maintained over 99 flood retarding dams. Twenty-one landowners were assisted in surveying sand deposited during the 1993 flood.
- * Members in California provided assistance during the January floods. They conducted damage surveys and follow-up assistance in planning repairs to damaged farm lands and rural homes. Members helped with sandbagging on a levee along San Pablo Bay. Members have also implemented three demonstration projects on controlling vegetation for fire prevention.

* In Louisiana, 52 parishes have been contacted by AmeriCorps members to participate in the statewide dry fire hydrant project. At least 175 dry hydrant sites have been identified.

* In Mississippi, Member assisted in the development of a nine county master fire plan for rural fire protection.

* Members in South Carolina have participated in improving the efficiency of emergency response. They have completed four county side road inventories on over 2,500 miles and inventoried 2 counties on 225 dams.

* Member in Virginia wrote, and obtained approval for, five dry fire hydrant proposals.

* Members in Arkansas are working to instal 1,100 dry hydrants in three counties.

* Members in South Carolina worked with the county fire chief and other community leaders in identifying potential ponds and lakes where dry fire hydrants could be installed; collected information for grant proposal to purchase materials to install 70 dry fire hydrants in Williamsburg and Florence counties.

* In Helena, Arkansas, a member provided technical assistance in the reorganization of the local volunteer fire department, helped in the process of starting a 911-emergency line, explored grant opportunities for 2 local towns, and developed an action plan for a mayor as to how to access \$4,000 in insurance premium turnback funds for that community.

* In Johnson County, Tennessee, a member is working with the Enterprise Community to see that projects are carried out whether or not Federal funding is received and assisting in obtaining new fire equipment, working to install and operate a 911 emergency system.

Fisheries and Aquatic Wildlife Restoration

* In South Carolina, 900 wildlife management area boundary signs were posted, 300 acres of prescribed burningin and 24 wood duck boxes were installed.

Alternative Uses of Natural Resources

* Members in Minnesota prepared and administered a survey to 39 manufacturers to design technical and financial assistance programs that promote sustainable development and value added production

- * Members in Arkansas are placing 30 wood pellet stoves in households.
- * Members in Louisiana helped write a grant proposal submitted by Humphreys County, MS for a timber bridge and completed design specifications and grant proposal writing for wooden pedestrian bridges for recreation area development in Lake Providence.
- * In Virginia, Member developed a Wood-crafters/users directory for the Southwest part of the state.
- * In Tazwell, Virginia, Member developed timber bridge designs which have been approved by professional engineers for the construction of a nail-laminated pedestrian timber bridge.
- * Members in Kentucky developed by-laws for Eastern KY goat producers association, a spin-off organization of the Owsley Co. Action Team, helped organize E. KY Vegetable Producers Association, a regional non-profit cooperative including growers in Lee, Owsley, Wolfe and Breathitt counties, developed a project to establish a dry kiln to provide 5 new jobs in Owsley county.

Environmental Education Facilities

- * Members in South Carolina began restoration of a 1/4 mile nature trail at Greeleyville Elementary School.
- * Members in Mississippi identified local funds necessary to assist in the construction of an outdoor classroom for O'Bannon Elementary School located in Greenville.
- * Members in Virginia built an outdoor lab for the school and community use in conjunction with the Grassroots Conservancy volunteer group.
- * Member in Georgia rehabilitated eight miles of the National Scenic Appalachian Trail, constructed interpretive exhibits and displays, and helped design and install visitor information boards on national forests.
- * In Jonesborough, Tennessee, a member is working with the U.S. Forest Service to write a request for a \$5,500 and \$3,500 grant from local sources to run a conservation day camp for 1,000 children and conduct a conservation workshop for 300 teachers, respectively.

Community Facilities Improvement

- * Members in New Mexico wrote a successful grant to assist in building Las Clinicas Del Norte Medical Clinic's new facility and helped write a proposal that was successful in obtaining funds to be used for creating a safer better equipped facility and equipment for thirty senior citizens at the Coyote Senior Citizens Center
- * Members in South Carolina worked with the Williamsburg County Parks and Recreation to get a grant for repairing and improving the St. Lawrence Community Center.
- * Member in Pagosa Springs developed a neighborhood park.
- * In El Centro, California, another member working with the local EZ/EC where she has participated in the development of a community farmer's market, coordinated initial meetings of a "Healthy Start Center," and assisted in the development of a new youth center.

Community Improvement and Personal Responsibility Development

- * In Barbourville, Kentucky, a member developed a series of lifeskill classes targeted at 15 low-income families for which demand was so great that 2 additional classes have been added to serve a total of 45 low-income families.
- * In Sayersville, Kentucky, an RECD member formed a committee of volunteer members of the community to assist in planning for a summer recreation program which will involve many additional volunteers.
- * In Lake Providence, Louisiana, another member has informed over 400 students about such programs as farm safety, anti-drunk driving, and anti-drug programs.
- * In Natchez, Mississippi, another member has designed and implemented a study on sexuality in order to design and target a teen pregnancy prevention program and has organized a rally to focus attention on the problem, and has also started an organization to bring a YMCA to the area.
- * In Lorman, Mississippi, a member has tutored elementary school children, designed and presented HIV/AIDS awareness and basic study skills workshops, and worked with the local Boys Club.
- * In Jackson, Mississippi, a member has been instrumental in convincing local organizations to apply for funds from a drug-free schools and communities grant, organize a local clean-up day, begun a project to use an abandoned horse arena and stables as a recreation and learning center for at-risk youth.

* In Madison County, North Carolina, an RECD member organized the opening, attended by over 150 people, of a family resource center to provide information on social assistance and human services in the area, and connect families, schools, churches, government agencies, and businesses, and also organized 15 volunteers to assemble furniture, set up the computer, and clean the facility housing the center. This member also located resources for a mother of 6 to avoid eviction, and assisted 1 family to find clothing.

* In Denmark, South Carolina, a member established a tutorial program run entirely by AmeriCorps, worked with local churches to establish a local drug prevention program, met with local schools to discuss improving their competitiveness, and worked with the community to establish a non-profit development corporation.

* In Sumter, South Carolina, a member has worked with the local Council of Governments to organize over 20 volunteers to tutor over 100 youth.

* In Sumter, South Carolina, another member has been working with the local Teen Pregnancy Prevention Council.

* In Greeneville, Tennessee, a member is working with a local Area Agency on Aging to identify and catalog resources available to seniors.

* In Morgantown, West Virginia, an RECD member has been working with an area-wide planning group and has assisted it in obtaining a grant to hire an immunization coordinator for the county.

* In Logan County, West Virginia, an RECD member has organized service projects with local area High School volunteer organizations, helped organize a community safety patrol staffed by volunteers, organized and planned the remodeling of a Head Start program's playground by volunteers, and worked in a drug-infested neighborhood to obtain a building to renovate into a recreational and teen pregnancy prevention center.

Tree Planting, Windbreak Restoration, and Riparian Improvement

* Members in Oregon organized, coordinated, and implemented a riparian enhancement demonstration involving the recruitment of 70 volunteers who planted 4000 native trees and shrubs along 1400 feet of streambank. They also assisted local middle school teachers and Forest Service personnel in the coordination and implementation of a two day bank revegetation stabilization program involving 80 adolescents;

* Members in South Carolina worked in conjunction with a two-county planning team to collect data for the Beautification of the highway between Kingstree and Lake City

* In Louisiana, Members completed initial work on the Small Business Tree Planting Program for Mangham, LA to beautify Hwy 15 through the community

* Members in Minnesota assisted 6 rural communities complete tree inventories for "Tree City, USA" status which will enable these communities to be eligible for community forestry grants; organized and participated in a Community Windbreak Seminar and developed a video describing the benefits of community windbreaks that's being shown on local TV stations; assisted non-profit RC&D develop markets for Tree-Pacs, a containerized tree seedling package which promotes environmental education.

* In Moab, Utah, Member conducted an inventory of all public trees in the city as part of an urban forestry program. Members in Utah also developed a tree planting guide for a community of 2,000 people that will be used to educate city workers and volunteers on correct tree planting procedures.

Tourism Development to Boost Local Economies

* In Minnesota, Members planned bus tours of the River Bend Nature Center expecting to attract 1000 tourists to the area; Members also conducted a survey of 32 communities in northern MN to determine local interest in developing eco-tourism in the region.

* Members in Louisiana completed final draft of a 12 Parish tourism brochure approved by the NE Delta RC&D council, completed a Richland Parish Tourism brochure, and completed the Winn Parish tourism brochure.

* Member in Virginia developed a Tourism Site Log for the VA Coalfield Tourism Authority Area.

* Member in Tennessee completed research and writing on Unicoi County Attractions Locator Map and presented it to the Tourism Committee for review.

* Member in Georgia completed of new Recreation Opportunity Guide for the Chattahoochee and Oconee National Forests in preparation for the 1996 Olympic Games in Atlanta, provided environmental education programs to hikers and backpackers in the Blood Mountain Wilderness in North Georgia.

Land Use Planning

* In Colorado, Member developed a corridor Management Plan for the San Juan Skyway.

Recycling Promotion

- * Members in South Carolina helped construct a compost bin at Kingstree Elementary School and worked with Clemson University Cooperative Extension Service to recycle natural Christmas trees after the holiday season.
- * Members in Mississippi worked to obtain grant funds to assist in the development of a facility and jobs for the sorting and packing of recyclable materials from Sharkey and Issaquena counties, helped start a recycling program in Greenwood, and worked with several local churches, the Downtown Development Organization, and the Garden Club to study the feasibility of starting a recycling program in Leflore County.
- * In Hancock County, Tennessee, 6,700 residents will soon have an approved collection site to take their recyclables to as a result of AmeriCorps working through the state red-tape to permit a convenience center collection site
- * Members in Tennessee helped create a process to 111,000 residents in 5 counties to have a way to safely dispose of toxic household hazardous waste and crafted a unique and innovative program to help residents offset expensive and valuable landfill space by teaching consumers not to buy products with excessive packaging. Members at another site in Tennessee worked with the State to get five collection days for residents to take household hazardous waste to a mobile collection unit for safe disposal. Member developed a framework for technical assistance and training to help local government meet state and federal mandates. Member organized the first Earth Day festival in one county. Sixty students prepared recycled art for display. Other Members organized a county wide litter pick-up in which 149 tons of litter was collected. Presentations on solid waste and recycling were made to 307 individuals and to the Middle Tennessee Regional Solid Waste Board. One Member used his civil engineer experience to survey a county landfill to determine the remaining life of the landfill.

American Indian Tribal Empowerment

- * Member in Utah is conducting an assessment to determine how to assist the Navajo Nation in developing a strong tourism industry
- * A Member in Colorado initiated an oral history video program for Navajos in New Mexico, Utah and Arizona.
- * Member in North Carolina working with the Cherokee Indian Reservation completed the Parks and Recreation Community Needs Assessment Survey for the Eastern Band of the Reservation, developed a walking brochure for the Health Education unit that depicts walking trails around the Reservation, secured a grant with the "Adopt-A-Trail"

program for the restoration of a popular trail on the Reservation; organized and coordinated logistics for the "Adopt-A-Trail" project, coordinated several clean-up projects in the recreational areas of the reservation, assisted the Cherokee Indian Reservation Agriculture Extension Agent with programming special Arbor Day celebrations, and assisted with the coordination of the Annual Reservation Litter Clean-up Day in March.

* In Bernalillo, New Mexico, a member is coordinating packaging certification seminars for workers in nonprofit organizations working in the Native American pueblos, has increased the number of applications for RECD Section 504 Home Improvement loans/grants from Native American residents of the pueblos from 0 in FY94 to 42 in FY95, and assisted in the donation of surplus RECD office furniture to the local Chamber of Commerce.

* In Gallup, New Mexico, a member gave presentations on RECD's Section 502 Single Family and Section 504 Housing Preservation programs at 11 meetings on the Navajo reservation which generated 7 approved applications.

* In New Mexico, a member assisted the local Navajo school board and a local water authority with their applications for emergency water assistance grants, for \$481,000 to serve approximately 1,600 residents and \$386,000 to serve approximately 750 residents and 30 commercial customers respectively, as well as serving on 2 committees on health and environmental concerns for an interagency policy task force for rural and urban development.

* In Waynesville, North Carolina, an RECD member worked with Tribal leaders on the Cherokee Indian Reservation to inform them about RECD housing programs, met with 5 local banks to explain the unique loan situation and encourage increased loans to Possessory Land Holdings, and compiled a directory of local resources available for use on the Reservation.

Woodland Management

* In Virginia, Members developed a Logger Education Advisory Committee and workshop to teach loggers safety methods and to reduce environmental impacts, taught 20 classes (300 people) to local residents concerning the "how to's" of managing private woodlots, and developed presentations for various Economic Development Boards to encourage increased and proper forest management for a more profitable future.

* Members in West Virginia developed a software package in cooperation with state natural resource personnel, to compile information necessary to track forest products "waste"; and completed collecting forest data concerning the amount of biomass left in the woods unharvested and mill residuals in 3 counties.

Water Quality Protection

- * In Maine, Members trained students in ten high schools and citizens in eleven community groups in water quality monitoring and data management.
- * In the Casco Bay Watershed area of Maine, Members completed publication of a Land Use Inventory and distributed 350 units of the Inventory to the 44 communities within the watershed and various concerned interest groups. Completion of this project facilitates the water quality concerns and nonpoint source protection needs of the watershed.
- * In New Mexico, Member aided in writing a contract and a successful grant (\$10,000) for completing an environmental study in order to begin construction of the El Rito Waste Water Treatment System.
- * In North Dakota, Members are working with landowners to assist in sealing abandoned wells as a means of preventing water pollution during flooding.
- * In Louisiana, Farm*A*Syst is being conducted by AmeriCorps Members to help landowners assess and prevent water pollution risks. In Louisiana, 385 assessments were distributed to farmers and landusers. Eighty-two one-on-one assessments were completed and group assessments were completed in three parishes. In Michigan 438 assessments were completed.
- * Members planted trees along a half mile stretch of the Clinch River in Tennessee to help stabilize the bank. In Humphreys county 25 bald cypress trees were planted to control streambank erosion. Two hundred feet of critically eroding streambank was stabilized using rip rap and willow stakes on Bear Creak. Also in Tennessee, landowners are controlling non point source pollution through the effluent discharge program. Eight landowners have had their waste storage facilities dewatered (8.5 million gallons). Sites have been monitored for safe discharge.

Rural Housing Improvement

- * Members in South Carolina coordinated and planned a one day event on February 14th with a local scout troop to have nine scouts participate in the building of a home for Habitat for Humanity.
- * Members in Holly Grove, Arkansas appraised the homes of residents in the 100 year flood plane to help them obtain buy-outs from the Federal Emergency Management Administration.

- * In Blytheville, Arkansas, a member conducted low-income home buyers workshops, assisted in developing a housing preservation pre-application, and assisted families in completing applications for RECD home buyer and utility assistance for approximately 200 families.
- * In Jonesboro, Arkansas, 2 members assisted 33 people in applying for RECD Section 504 Home Repair loans of which 22 were approved, and helped the EZ/EC community in locating land for housing.
- * In Brinkly, Arkansas, a member provided to an EZ/EC community on locating resources for asbestos removal affecting 2,200 residents, organized the provision of natural gas to 25 people, and helped locate funds for new sewer waste pumps affecting 2,300 people.
- * In Nogales, Arizona, a member is working on a building and lot inventory.
- * In El Centro, California, 2 members are performing outreach in English and Spanish for RECD programs which has resulted in a total of 6 new applications for Section 504 Housing Repair grants being approved at a total of \$26,250 and 7 applications at an estimated total of \$38,000 pending approval and in obtaining a \$4,900 loan for a local community to help an elderly man afford new housing.
- * In Prestonburg, Kentucky, a member has compiled a list of non-profit groups doing home repairs for low-income families, and has worked with the Kentucky Housing Corporation to handle difficult housing cases.
- * In Barbourville, Kentucky, another member is assisting in the completion of an emergency shelter to serve 225 people by recruiting various civic, religious, and volunteer groups to contribute supplies and support, and develop a schedule of needed resources.
- * In Barbourville, Kentucky, another member has helped 3 elderly home bound elderly people apply for RECD home repair loans, got one an RECD hardship grant and another a grant from the Kentucky Housing Corporation, publicized the various RECD programs, and worked on a community water project to facilitate easements and enroll water users.
- * In Somerset, Kentucky, a member has taken 11 applications for home repairs, worked on a project with the local sewer commission to install sewer lines for 300 families, and assisted a widow and an elderly home-bound man on oxygen to find money for needed home repairs through local aid sources.
- * In Bastrop, Louisiana, a member has assisted 50 rural residents in completing applications for RECD housing assistance,

- * In Tallulah, Louisiana, a member has been conducting extensive research into over 300 RECD borrower case files to improve program delivery for over 2,000 members of the local community.
- * In Ignont, Louisiana, has provided information on the RECD Section 504 housing repair program to the local council on aging.
- * In Jonesville, Louisiana, a member writes and distributes a rural housing and farmer programs newsletter to keep the local rural community informed about RECD programs, has obtained Section 504 housing repair for 2 senior citizens with 10 others on the waiting list.
- * In Winnsboro, Louisiana, a member has assisted in preparing 25 applications for RECD single-family housing assistance and has had 3 applications for housing repair loans approved.
- * In Boley, Louisiana, a member has assisted in the preparation for more than 75 applications for RECD Section 504 (housing repair) grants and loans.
- * In Lake Providence, Louisiana, a member has worked with the Louisiana Cooperative Extension Service to assist in the processing of 30 applications for RECD aid, reached 286 applicants with information on the Home Energy Project in northern Louisiana, and conducted home buyer education workshops to help low-income families to own and maintain their own homes.
- * In Indianola, Mississippi, a member has designed and conducted a home buyer education program and made field visits to inspect housing in conjunction with RECD Section 504 Housing Repair loans approvals.
- * In Jackson, Mississippi, has informed residents about the RECD's housing programs and conducted home buyer education seminars.
- * In Yazoo City, Mississippi, a member designed and instituted a microenterprise program to assist low-income residents establish self-sufficiency through entrepreneurship and to apprise local banks of the increased chance of success that potential borrowers will have as a result.
- * In Lexington, Mississippi, a member induced a major employer in the area, with 700 jobs and a payroll of \$8,000,000, not to relocate by designing a business plan to reduce turnover by 68%, and added an additional 300 jobs to the payroll, and also designed a program to inform the elderly about fraud and scam techniques, began work on the creation of a county resource center, and has been working with the local EZ/EC to develop a local industrial park, working to acquire a baseball-throwing machine for the local public school district to serve 700 students and start a tuition assistance

program to benefit the 22,000 county residents, and devise an "honor loft" system for the local elementary schools to encourage scholarship.

- * In Canton, Mississippi, a member has helped residents apply for RECD housing assistance, including writing news releases, developed and conducted a series of "Money Matters" seminars.

- * In Natchez, Mississippi, a member has assisted a number of applicants for RECD housing assistance and has designed and given seminars on RECD assistance.

- * In Jackson, Mississippi, a member has assisted a number of applicants for RECD housing assistance and has designed and given seminars on RECD assistance and home buyer education.

- * In Greeneville, Mississippi, a member has designed informational materials to assist applicants for RECD assistance, worked on a survey to support the application for a housing rehabilitation grant.

- * In Webb, Mississippi, a member has worked with both the RECD Self-Help housing construction and the Section 515 Multi-Family Housing programs resulting in the eventual construction of 26 houses and 32 apartment units.

- * In Aztec, New Mexico, a member has assisted applications for RECD Section 502 Single Family Housing loans for the elderly and disabled and the completion of an RECD Housing Preservation Grant for Upper Fruitland Chapter of the Navajo Nation, organized and implemented a home buyers education workshop for 150 RECD applicants and community members, as well as to 88 senior citizens at 3 senior citizen centers, completed a business assistance and retention survey for the NW New Mexico Council of Governments, and gave presentations to 3 realty companies on the RECD Guaranteed Loan Program attended by 28 people.

- * In Hendersonville, North Carolina, an RECD member was able to assist on 3 applications for housing assistance, assisted inspecting several homes, helped replace water lines, coated mobile home roofs with winter sealant, helped install a handicapped shower, and gathered and stocked paint for use by Housing Assistance Corporation applicants.

- * In Hendersonville, North Carolina, another RECD member working with the local Housing Assistance Corporation, another AmeriCorps member, VISTA, and several volunteers was able to insulate and provide a heating system to a home for a single mother and her child in one (1) day.

* In Jefferson, North Carolina, an RECD member developed a brochure to explain how RECD home improvement loans and grants can be used, and inspected over 110 homes to determine home repair needs.

* In Pendleton, Oregon, a member is assisting low-income applicants for repair and weatherization, and RECD Section 504 Rural Housing Repair assistance, is assisting members of the Umatilla Tribe to apply for RECD's Section 502 Single Family Housing and Section 504 Home Repair assistance, including negotiation loans with lenders, assisting the Umatilla Tribe to complete a pre-application for a \$9.5 million community facility loan and tribal interpretive center, and is working with the tribal public works department to expedite the pre-construction process for a water and waste disposal system.

* In LaGrande, Oregon, a member has contacted a number of local organizations about RECD programs which encouraged 7 people to apply, of which one has been approved and 4 additional are being processed, has explained the value of connecting to the Internet to bring communities together to share information and discuss issues, is collaborating with another RECD AmeriCorps members on a home-painting project for at least 12 low-income senior and disabled citizens, has compiled a USDA farmer program resource list for Oregon, has assisted a local organization to obtain a housing preservation grant, has assisted a non-profit organization to apply for an RECD Self-Help Technical Assistance grant to train people to build their own homes, and has assisted in identifying possible construction sites.

* In Baker City, Oregon, a member has taken a leadership role in bringing together various government agencies, non-profit organizations, and community activists, has met with over 25 groups and 60 individuals to locate qualified applicants for the RECD's Section 504 Housing Repair program which generated 8 applications (1 approved, 4 being processed), has worked with the USDA AmeriCorps regional facilitator to work with the National Civilian Community Corps, the Oregon State Volunteer Program, and other civic organizations on a paint project in the area, including getting paint donations.

* In Ontario, Oregon, a member has made presentations on the RECD Section 504 Home Repair program, resulting in 3 applications, has located 2 additional sources of underutilized sources of money to complement RECD funds, has procured necessary equipment and supplies for an emergency shelter and has helped in the application process for an RECD \$134,000 Rural Housing Preservation Grant.

* In Roseburg, Oregon, a member promoted the RECD's Section 502 Single Family Housing and Section 504 Rural Housing Repair programs to a variety of organizations and meetings, resulting in 3 low-income families receiving aid, worked to find temporary shelter and transitional housing for the homeless, assisted a town to file an application to become a water district.

- * In Allendale, South Carolina, a member assisted a local state university in surveying housing needs, worked with the local EZ/EC Champion community on its strategic plan, proposed the establishment of a home for the elderly in the community to the local Department of Social Services, and with a number of other social service providers in the area.
- * In Blackville, South Carolina, a member also assisted in a local housing survey, helped establish a Habitat for Humanity chapter in the community, worked on a Housing Preservation Grant for the community, and assisted a variety of social service organizations.
- * In Holly Hill, South Carolina, a member worked with a local university to obtain a Housing Preservation Grant for 10 houses, formed a group within the local EZ/EC Champion community to work on environmental issues, assisted 25 applicants for RECD Section 504 Housing Repair loans, designed and conducted a seminar on local business improvement, and worked with the local utility company to establish a seminar on weatherization.
- * In Beaufort, South Carolina, another member has worked with the elderly on housing repair needs, and met with local banks and lending institutions to obtain information on home ownership requirements in conjunction with the RECD's Section 502 Single Family Housing and Section 504 Housing Repair assistance.
- * In Hebbronville, Texas, a member has assisted in generating 159 applications for RECD housing rehabilitation funds where it is anticipated that at least 42 applications will be approved, and has gotten RECD Section 504 housing assistance for an elderly man whose house burned down, and has continued to help this man by actually assisting in building the new home.
- * In Marion, South Carolina, has met with a variety of individuals and organizations such as Habitat for Humanity, Youth Build USA, the National PTA, the National Crime Prevention Council, etc. to try to eliminate substandard housing.
- * In Orangeburg, South Carolina, a member met with 8 banks to secure assistance for poverty-impacted areas, and has worked with approximately 50 individuals and businesses to assist with community economic development by identifying abandoned houses for demolition or renovation to prevent them from becoming drug havens.
- * In Carrizo Springs, Texas, a member has worked on establishing a neighborhood crime watch program and on a program to reduce the cost of long-distance phone calls in rural areas.

* In Yakima, Washington, a member has been working with a local housing foundation to determine the demand for housing from farmworkers during peak season, including organizing a conference on farmworker housing issues, and has arranged tours of local housing conditions to inform local businessmen, bankers, city council board members, etc. about local housing issues.

* In Mingo County, West Virginia, an RECD member has assisted the local housing authority by conducting over 30 briefings on application requirements, performing 25 housing inspections, taking applications, and working with landlords and tenants to bring housing up to code; member plans on assisting an additional 150 families on the waiting list. The member has assisted over 15 families to get into quality standard homes, as well as developing a family self-sufficiency program helping families find jobs, go to school, etc, and helping to evaluate proposals for a development plan for the county.

Cultural and Historic Resource Preservation

* In Louisiana, Member completed the revision of the Louisiana Political Museum By-laws so the Museum's legal representatives are now able to complete documentation for 501(c) status.

* Member in Utah is conducting an inventory of 22 sites identified for inclusion in the Trail of the Ancients that will provide information for site interpretation, education, and marketing,

* Member in Tennessee conducted 2 oral history interviews in Unicoi county for the Hidden Heroines project, a regional cultural arts project covering women's history in Appalachia in 8 counties.

* In Penn Center, South Carolina, is assisting in designing the master plan for the local community, an area of major historical significance, by performing land studies and title research, and she has also prepared an application for a successful grant application for \$1 million to establish a farm cooperative and production processing plant.

AmeriCorps/USDA is "Getting Things Done" Educating Americans

Many USDA AmeriCorps environmental and rural development projects have educational components. Educational achievements related to hunger are detailed in the hunger section above. In the second quarter, USDA AmeriCorps Members:

- * Members in Minnesota conducted 20 adult and family environmental education courses at the River Bend Nature Center (500 attendees)
- * Member in Virginia gathered historical information on the area and then made an educational presentation on that information to twenty schools, reaching more than 400 students.
- * Member in Georgia spoke with at least 450 people on "Leave No Trace" outdoor ethics, presented environmental education programs to 900 children and young adults at day care centers, schools, churches and hospitals,
- * In Colorado, Members presented an Environmental Education program to 300 students and 14 teachers at the Delores Elementary School.
- * Members in Tennessee taught 933 students in 42 classrooms lessons to be more responsible citizens towards the environment and how to encourage adults to do the same through a "Garbage Busters" program, developed and conducted an in-service training for 25 teachers across TN to expose them to environmental education programs, organized Conservation Camp for 1,200 6th grade students and teachers and developed a companion workbook, successfully located property and negotiated a lease for long term use of a riverfront environmental education center for the Camp and other programs, completely revised a 3rd grade water quality curriculum called Water Wizards and facilitated this education program to 400 students in 5 counties, created a successful grant proposal for Conservation Camp for 4th graders, and coordinated, planned and registered 775 students for the 2 day event.
- * In Atlanta Members have presented 27 programs to about 850 students at 15 different schools. Ten schools have been assisted with gardening projects; outdoor classrooms have been constructed at 2 schools; and 100 students have been taught about gardening techniques.
- * In Goldendale, Washington, Members responded to teacher requests for presentations on environmental education for 160 participants.
- * Boston Members have conducted educational museum tours for school children.

*Several Members in Boston organized collection and distribution at a local food bank.

*In Missouri, 740 elementary school children were given presentations on soil and water conservation.

* In South Carolina, 3 outdoor classrooms were constructed, including 5 miles of nature trails and 2 teacher curriculum guides.

* In Tennessee, member taught 933 students in 42 classrooms in five counties environmental stewardship. In service training was conducted for 25 teachers. Since last year, participation in Environthon has gone from 7 teams to 17 teams thanks to AmeriCorps. About 90 students are being trained to participate. Member has revised a third grade water quality curriculum called Water Wizards and is sharing it with 400 students in 5 counties.

* Fourteen schools have been selected to serve as pilot environmental study areas. Over 700 trees have been planted, 100 bluebird boxes have been installed. More than 100 classroom presentations on environmental education.

* Members in the Casco Bay Watershed area of Maine held a Water Quality Monitoring/Education teacher workshop with thirty participants. This workshop was held in conjunction with the Environmental School in Brighton, Maine.

* In Machias, Maine, Members organized a county-wide environmental education newsletter, written and produced by high school students, subsidized by a \$200 grant. The newsletters are distributed throughout participating schools and in several area grocers.

(b) AmeriCorps Member Development Objectives:

Because USDA has spent so much time and energy to date documenting the accomplishments towards meeting community service objectives, we only do not have a tremendous amount of hard, empirical, aggregated evidence to date on our success in meeting Member development objectives. Our best empirical evidence of success in meeting Member development needs is our excellent rate, which has been between 85% to 90% since the start of the program.

In addition, our quarterly site reports, as well as site visits in every region of the country, indicate the following:

- * All USDA Members have received extensive training --- in the vision of AmeriCorps, team-building and citizenship development, and the specific technical skills they need to perform their service.
- * By performing hard work together under the philosophy of "sweat equity," Members have learned to bridge their diverse racial, gender, religious, generational, and geographical backgrounds in order to work together as cohesive teams.
- * Many USDA Members have significantly increased their leadership, public speaking, and project planning skills in just the few months since the launch of the program.
- * Of the USDA Members who joined the program after dropping out of high school, many have either earned their GEDs or made significant progress towards obtaining their GEDs. Of the Members who joined the program with either some college education, college degrees, or some graduate education, many have expressed the belief that AmeriCorps has increased both their ability and their desire to continue their educations.
- * Some USDA Members have freed themselves from dependence on public assistance by joining AmeriCorps.

A good example of such member development is offered by a statement prepared by Regina Lynn, a Member serving in Waynesville, North Carolina:

"Then I heard about AmeriCorps. AmeriCorps would allow me to pursue my goal of family self-sufficiency--one step at a time. Rather than entering the work world unprepared for the responsibilities involved in full-time employment, I would volunteer in return for a stipend. This would allow me to give back to my community and support others in their efforts to meet their needs and pursue their dreams. In addition, I would gain invaluable work experience. I was supported by public assistance much of my life and had virtually no work experience. AmeriCorps lessened the fear of letting go of a way of life and setting out on an unfamiliar path."

(c) Community Building/Strengthening Objectives:

All USDA AmeriCorps projects are building long-term partnerships that are resulting in significant structural improvements in communities.

As indicated in the attached site reports, virtually every USDA project is receiving from and/or providing the following to local units of government and non-profit organizations: technical assistance, physical labor, advice, moral support, and funds.

The USDA Rural Development Team is making a particularly effective impact strengthening communities. By allowing talented a well-educated young people to return to live in the communities in which they grew up, it is helping reverse the "rural brain drain" which has done so much to deprive rural America of critical human capital. Rural development team members provide energy, idealism, and technical expertise to their communities every day.

Some examples:

"The information will now be assembled into revised maps of the county which will be distributed to the emergency and law enforcement personnel. The AmeriCorps Newberry One team touched the lives of every resident of Saluda County with their work in a very short time, and we truly appreciate having met and known them all."

-Carol S. Williams, Saluda County Chamber of Commerce
Saluda County, South Carolina

"According to Arthur James, Executive Director of Yazoo Community Action, Inc., the AmeriCorps/USDA member has been essential in getting this program off the ground. 'LaDonna initially worked closely with Diane Meyerhoff who served as our consultant for the Microenterprise Program,' he said. 'She has coordinated the program, held several meetings with partners, went to training workshops around the State, designed the Yazoo Microenterprise brochure and numerous other things in preparation for the program,' he said."

-Yazoo Community Action, Inc. Press Release
Yazoo County, Mississippi

7. Unique successes or great stories:

Before the USDA AmeriCorps Anti-Hunger project began in the Mississippi Delta, a pregnant woman in Belzoni, Mississippi went into a local, county-run, social services offices to obtain food stamps. The clerk at the office balled-up her application and threw it into the trash bin, telling the pregnant woman that, since she was irresponsible in getting pregnant, she did not deserve food stamps. Even though the clerk's action's violated Federal law, the pregnant woman was effectively denied Federal nutrition assistance and began to lose weight, even as she became more pregnant. As soon as the USDA AmeriCorps Anti-Hunger Team started, Members obtained for the pregnant the food stamps and WIC benefits to which she was legally entitled. She gained back her normal weight, and continues to gain weight as her pregnancy advances. According to her doctor, the service of the AmeriCorps members may have saved the life of her child.

Members of the Milwaukee Anti-Hunger Corps literally saved nine children from a burning building at great risk to themselves. They have been given a proclamation by the mayor.

Musical superstar, artistic genius, and community activist Stevie Wonder helped Members of the Los Angeles Anti-Hunger Team conduct a nutrition assembly for 350 elementary students.

"Recently, I met with three generations of a family who has run a small logging and mill operation for 30 years. As I was leaving the patriarch, who had been a bit gruff at first, called me back and said "We really appreciate your taking the time to just come out here and listen to what we think."

-AmeriCorps Member, Carla M. Garrison
San Juan National Forest

"Getting the job done-that is the goal of the AmeriCorps program. It's in our pledge. It is our motto. I joined the AmeriCorps program for many reasons, not the least of which was the opportunity to make a difference in the community-to get the job done."

-AmeriCorps Member Rebecca Estep
Kentucky

"AmeriCorps is my chance to help our most valuable asset...children. I joined AmeriCorps now...to help them grow for tomorrow."

-AmeriCorps Member Diggs Hill, Jr.
Greenville, South Carolina

"Members, most of who are from an urban/suburban background, are gaining invaluable experience, understanding, and appreciation for the rural situation, condition and way of life. Our AmeriCorps Members battle daily with the complexities, the realities and the dilemmas of building sustainable rural communities. Our communities are being rejuvenated with the assistance of these energetic and creative AmeriCorps Members. Small groups and individuals in our communities, guided and aided by AmeriCorps Members, are making REAL progress toward their goals."

-Clinch-Powell RC&D Council
Rutledge, Tennessee

"AmeriCorps is an adventure of opportunities in community service. For its members, it has been an exciting trip into towns and communities in rural SC to make a positive impact by helping those in need. For those affected by AmeriCorps' accomplishments, it represents a sign of hope that someone cares."

-AmeriCorps Member Susan Miller
Lexington, South Carolina

"On behalf of the Saluda County Chamber of Commerce, I wish to express my thanks to the NRCS for their assistance in allowing us the opportunity to witness firsthand the services of AmeriCorps volunteers in our community from January 3 through January 25th. The Newberry One team: Diggs Hill, Abby Gage, Karen Kinard, Madeline Cislo, and John Morgan, III, exhibited sunny attitudes, abundant energy, and a willingness to work that will be hard to match by anyone else. Their work was so extremely significant to our project here for the implementation of the "911" program.

- Carol S. Williams
Executive Secretary
Saluda County Chamber of Commerce, South Carolina

"You're really talking about basic citizenship among our young, and that's something that is a worthy, public, national goal to instill..and there is nothing wrong that educational assistance, so these young people in AmeriCorps can go to college and get their education."

- State Senator Diane Bynum
Onondaga, Michigan

What Other Citizens Are Saying About AmeriCorps/USDA

Getting Things Done

"Its going to be a wonderful boon to us in the area of the environment, especially keeping Lake Champlain the gem that it is."

- Senator James Jeffords (R-VT), October 17, 1994

Describing USDA AmeriCorps Rural Development Project on the Winooski River

"Rural Development is really a national concern we have - environmental concerns are extraordinary and one of the priorities of AmeriCorps really is environmental development - the natural environment, the neighborhood environment. We learn these lessons so we can do what is most important about national service --- which is getting things done."

- Eli J. Segal, CEO, Corporation for National and Community Service

October 17, 1994, also commenting on USDA AmeriCorps Rural Development Project on the Winooski River

"The AmeriCorps program has been essential in our area. Through the use of our effluent discharge program, landowners have been able to reduce the impact on non-point source pollution problems. They have also become more aware of their responsibilities for water quality through our educational efforts."

Chris Hays, Chickasaw-Shiloh RC&D Council
Jackson, Tennessee

"As a result of his diligent efforts... we have decided to remain in full operation in Durant, Mississippi (and) we are presently hiring and training additional employees."

Mark Lauritzen, President, Durant Electric Corporation

Explaining how a USDA AmeriCorps Rural Development Team Member helped prevent his company with 600 employees and a \$8 million payroll from relocating to Mexico

"It's hard to know whether (critics of AmeriCorps) are opposed to national service programs in general, or because AmeriCorps is one of the few unambiguous successes President Clinton can point to in his first two years ... There are 38 young men and women at a work camp in the Applegate Ranger District this winter, working in the woods as well as renovating structures in Butte Falls and Prospect. So far, AmeriCorps is a success in America's forests and urban areas."

- Editorial, Medford, Oregon *Mail-Tribune*
October 18, 1995

"I never thought that being an AmeriCorps Member would have such an impact on someone's else's life, meaning that knowing that I had the power to help an elderly lady receive a grant to repair her home. One of the County Supervisors and I went to inspect the house and the lady was in a bad situation. When everything was processed and she was qualified, I felt as if I had helped someone to a brighter future. By being in this position, I was able to help someone, and that is what it is all about."

- AmeriCorps member Wydette Williams
Lake Providence, LA

"The first two weeks of the projects were the roughest. There was a surplus of remaining plants from a previous project. It was hot and muddy. Many of the Members had never worked that hard in their lives but, they all stayed with it and transplanted the plants that would not have survived much longer in their six-inch pots."

- Geoff Sanders, Natural Resources and Conservation Service
Texas Shoreline Protection Project Manger

While Building Community ...

"In addition to completing worthwhile projects, (Northwest Service) Academy participants will learn civic responsibility while serving their communities."

- Senator Mark O. Hatfield (R-OR)
June 23, 1994

"The communities that we have visited have invited us to come back and get more involved with their community. AmeriCorps was the glue the brought the agencies and the communities to start communicating and working together."

- AmeriCorps Member Anabelle Alvarez
El Centro, California

"I have had the opportunity to meet many different people since I started working with AmeriCorps. I must admit that I have changed my attitude a great deal on how to look at things. I say that because I have worked with many people who have a substandard living standard. They pay their bills and have no money left to enjoy.... It is comforting to know that I have had an opportunity to help these individuals to secure grants to get the help they needed."

-AmeriCorps Member Lee Woodridge
Working in Winnsoboro, LA on rural housing outreach

"I've found that just being in the community and talking to people about the project has made a difference. The public wants to be involved in what happens to their economy and their environment, as my position will affect both these factors, I've found people willing to talk, listen, and argue with me about the fishway project and my role in it ... The professionals -- school teachers, archive directors, librarians, town managers, etc. --- seemed especially appreciative of what I'm trying to do, and have extended offers to help and provide information. I also foresee myself being able to help the towns accomplish goals which have fallen by the wayside; for instance, many of the towns have tried to get funding for public access sites a number of times in the past few years, but have never been successful. They believe I can help them realize this goal, and I plan to live up to their expectations."

- AmeriCorps Member Pierson Smith-Hatch
Presque Isle, Maine

"One of the great stories about AmeriCorps people is that when we have our cluster meetings, there has been the bond of a close-knit family."

- AmeriCorps Member Henry Rosenthal
Alexandra, LA

"The five (AmeriCorps members) we have been communicating directly on a nearly daily basis with the full support of the agency and have gotten together not only professionally but also socially on a frequent basis. You see among them a real pride and excitement about what they are doing. It is an excitement and pride that is unique to the program."

- Patrick Bowen, Natural Resources and Conservation Service
AmeriCorps Project Director for West Virginia

"We would not have as credible a monitoring program without the assistance of the Clean Water Program and AmeriCorps Members who provide training, organizational, and technical assistance to our community."

- Bill Mook, Chairman
Darmariscotta River Tidewater Watch, Maine

Boosting Opportunity

"The impact of AmeriCorps is far greater than work being accomplished or public service in the communities. AmeriCorps is about growing up and becoming a productive citizen in our community. One of our Members, a 20 year old male, is supporting a wife and four children. He has been on the welfare program for 10 years and saw AmeriCorps as an opportunity to get out of the welfare vicious circle. He does not want his family to experience the same hardships he has had to experience. He has now completed his GED.... Another Member, a Native American female, is being portrayed as a role model in her tribe. Her native tribe fully supports the AmeriCorps program, and wants her to return to her tribal community after the completion of the program to teach the importance of education."

- **Mindy Martin**
Rogue River National Forest

"Members of the Port Townsend Community have opened their homes to Members who were staying at the Fort Warden Camp over the Thanksgiving Holiday. All Members were invited to have dinner and spend the day with local families."

- David Johnson, Forest Service Project Manager
Olympic National Forest

"Not only has AmeriCops opened the doors of higher education to Sonoma County residents, it has given new life to meaningful new programs in our communities that have been neglected too long."

- Congresswoman Lynn Woolsey (D-CA)
September 27, 1994

And Promoting Personal Responsibility

"The further the Members have to hike to get to their work site, the worse the weather, and the more difficult the type of service, the more the Members enjoy the service and the harder they work."

- Crew Leader
Rogue River National Forest AmeriCorps Site

"I hope you feel good about being pioneers --- you should."

- Congressman Doug Bereuter (R-NE)
Speaking to AmeriCorps Members in Nebraska

"Mr. Lott (Republican Senator and Majority Whip) called me personally and promised to support my efforts (to combat teen pregnancy) in Natchez and declared he would be in Natchez in any events that take place if his schedule permits."

- AmeriCorps Rural Development Team Member Susan Foutz-Lowe

"I believe I speak for the Hormon Lake Ranger District and the Cocino National Forest in extending to you our thanks for the many projects the AmeriCorps crews were able to accomplish. Each week I witnessed a closer and more cohesive group. They listened well, worked hard, and received the benefit of knowing they did needed work to a high quality standards."

- David E. Michael, Work Supervisor
Cocino National Forest

"Members are making personal accomplishments as well.. For many, this is the first time they have opened their own checking accounts. They have learned how to get along with a wide variety of people and work cooperatively."

- Geoff Sander, Natural Resources and Conservation Service
Texas Shoreline Protection Project Manager

AmeriCorps/USDA is Reinventing Government

The USDA/AmeriCorps program is helping USDA reinvent government by delivering USDA services in ways that work better but cost less. The program based on eight principles highlighted by Vice-President Gore and the National performance Review, and outlined by author David Osborne in his book *Reinventing Government*:

1) The USDA/AmeriCorps Program is Creating a Catalytic Government by Steering Rather Than Rowing.

Instead of managing programs from Washington, USDA has successfully created unique public/private partnerships at the local level to design and run the programs. For instance, to create anti-hunger projects, USDA brought together existing anti-hunger groups and existing youth service corps, provided them with the national vision of USDA and AmeriCorps, and then gave them great freedom to design and implement projects that best meet the unique needs of their local areas.

USDA provides seed money -- sometimes the bulk of the funds in this first year of AmeriCorps operation -- but also, as rightfully mandated by the National and Community Service Act of 1993, requires matching money from all sub-grantees.

In effect, the USDA is acting as a venture capitalist by funding the best local proposals and providing a general structural framework and philosophical guidelines which local groups can follow while meeting their own local needs.

2) The USDA/AmeriCorps Program is Creating a Community-Owned Government by Empowering Rather Than Serving.

All proposals for service at local USDA AmeriCorps sites around the country were created at the local level, not by Washington-based bureaucrats. All programs are conceptualized, designed, implemented, and monitored at the local level but are provided additional funds and technical assistance by USDA. The USDA program is partnered with a wide variety of non-Federal institutions; community colleges, Soil Conservation Districts, non-profit organizations, youth corps, school districts, etc.

Rather than trying to directly provide service ourselves out of Washington, USDA has empowered local communities by providing them with the resources to solve their own problems. While this creates many logistical difficulties for USDA --- such as the challenge that the program design for each of our projects is entirely different at each of our hundreds of sites spread throughout in 38 states -- the benefits have far outweighed the difficulties.

3) The USDA/AmeriCorps Program is Creating a Competitive Government by Injecting Competition Into Service Delivery.

The USDA AmeriCorps program has cultivated free and open competition at every step of the way.

First, each USDA agency involved in the program held tough internal competitions to select the best proposals to determine which USDA sites would be funded. For every USDA site funded, at least two others were rejected.

Then, USDA participated in a highly unusual process in which Federal agencies had to actually submit a detailed and comprehensive application to the Corporation for National and Community Service in order to be considered for a grant. In other words, USDA and other Cabinet agencies were required to go through a process similar to those we require of others. (In fact, our application to the Corporation for National and Community Service required a strategic plan similar to the types of strategic plans that USDA and HUD required in Empowerment Zone/Enterprise Community applications).

Unlike the way government usually operates, no one agency was guaranteed funding by a set formula. As a consequence of this open competition, Federal agencies ---- including USDA --- were forced to work harder and more creatively to develop quality programs in their applications.

Lastly, USDA AmeriCorps Members were selected through a tough, nationwide, competition. Given that approximately four people applied for every open slot, USDA was able to select incredibly qualified Members from a wide variety of educational, racial, economic, and gender backgrounds.

4) The USDA/AmeriCorps Program is Creating a Mission-Driven Government by Transforming Rules-Driven Organizations.

USDA has erased the artificial boundaries between itself and other Federal Departments working in similar areas by partnering on AmeriCorps projects at the local level with Department of Interior in California, the Environmental Protection Agency in Maine, the Department of Education in Oregon, and the Department of Energy in Minnesota.

Focusing on many of the Department Of Agriculture's multiple missions, the USDA/AmeriCorps program fulfills the goals of key initiatives pushed by the Clinton Administration such, as:

- * Integrating nutrition education information into the delivery of aid through USDA feeding programs;
- * Bridging the false choice between environmental protection and economic growth by promoting ecosystem management and multiple uses on National Forest lands;
- * Providing long-term strategic planning assistance to rural communities;
- * Promoting sustainable agriculture that protects water and soil quality while allowing farm families to make good incomes;
- * and, Implementing Empowerment Zone and Enterprise Community designations in rural areas to bring together a wide variety of government services to work in tandem to promote community development.

5) The USDA/AmeriCorps Program is Creating a Results-Oriented Government by Funding Outcomes, Not Inputs.

The USDA/AmeriCorps program is requiring specific performance measures for each and every site that are agreed upon before the project starts and are measured and evaluated at quarterly intervals throughout the year. While it is sometimes difficult and painful to measure concrete and specific accomplishments every few months, such measurements are a cornerstone of the Department's program.

In cases where sites have accomplished far more than one fourth of their yearly community service objectives in the first quarter, we know those projects are highly successful. For instance, in West Virginia, a project sponsored by the USDA Natural Resources and Conservation Service, the Members completed most of their community service objectives for the year in just the first month and a half of the program and then began completing more ambitious projects. In some cases, where less progress was made towards the objectives in the first quarter, we can immediately assess the project to see how changes and improvements can be made before it is too late.

6) The USDA/AmeriCorps Program is Creating a Customer-Drive Government by Meeting the Needs of the Customer, Not The Bureaucracy.

All our programs are focused on results for the community, even if this means changing the culture of the USDA bureaucracy. One USDA project managers reported that Federal employees in his agency are still adjusting to reality that AmeriCorps Members "are working in different areas that we do not normally address which are more appropriate to a national service program." However, he reported that, "With time the rank and file employees will be more comfortable with the AmeriCorps project and the Members and that their challenge and charge is different."

Other cultural changes in the Federal culture are occurring as well. In Utah, two of our sometimes competing agencies formed a close partnership to jointly administer all aspects of the project. The Department has created a new way to transfer funds, a new way to payroll AmeriCorps Members, a new operations handbook, new ways of calculating budgets on spreadsheets--- all with the aim of reducing bureaucracy to best support the AmeriCorps Members and "get things done in communities." Some specific examples of administrative changes enacted for the USDA AmeriCorps program:

- * Worked with the USDA National Finance Center to devise a unique payroll system for AmeriCorps Members that has served as a model for the Federal government.
- * Created and implemented unique new systems to transfer funds from the Corporation for National and Community Service to USDA and from USDA to non-profit groups. The Executive Director of the Milwaukee Community Service Corps -- who sits on the Board of his state commission on national and community service -- reports that USDA transferred money to his organization more quickly than did his own state government.
- * Created different, complex, and constantly changing budgets for all our AmeriCorps projects. Created unique Lotus spreadsheets to manipulate budgets.

- * Chaired a task force of agency personnel that created and implemented all personnel, financial, budgetary, and administrative procedures used by USDA AmeriCorps projects.

- * Scrapped existing personnel regulations in favor of new ones we are creating for AmeriCorps participants.

6) The USDA/AmeriCorps Program is Creating an Enterprising Government by Earning Rather Than Spending.

Many USDA projects are, in effect, performing fee for service by obtaining funding from sponsors for whom they are performing work.

7) The USDA/AmeriCorps Program is Creating a Anticipatory Government by Focusing on Prevention Rather Than Cures.

By focusing on nutrition programs that keep senior citizens healthy, promoting WIC programs which prevent diseases for young children and for mothers, fire protection programs for rural areas, and sustainable agriculture projects that protect water quality, the USDA AmeriCorps program is stopping problems before they occur and thus saving taxpayer dollars.

8) The USDA/AmeriCorps Program is Creating a Decentralized Government by Moving From Hierarchy to Participation and Teamwork.

The USDA AmeriCorps program has empowered front line workers by allowing career civil servants in Washington to play key leadership roles in implementing this program.

The project managers at the state and local level have been given a great deal of flexibility in project planning and implementation, with the Washington office providing mostly "steering" to ensure that projects meet the requirements of both the law and the AmeriCorps vision.

In response to input from local managers, USDA and the Corporation for National Service have changed many requirements in only the first few months of operations, such as rules for recruitment and rules for replacing Members who leave the program.

The USDA program has seriously reviewed all the challenges described by local managers in the first quarter reports, and has taken extensive steps to meet those challenges. Breaking down the many levels of bureaucracy that stand between Washington and the field, the USDA Director of National Service communicates frequently and directly with project managers at the local level through site visits, telephone calls, and conference calls.



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December 28, 1994

Janice Syverson
R R 2 Box 98
Twin Valley, MN 56584

Dear Janice:

I want to thank you for all your work during the 1995 Christmas Toy & Joy Shop. Your efforts made it a great success.

We hope that you will consider volunteering in this capacity again next year.

Please remember that there are many volunteer opportunities available throughout the year. Should you be interested in these opportunities, please contact our office.

Again, thank you for all your help!

Mrs. Lt. Sandra Dennis
Assistant Corps Officer

SJD/lmh

March 3, 1995

Director
Americorps
U.S. Department of Agriculture
AG BOX 1310
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Dear Sir or Madam:

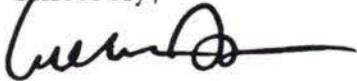
My wife and I have just attended an "open house" staged by leaders of the Americorps organization in Goldendale, Washington. The Greener Pastures Institute is in the process of building a new headquarters in Washington state.

We met some very dynamic, committed young people at the open house describing their myriad efforts to restore riparian habitat in Klickitat County and take on other needed community service projects.

I understand that political pressures may be brought to bear to disband this program which is obviously creating educational and training opportunities for young people while at the same time contributing to community beautification and development. It reminds me of the old VISTA (Volunteers in Service to America) program.

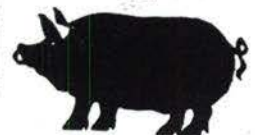
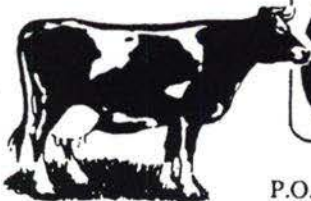
I hope you will pass this letter along to those who can positively influence continued funding of the Americorps program.

Sincerely,



William L. Seavey
Director

cc: Dave Kreft, Natural Resource & Conservation Service, Goldendale



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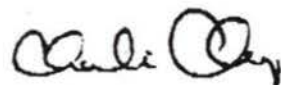
Dear Ana:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your superb assistance with the Aztec and Bloomfield business survey. Without your dedicated effort we would have been unable to meet the stringent deadline set forth for the completion of the project.

I've spoken with Patty Lundstrom and Jennifer Dowling at the COG, and they were equally impressed by the timeliness in which you were able to conduct all of the surveys. Though the analysis is currently in its early stages, the results appear to be promising and we anticipate gaining a great deal of insight.

Thank you again for your help and we will forward a copy of the final report to your office.

Sincerely,



Charlie Chavez
Chairman
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**METRO**

March 24, 1995

Senator Mark Hatfield
711 Hart Senate Office Bldg
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Hatfield:

Attached is a resolution adopted March 23, 1995, by the Metro Council, in support of continued funding for the AmeriCorps program. We have found AmeriCorps to be a valuable tool to provide valuable work experience for urban youth and college students, while helping local projects aimed at cleaning and restoring the environment.

We have local experience with AmeriCorps, through an EnviroCorps project employing 20 young people working to restore parts of the Columbia Slough and other fragile natural environments. This program is already producing results from a committed group of workers.

We hope that you will give strong consideration to continuing funding for AmeriCorps on a national level, to continue producing benefits, like those already accruing to the Portland metropolitan region, in communities throughout the United States. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Ruth McFarland
Presiding Officer

Mike Burton
Executive Officer

Ed Washington
Metro Councilor

BEFORE THE METRO COUNCIL

Guthy Ross
Clerk of the Metro Council

FOR THE PURPOSE OF EXPRESSING
SUPPORT FOR THE NATIONAL
AMERICORPS PROGRAM

) RESOLUTION NO. 95-2119
)
) Introduced by Councilor
) Ed Washington

WHEREAS, The AmeriCorps program was established in June, 1994 to provide opportunities for young men and women across the country to work on conservation projects while earning a small stipend and college tuition credit; and

WHEREAS, The AmeriCorps program also provides the opportunity for its participants to gain valuable work experience while contributing to their community; and

WHEREAS, Metro is a participant in a local EnviroCorps program that is affiliated with AmeriCorps, which provides work experience for up to 20 young adults in helping to restore the Columbia Slough area adjacent to the former Whitaker School; and

WHEREAS, The local EnviroCorps program provides an excellent opportunity for inner-city youth to serve their community by cleaning and restoring this part of the Columbia Slough, and serve their own interests by doing productive work; and

WHEREAS, The EnviroCorps program is an excellent example of federal and local cooperation to achieve the multiple goals of assistance to our young people and environmental restoration; and

WHEREAS, Reduction or elimination of funding for the program at the federal level will deprive residents of the Metro area and across the country from realizing the multiple benefits of this most worthwhile program; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED,

That the Metro Council supports continued funding for the AmeriCorps program by the U.S. Congress, and directs that this resolution and a cover letter be sent to all members of Oregon's and southwest Washington's congressional delegations.

ADOPTED this 23 day of March, 1995.

J. Ruth McFarland
J. Ruth McFarland, Presiding Officer



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March 30, 1995

Ms Jacqueline Porter
205 Izlar Street
Blackville, SC 29817

Dear Ms Porter:

I would like to commend you on your work for the Blackville community as an Americorp volunteer. After reading your letter concerning services for HIV positive citizens, I contacted Ms Debra Dicks of the Barnwell City Health Department. The following is a list of services Ms Dicks indicated are available for citizens of the area:

- Pre-test Counseling regarding what HIV is;
- Counseling on being HIV positive once a test is positive, including counseling about health factors and lifestyle behaviors;
- Counseling on the AIDS disease once a second lab test indicates HIV positive status;
- Questioning on whether the client has a private medical provider and/or health insurance;
- A client is then referred to an HIV case manager who is in the district. Case management is based on individual need and is funded by Ryan White funding that just recently became available;
- Help in filling out disability of Medicaid form;
- Referrals to other departments, such as the South Carolina Mental Health Department, which also provide services for HIV positive individuals; the HIV Consortium; and given information on private counseling groups (located in Aiken, South Carolina);
- At the choice of the client, follow up lab work regarding T-4 counts can be performed by the Health Department. This work is based on availability.

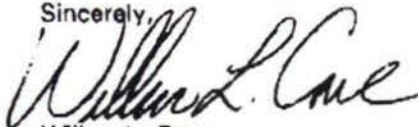
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In addition, the department now has contracts with physicians on an as-needed basis for those clients who do not have a private source medical provider. Some medication can be obtained from the Consortium, Ryan White funds, and from drug companies. The Health Department aids in filling out the necessary applications for this medication.

From this information, it appears that the problem for the county is not the lack of services, but is in convincing citizens to come forward and utilize these services. Your position as an Americorp volunteer to link resources and people is ideal for this challenge.

It is my pleasure to help you in any way I can in confronting this problem. I hope you will let me know if I can be of further assistance to you.

Sincerely,



Wilbur L. Cave

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CITY OF MARVELL
P.O. BOX 837
MARVELL, AR 72366

April 6, 1995

Mr. Joel Berg
AmeriCorps Director
USDA
Room 538-A
14th & Ind., SE
Washington, DC 20256

Dear Mr. Berg,

The City of Marvell would like to express their sincere appreciation for the work that the AmeriCorps volunteers have provided in our rural community. The workers have provided services that our city would not have been otherwise able to afford or provide.

Currently Jana Coleman is working with the City of Marvell filling out grant applications, organizing community volunteer committees, and assisting with the planning and installation of handicap ramps in our downtown area. She is a major force in getting the City prepared for new projects to be implemented, such as Neighborhood Watch, a new county library in our community, and an updated City map. In conjunction with the AmeriCorps participant and the Natural Resources Conservation Service, the City of Marvell has applied for a Floodplain Management Study. With the AmeriCorps volunteers assistance this project, which is greatly needed in our area, is closer to becoming a reality for the City of Marvell.

Other individuals and groups are also being helped by additional AmeriCorps volunteers in our area. Vivian Jones is teaching Staff Development at the Boys, Girls, Adults Community Development Center located in Marvell. Harrison Locke is assisting an area farmer in vegetable production.

In closing, the AmeriCorps volunteers are an asset to not only our town but to the entire Delta region. It is with great respect that I request the continuance of this program.

Sincerely,


Clark Hall, Mayor

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March 15, 1995

Ms. Jana Coleman
Americor Program
Room 217
617 Walnut St
Helena, AR 72342

Dear Jana,

As mayor of Marvell, I just wanted to say thank you for all the long hours you put in on our recent Cops-More grant. The job you did was outstanding. The City was indeed lucky to have your co-operation.

Please keep us informed on the Flood Plain Management Study. We are in desperate need of this service. If there is anything further that I need to do please let me know.

If there is any way possible I would like to have you in Marvell on a regular basis. I feel that with your help, together we could tackle all of our problems.

Again, thanks for a great job. If there is anything I can do to help you in other programs just let me know. I am looking forward to working with you in the near future.

Thanks again


Clark Hall, Mayor

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March 17, 1995

Mr. Bruce Leggitt
Central Arkansas RC&D
NBA Building-Suite 205
4000 McCain Blvd.
North Little Rock, AR 72116

Dear Mr. Leggitt:

Renee Spurlock, Audria Coleman, and Jana Coleman, members of the AmeriCorps-USDA, are very active in and concerned about our community.

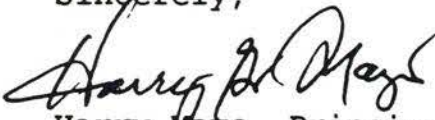
They serve on various projects whose mission is to improve the quality of life in the Holly Grove community. Two good examples are the Crime and Drug Committee and the Education Development Committee. One goal of the Crime and Drug Committee is to organize Neighborhood Watch Programs throughout the city.

As members of the City Beautification, Recreation and Tourism Committee, Ms. Spurlock and Ms. J. Coleman have the task of implementing ideas that will encourage tourism in our city thereby improving our sagging economy.

Vivian Jones is a member of the AmeriCorps-USDA Program who is working on the DAD (Dealing With Adolescent Development) Program. The goals of the DAD Program are to bring job opportunities to the city and to provide the African American youth of the city with programs to help them deal with problems they currently face. As a member of the DAD program, I plan to personally work with about thirty of these at risk African American males.

I have observed both concern and dedication to purpose in Ms. A. Coleman, Ms. J. Coleman, Mrs. Jones and Ms. Spurlock. As a fellow member serving on several committees with them, I have seen their devotion and hard work.

Sincerely,



Harry Mayo, Principal
Holly Grove High School

Mayor
LULA TYLER

City of Holly Grove

Aldermen
MOSES BURTON
PATRICIA CHASTAIN
DON DEARING
J. T. RICHARDSON

P. O. BOX 430
HOLLY GROVE, AR 72069
501-462-3422

March 22, 1995

Paula Cole Jones
Director, Americorp
USDA-NRCS

Dear Ms. Jones:

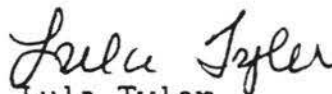
The City of Holly Grove is very proud to have Americorps workers in our town. They have shown a great interest in improving the living conditions for all of our citizens. They have shown much enthusiasm and motivation in working with our community.

The City has undertaken several projects and the Americorp workers have been very instrumental in keeping the projects out front. They have been very active in the FEMA buy-out and also in reactivating committees that will determine the growth of the City. Also they have been very beneficial in locating funding sources for our projects.

All of the citizens, especially the senior citizens, look forward to reading The Holly Grove Update that is prepared monthly by the Americorps workers. This effort has also brought the City closer together.

It is a pleasure to have Americorps workers in our community. They have been most helpful and cooperative in our endeavor to motivate our residents to become an active part of our community. I hope to see the Americorps program extended here in Holly Grove for at least another year to allow for the completion of the projects that have already been started and to further educate the public in order that the programs that have been initiated by the Americorps workers will continue to be successful.

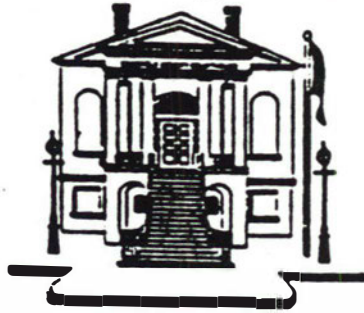
Respectfully,


Lula Tyler
Mayor

Edgefield County Tax Collector

Mr. Mark Berkland
Mr. Jim Wilson

Linda B. Priest
Tax Collector



SUITE 203
129 Courthouse Square
EDGEFIELD, SOUTH CAROLINA 29824
(803) 637-4068

FEBRUARY 16, 1995

MR. MARK BERKLAND
STATE CONSERVATIONIST
USDA-NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE
COLUMBIA, SC 29201

DEAR MR. BERKLAND:

THIS LETTER IS TO EXPRESS THE APPRECIATION FOR THE WORK PERFORMED BY THE AMERICORP TEAM IN EDGEFIELD COUNTY. THE AMERICORP VOLUNTEERS FOR OUR COUNTY CONSISTED OF CHAD WESTON, ANGI PAULUS, CHRIS BEVER, SHERRELL STEVENS AND SUSAN MILLER.

THEY DID A ROAD INVENTORY TO HELP US IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE 911 SYSTEM HERE. THERE HAD BEEN NO ACCURATE RECORDS UPDATED AS TO ALL ROADS AND ROAD NAMES IN OUR COUNTY IN A LONG TIME. DUE TO THEIR EFFORTS, WE NOW ARE ABLE TO CONTINUE WITH THE NAMING OF ROADS.

OUR TEAM HAD A VERY PROFESSIONAL AND ORGANIZED OUTLOOK ON THE PROJECT. THERE WAS NEVER A DAY THAT WENT BY THAT THEY WERE NOT A BLESSING TO US.

PERSONALLY, I CAME TO KNOW EACH PERSONALITY TRAIT AND I HOPE WE WILL ALWAYS HAVE A LASTING FRIENDSHIP BECAUSE THEY ARE VERY DEAR FRIENDS TO ME.

IN APPRECIATION FOR EDGEFIELD COUNTY AND THE 911 PROGRAM, I SAY "THANK YOU".

SINCERLY,

Linda

LINDA PRIEST AND MIKE CASEY
E911 COORDINATORS FOR
EDGEFIELD COUNTY

CC: MS. MARTHA RICH, ACTING CO. ADM.
MR. JIM WILSON, AMERICORPS COORDINATOR
MR. CHAD WESTON, AMERICORP VOLUNTEER

South Carolina Department of Natural Resources



February 9, 1995
205 Yosemite Drive
Greenwood, S.C. 29649

James A. Timmerman, Jr., Ph.D.
Director
W. Brock Conrad, Jr.
Deputy Director for
Wildlife and
Freshwater Fisheries

Mr. Mark Berkland, State Conservationist
USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service
1850 Assembly Street
Strom Thurmond Building, Room 950
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Dear Mr. Berkland:

I would like to thank you and your staff, especially Jim Wilson, for the assistance provided to Wildlife Management Region II, S. C. Department of Natural Resources, by the Greenwood 1 AmeriCorps team. The team was eager and enthusiastic and, other than initial instructions, went about their tasks with little need for supervision by my staff. They posted about 100 miles of Wildlife Management Area boundary with about 900 signs, coded over 3,000 deer data cards, and used GPS technology to obtain location and size information on 30 of our permanent wildlife openings. Along with our personnel they helped in control burning about 300 acres to improve wildlife habitat and erected 24 new wood duck nest boxes.

The members of team, Chris Bever, Angi Paulus, Susan Miller, Sherell Stevens and Chad Weston, showed considerable interest in and appreciation for the wildlife resources of the area, even though their career choices lay in other fields. Hopefully their brief exposure will help them be more aware of the need for natural resource conservation as they pursue their careers.

I am hopeful that we will be able to obtain the assistance of another AmeriCorps team either later this year or in future years. Their help will make a significant impact on our ability to more effectively management the wildlife resources of the area.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robert W. Gooding".

Robert W. Gooding
Regional Wildlife Biologist

cc: Tim Ivey



RIFF
COUNTY



O. DUDLEY RUSHTON

TELEPHONE: (803) 445-2112
(803) 445-2116

205 E. CHURCH ST. • SALUDA, SOUTH CAROLINA 29138

January 20, 1995

Mark W. Berkland
State Conservationist
Natural Resources Conservation Service
135 Assembly Street
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Dear Sir;

As Sheriff of Saluda County and being in charge of the Jail and Dispatch Services for the Sheriff's Office, The Saluda Police Department, The Ridge Spring Police Department, Nine(9) Fire Departments in the county along with having to communicate with State Highway Patrol through the Greenwood District Office as well The Department of Social Services, Alcohol and Drug Abuse, the local Department of Probation-Parole and Pardon Services, and local Wildlife officers through Edgefield Wildlife, no one realize the importance of more than I.

I have found that there is a lot of preliminary work to be done before 911 can become a reality. this is not only time consuming, but also expensive. this created a problem, as I was not sure where this money or the qualified personnel would come from to undertake such an enormous and tedious task.

Fortunately however, I was informed by our Chamber of Commerce of an organization called AmeriCorps and the services they offer. This has been a blessing to us. The job these young people have done has been very professional. We are not only very pleased with their work but also impressed with the way it was done.

To you Sir and AmeriCorps we are forever greatful.

Sincerely,

Dudley Rushton
Sheriff Dudley Rushton

DR/mrw



February 6, 1995

Mark W. Berkland
State Conservationist
Natural Resources Conservation Service
1835 Assembly Street
Columbia SC 29201

Dear Mr. Berkland:

On behalf of the Saluda County Chamber of Commerce, I wish to express my thanks to the NRCS for their assistance in allowing us the opportunity to witness firsthand the services of AmeriCorps volunteers in our community from January 3 through January 25th.

The Newberry I team; Diggs Hill, Abbe Gage, Karen Kinard, Madeline Cislo, and John E. Morgan III exhibited sunny attitudes, abundant energy, and a willingness to work that will be hard to match by anyone else. Their work was so extremely significant to our project here for the implementation of the "911" program.

The team divided the county, researched information and gathered data, physically visited and inventoried every road in the county and prepared maps showing the location of homes, hazards, roads, etc. They developed spread sheet information identifying five fire districts in the county and computerized all the data. The information will now be assembled into revised maps of the county which will be distributed to the emergency and law enforcement personnel. The AmeriCorps Newberry I team touched the lives of every resident of Saluda County with their work in a very short time, and we truly appreciate having met and known them all.

We do look forward to seeing our friends again soon. Please extend our thanks for an excellent job! A photo is enclosed.

Sincerely,

Carol S. Williams
Executive Secretary

Enclosure

c Mr. Dan Guy
District Conservationist, Saluda County

December 9, 1994

Mr. Mark Berkland
State Conservationist
USDA - Natural Resources Conservation Service
1835 Assembly Street, Room 950
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Dear Mr. Berkland,

I am writing to express my appreciation for the work performed by the Americorps Greenwood No. Two Volunteer team. Initially, I had submitted a proposal for the Americorps volunteers to code SCDHEC's water classifications on hardcopy maps of the state's stream system for a nine county area. I had anticipated this work effort would take approximately three to four weeks. Work was to begin October 17, 1994, with a completion date of November 17th. The team finished the initial task within a week's time and continued to complete the water classification coding for the entire state. The process incorporated a rigorous quality assurance/quality control program that the volunteers adhered to diligently. In addition, the team labeled and sleeved 2,000 photographs associated with our National Aerial Photography Program, indexed and inventoried hundreds of topographic maps, keyed in historic data on our state's water classifications and accompanied staff field biologists on sampling expeditions.

For each team member their week consisted of traveling one day to the SCDHEC's Central office in Columbia to key in data and assist in GIS coding, one day travel to meet with the field biologist for sampling, two days in the Greenwood Office for stream map coding and on their 'Free Friday' cleared and developed nature trails and erected fences at an Earth Education Resource Center in Laurens. Days began at 8:00 sharp and whether they were traveling from Augusta, Laurens or Greenwood, all volunteers arrived at the various work locations promptly. The Americorps volunteers were always professional and enthusiastic about their work, maintaining a wonderful sense of humor even when tasks became difficult or tedious. Each volunteer was a joy to work with and I cannot overstate how appreciative SCDHEC is of being the recipient of the work produced from the volunteer's effort. I believe the Americorps Program has established a wonderful beginning with this initial effort from the Greenwood Office and I wish the program continued success with future endeavors. You can be proud of the work the Greenwood No. Two team has accomplished. Again, I appreciate the opportunity to have been associated with the Americorps Program.

Sincerely yours,


Jeannie Pickett Eidson
Environmental Quality Manager

cc: Wally Turner, USDA-NRCS
Jim Wilson, USDA, Americorps Coordinator
Russ Sherer, SCDHEC WPC Bureau Chief
Glenn Trofatter, SCDHEC WPC Division Director
Dave Payne, SCDHEC WPC Section Manager
Americorps Greenwood No. Two Team



UNITED
STATES
DEPARTMENT
OF AGRICULTURE

Attn: Dee

August 27, 1996

TO: Pat Paul, AmeriCorps Project Director, NRCS, Virginia

FROM: Joel Berg, USDA Director of National Service *JB*

SUBJECT: Year-to-Date Data on Objectives and Member Forms

Attached is a "year-to-date" progress report showing accomplishments on objectives through the third quarter report. **This data, plus the fourth quarter data, will be provided to members of Congress representing your state and to your agency leaders. It is imperative that the information reflected in this report be as accurate as possible.** The report also shows the degree to which you have accomplished your objectives which were agreed to at the beginning of this program year.

I ask that you carefully review this report. Review each objective with the following items in mind:

1. **Accuracy of the data.** This information will be shared with many different groups, and it is important to be accurate in our reporting as well as getting credit for all the great work you have done during the year.

2. **Completion of community service objectives.** One way to determine the successful completion of objectives is to measure accomplishments against the target quantity measurement which you established at the beginning of the year. The table below gives you a snapshot picture of your accomplishments through the third quarter. The last five columns reflects your work measured against the target quantity.

SITE #	NUMBER OF OBJECTIVES	NUMBER OF OBJECTIVE EXCEEDED	NUMBER OF OBJECTIVES AT 100%	NUMBER OF OBJECTIVES 50-100% COMPLETE	NUMBER OF OBJECTIVES 0-50% COMPLETE	NO TARGET QUANTITY	Congressional District
Y51A	5	2	3				10, 11
Y51B	12	1	10	1			1, 3
Y51C	8	3	5				1, 4, 5
Y51D	8	5	3				9
Y51E	2	2					9

3. **Program codes.** Review the program code for each of your objectives. Please be sure that the data you are recording for quantity matches the quantity for that program code. If you are counting something other than the quantity measurement for the code, please indicate exactly what you are counting.



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USDA State Progress Report (CNS Grant No. 95ADFDC047)

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(10/1 - 12/31) (1/1 - 3/31) (4/1 - 6/30) (7/1 - 9/30)

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3. Agency: ARS ☐ NRCS ☒ Forest Service ☐ RECD ☐ FSA ☐ FCS ☐

SECTION II - STATE CONTACT INFORMATION: (Make Corrections if Necessary)

4. Contact Name: _____
Pat Paul _____ Last

1606 Santa Rosa Rd
Culpepper Bldg, Suite 209
5. Title: _____ Richmond, VA 23229-5014

6. Address: _____
street, number, and PO (if applicable)

City State Zip

7. Telephone number: 8 0 4 - 2 8 7 - 1 6 8 1

8. Fax number: 8 0 4 - 2 8 7 - 1 7 3 7

9. E-Mail Address (if any) : _____

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8/15/96

10. MEMBER DATA:

OP SITE ID: Y51A

Site Supervisor: Barry Harris
Agency/Org Name: Fairfax Field Office
City: Manassas, VA

PHONE: 703-324-1460
FAX: 7033241421

STATE: VA

No. of Members Allocated by USDA: 1

Member Name	SSN	SER STAT	PGM STAT	TRT STAT	HOURS				Total
					1st Rpt	2nd Rpt	3rd Rpt	4th Rpt	
FULLER, NORMAN	D. (b)(6)	F	A	I	154 173	495 400	447 448	617	1638
								Total Hours:	1638

No. of Members Allocated by USDA: 1

No. of Active Members Whose Enrollment Forms were recieved at USDA (not including terminations): 1

No. of Members for Whom Forms Have NOT Been Recieved*: 0

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8/15/96

10. MEMBER DATA:

OP SITE ID: Y51B

Site Supervisor: Pat Tyrrell
Agency/Org Name: Rappahannock Office Bldg
City: Tappahannock, VA

PHONE: 804-443-1118

FAX: 8044431511

STATE: VA

No. of Members Allocated by USDA: 2

Member Name	SSN	SER STAT	PGM STAT	TRT STAT	HOURS				Total
					1st Rpt	2nd Rpt	3rd Rpt	4th Rpt	
CLANCY, PATRICE	R. (b)(6)	P	A	I	0	89	336	<u>340.5</u>	765.5
CONNER, SHARON	L. (b)(6)	F	A	I	336	496	432	<u>436</u>	1700

Total Hours: 2465.5

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10. MEMBER DATA:

OP SITE ID: Y51C

Site Supervisor: Ray Dorsett

PHONE: 804-736-8403

Agency/Org Name: Old Dominion RC&D

FAX: 8047360003

STATE: VA

City: Keysville, VA

No. of Members Allocated by USDA: 2

Member Name		SSN	SER STAT	PGM STAT	TRT STAT	HOURS				Total
						1st Rpt	2nd Rpt	3rd Rpt	4th Rpt	
PRITCHARD	, EMILY	A.	F	A	I	194	459	490	<u>557</u>	1700
SPENCER	, DOUGLAS	F.	F	A	I	368	434	472	<u>426</u>	1700
Total Hours:										3400

No. of Members Allocated by USDA: 2

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10. MEMBER DATA:

OP SITE ID: Y51D

Site Supervisor: Gary Boring
Agency/Org Name: New River Highlands RC&D
City: Wytheville, VA

PHONE: 703-228-2879

FAX: 7032284367

STATE: VA

No. of Members Allocated by USDA: 2

			HOURS								Total
Member Name		SSN	SER STAT	PGM STAT	TRT STAT	1st Rpt	2nd Rpt	3rd Rpt	4th Rpt		
BIGGS, AUDREY	L.	(b)(6)	F	A	I	377	474	440	409	1700	
BRUBAKER, DIANA	G.	(b)(6)	F	A	I	72	670	446	512	1700	
Total Hours: 3400											

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10. MEMBER DATA:

OP SITE ID: Y51E Site Supervisor: Blaine Delaney PHONE: 540-889-4180
STATE: VA Agency/Org Name: Black Diamond RC&D FAX: 5408894246
City: Lebanon , VA

No. of Members Allocated by USDA: 1

Member Name	SSN	SER STAT	PGM STAT	TRT STAT	HOURS				Total
					1st Rpt	2nd Rpt	3rd Rpt	4th Rpt	
FIELDS, MARLENE	D. (b)(6)	F	A	I	368	417	398	<u>421</u>	1604
Total Hours:									1604

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11. Please list the total number of **volunteers** who took part in activities which were sponsored or organized by all the Members in the state during this period.

1st Qtr.	2nd Qtr.	3rd Qtr.	4th Qtr.	Total
<u>82</u>	<u>153</u>	<u> </u>	<u>257</u>	<u> </u>

12. Please list the total number of **hours of community service** completed by the volunteers cited above during this period.

1st Qtr.	2nd Qtr.	3rd Qtr.	4th Qtr.	Total
<u>169</u>	<u>1276</u>	<u> </u>	<u>1230</u>	<u> </u>

SECTION IV - PROGRESS TOWARDS ACCOMPLISHING SERVICE OBJECTIVES:

13. Original Community Service Objectives: Attached are sheets summarizing the community service objectives that were originally approved for each operating site. In cases where a single objective may take an entire year to complete, that objective may have a sub-objectives listed. **You need to fill in the column marked "4th QTR Quantity" and the column marked "4th QTR Success" — as well as any column that is blank, has a zero, or has a question mark — for EVERY operating site.** Each chart should have the following columns:

"State" - The standard two-letter code for your state

"Obj No" - Each community service objective for each site is assigned an individual number

"Op Site" - Each site's unique operating site identification

"PGM Code" - Each type of service has been assigned a unique code to describe that type of service. See the appendix to this report entitled "Community Service PGM Code List"

"Obj/Impact Statement" - A few words verbally summarizing the community service objective

"Year's QTY Target" - The year's numerical goal for the people or things to be aided

"Target Unit of Measurement" - The unit of measure used in the previous column

"4th QTR Quantity" - Provide a hard number indicating progress towards the "Year's QTY Target"

"Year's Success Target" - Number for a way of measuring *quality* of service provided --- if this column is blank, has a question mark, or has a zero, please replace it with the accurate information

"Success Unit of Measure" - Explanation of the number in the previous column --- if this column is blank, has a question mark, or has a zero, please replace it with the accurate information

"4th QTR Success" - Provide a hard number indicating progress towards the "Year's Success Target"

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QUESTION 13. PROGRESS TOWARDS ACCOMPLISHING ORIGINAL COMMUNITY SERVICE OBJECTIVES

(Under "4th QTR Quantity" enter the amount of work done in the fourth quarter. Do the same for "4th QTR Success".)

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State	OP Site	Obj No.	PGM Code	Obj/Impact Statement	Year's QTY Target	Unit of Measure	4th QTR Quantity	Year's Success Target	Unit of Measure	4th QTR Success
VA	Y51A	4	EN-E113A	Conservation display developed	100	people reached	200	100	# people with increased knowledge	200%
VA	Y51A	4	EN-E038B	Land surveys	10	acres - surveyed	10	100	% used	100%
VA	Y51A	4	EN-E017A	Homeowner presentations	50	adults - educated	70	100	% of homeowners using water quality BMP's	140%
VA	Y51A	4	EN-E072A	Tree planting	600	trees - planted		100	number of trees that survive	
VA	Y51A	4	E059	Streambank stabilization	3000	feet stabilized	3000'	25%	reduction in erosion	100%
VA	Y51A	4	E060	Debris removal	3400	feet of stream channel cleared	3400'	25%	decrease in water pollution	100%

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Y51B

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State	OP Site	Obj No.	PGM Code	Obj/Impact Statement	Year's		4th QTR Quantity	Year's		4th QTR Success
					QTY Target	QTY Unit of Measure		Target	Success Unit of Measure	
VA	Y51B	3	EN-E033A	Conduct forest management workshops	50	# people - forestry education	50	100	% attendees who improve practices	100%
VA	Y51B	3	EN-R010A	Dry hydrant installed	1	hydrant - installed	1	100	% of work meeting professional standards	100%
VA	Y51B	3	EN-E006A	Landscaping at King & Queen County schools	2	landscape plans	1	100	100 % of students involved in gardens	100%
VA	Y51B	3	EN-R011A	Technical assistant to install dry hydrants	7	fire stations aided	31	100	100 % using information	445%
VA	Y51B	3	EN-E017*	Educate teachers about local environmental ed programs	19	schools - educate teachers				
VA	Y51B	3	EN-E017*	Educate teachers about local environmental resources	19	schools - educate teachers	-	100	% of adults demonstrating increased knowledge	100%
VA	Y51B	5	EN-R037A	Dry hydrant map created	1	map - digitized	-	100	100 % of maps used to implement actions	100%
VA	Y51B	5	EN-E013A	Environmental tutoring	1	students - educated	-	100	% of students with increased knowledge	100%
VA	Y51B	5	EN-E037A	Cat Point Creek W/S Map	1	maps - digitized	1	100	% of maps actually used to implement actions	100%

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State	Site	OP No.	Obj Code	PGM Obj/Impact Statement	Year's		4th QTR Quantity	Year's		4th QTR Success
					QTY Target	Unit of Measure		Target	Success Unit of Measure	
VA	Y51B	5	EN-E113A	"Ag-Day" displays developed	2	displays - developed	1	100%	% of schools bene- fitting from display	100%
VA	Y51B	5	EN-E014C	Eco-expositon participation	5	schools - participating	5	100	% of principals satisfied with service	100%
VA	Y51B	5	EN-E037A	Inventory of Cat Point Creek	20	maps - digitized	10	100	% of maps used to implement actions	100%
VA	Y51B	5	EN-E038	Improved survey data for Piantant w/s management	80	groups - water quality	40	100	% of groups using survey data	50%

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QUESTION 13. PROGRESS TOWARDS ACCOMPLISHING ORIGINAL COMMUNITY SERVICE OBJECTIVES

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State	OP	Obj	PGM	Obj/Impact Statement	Year's	QTY Unit of Measure	4th QTR	Year's	Success	Unit of Measure	4th QTR
	Site	No.	Code		QTY		Quantity	Target			Success
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VA	Y51C	1	EN-E001D	Grass planted to protect coastline	1,000	square ft. planted	-	100%	100	% of work meeting professional standards	100%
VA	Y51C	1	EN-E109A	Prepare site plans of municipal/industrial parks	1	plans - land use	-	100%		number of plans implemented	100%
VA	Y51C	1	EN-E126A	Develop landscape designs for parks	7	number of schematic plans produced	4	100%		% of plans implemented	100%
VA	Y51C	1	EN-E079A	Convert abandoned railroad to greenway	6	miles - trails renovated				% of trails meeting professional standards	deleted previously
VA	Y51C	2	EN-E015A	Outdoor classroom created	20 10	classrooms - created	-	100		% of students with increased knowledge	100%
VA	Y51C	2	EN-R061A	Resource inventory	50	people - reached	50	100		% of people with increased knowledge	100%
VA	Y51C	2	EN-E011A	Resource inventory	180	acres - inventoried	35	100		% used for implementing actions	100%
VA	Y51C	2	EN-E016A	Teaching conservation library	9000	students - educated	-	100		% of students with increased knowledge	100%
VA	Y51C	2	R001	Historical, archaeological sites identified	1	site inventoried	1	100		% of historical knowledge gained	100%

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Y51D

QUESTION 13. PROGRESS TOWARDS ACOMPLISHING ORIGINAL COMMUNITY SERVICE OBJECTIVES

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State	Site	OP No.	Obj Code	PGM Obj/Impact Statement	Year's		Year's		4th QTR	
					QTY Target	QTY Unit of Measure	Quantity	Success Target	Success Unit of Measure	4th QTR Success
VA	Y51D	6	EN-E015B	Create outdoor classroom	400	students - outdoor classroom education	269	100	% of student with increased knowledge	100
VA	Y51D	6	EN-E080A	Improve trail	1	miles - trails aided	1	40%	% of trails meeting professional standards	100%
VA	Y51D	6	EN-E094	Implement Adopt-a-Watershed program in 2 areas	2	areas - water quality	-	100%	Number of conservation methods adopted	100%
VA	Y51D	7	EN-R021A	Timber Bridge feasibility study	1	bridges - studies	-	100%	100 number of bridges actually built	100%
VA	Y51D	7	EN-E008A	Conservation practices and improvement planning	1	miles - conservation planning	-	100%	% of practices adopted	100%
VA	Y51D	7	EN-E014A	Envirothon participation	120	students - participate in environthon	-	100	% with increased knowledge	100%
VA	Y51D	7	EN-E017A	Educate local residents	128	adults - educated	704	100%	100 % with increased knowledge	550%
VA	Y51D	7	EN-E017A	Citizen network	2500	adults - educated	3400	100%	100 % with increased knowledge	

136%

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Y51E

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State	Site	OP No.	Obj Code	PGM Code	Obj/Impact Statement	Year's		4th QTR		Year's		4th QTR	
						QTY Target	Unit of Measure	Quantity	Success Target	Success Unit of Measure	Success		
VA	Y51E	7	EN-E017A		Conservation education	370	adults - educated	350	100%	% people with increased knowledge	706%		
VA	Y51E	8	EN-E063B		Landowners contacted to sign-up for conservation planning assistance	20	farmers - install practices	-	100%	20 decrease in environmental problems	215%		

15. Community Service:

Y51A - Stream blockages and eroding streambanks were impairing water quality in the Sugarland Run Watershed. By stabilizing 3400 feet of streambank, removing debris, and reseeding an emergency spillway in Loudoun County in a joint effort with the Homeowners Association, USDA-NRCS and the Virginia Department of Forestry, we were able to significantly reduce water pollution.

Y51B - While collecting resource data in the Piankatank Watershed, I have talked with hundreds of residents, students, and community leaders about water quality issues. I discussed ways to reduce pollution from nutrients, chemicals and erosion. More residents are now aware of what they can do to help protect water quality and several want to become actively involved in local water quality projects.

Y51B - A two-year project to turn a dangerous and unusable schoolyard into a safe, esthetically pleasing, multipurpose recreation and learning area was completed at King and Queen Elementary School. School officials, teachers, students, parents, and AmeriCorps members joined together to grade, seed, mulch, and landscape a playground that was previously filled with gullies several feet deep. Using donated materials we created a garden where students could apply the knowledge they learned in the classroom.

Y51C - In rural South Boston, three town parks were in a state of disrepair and little utilized by local residents. An AmeriCorps member worked with residents to inventory resources and prepare landscape designs to improve recreation resources. Fundraising and community events to increase citizen involvement have brought residents together in a grass roots effort to implement park construction and have increased a sense of community pride.

Y51C - Working with historical groups, local businesses, and community leaders, an AmeriCorps member helped expand tourism and improve the economy of small communities in South Central Virginia. By providing research on landmarks, creating signs, brochures, and information for visitor centers, this member helped attract thousands of visitors to the 110-mile route of Lee's Retreat and Staunton River Battlefield State Park.

Y51D - AmeriCorps and a local organization known as the Grassroots Conservancy, joined forces to transform a devastated area along the Holston River into a scenic greenway and outdoor learning lab in the Town of Marion. A sewer line installed along the river left eroding streambanks and contributed to the decline of fish habitat in what had been one of the area's best trout streams. A trail including handicap access was

constructed, trees were identified and marked, and a self-guided tour was developed. Today, local residents and 350 school students and teachers from nearby schools use the trail for recreational activities and environmental education. Best of all, this year the stream has been deemed clean enough to be restocked with trout by the state's Department of Game and Inland Fisheries.

Y51E - Educating young people and farmers to water quality issues and pollution prevention has been a major focus in southwest Virginia. School programs were used to reach more than 2500 hundred students with information on what they can do to protect water quality.

16. Community Building Objectives

Y51A - Working with Loudoun County Youth Project provided a unique opportunity to work with young adults from disadvantaged backgrounds. Although these young adults had gotten into trouble and came from some type of disadvantaged predicament, each one tried to cope with their situation in a positive way. They were an asset to me and to Loudoun County for the work they performed in streambank restoration efforts and reseeding the emergency spillway.

Y51B - The school planting project brought together many people -- parents, local businesses and serve groups. Interested citizens provided professional expertise and school faculty brought their students to help prepare, plant and maintain the project for future classes to enjoy.

Y51B - A cooperative relationship has been formed among NRCS, the Virginia Institute of Marine Science, and the Peninsula Planning Districts which will bring together sources of resource information for the benefit of local residents.

Y51C - AmeriCorps has been an unique partner working with citizen groups, state, local and federal agencies, and private organizations using a regional approach to promote tourism and recreation. Both Lee's Retreat and Virginia Retreat have become a model for other communities to use in developing this regional approach. Counties have seen how they can look beyond political boundaries to find common resources for economic development.

Y51C - AmeriCorps has helped use recreational park creation/renovation projects to mobilize community residents toward a common goal. This project has built new relationships among various segments of the community to raise funds, prioritize needs and concerns, and to build something tangible. The corresponding relationships and self-empowerment within the community will last long after the AmeriCorps term ends.

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Y51D - Through environmental education and outreach to local residents, the community is better informed to make decisions concerning their surrounding environment. Education has empowered the community to solve their own problems and search for the best answer for themselves and their neighbors. The Mation Riverwalk has been instrumental in involving and educating citizens in the area, and we are working on serving the entire county of Smyth. Once other areas were able to see and learn about Riverwalk, they initiated their own environmental labs on school property. These outdoor labs are lasting structures the community will have to learn from and enjoy beyond the AmeriCorps program.

Y51E - Among the successful events I was part of were:

- *cleaning up more than 47 bags of trash and an illegal dumpsite along the Clinch Powell River;

- *working with 20 volunteers to build two pedestrian timber bridges using underutilized trees to demonstrate possible economic development opportunities and increase recreational areas;

- *working with 30 volunteers and a Boy Scout troop to pick up a truckload of trash along the Riverwalk.

- *working with multi-organization team to restore 3/4 mile of river area and an incorporated wetland.

17. AmeriCorps Member Development:

Y51A - This position has strengthened my commitment to perform public service for the benefit of my country. The training I received from NRCS and the local Soil and Water Conservation districts was invaluable. It increased my knowledge in conservation practices; working with different government agencies and businesses; speaking and writing.

Y51B - AmeriCorps has given me the opportunity to come straight out of college and use the knowledge I was trained for and also earn money for continuing study. My writing and researching skills have improve immensely. I have gained more confidence in myself and my abilities. My pride for this community has grown.

Y51B - I have enjoyed working with the rural communities in ways not possible on my own and have learned a great deal in the process. The career experience alone was extremely valuable. Additionally, I have been exposed to the dynamics of mediating between groups of people with very different perspectives and agendas for the purpose of achieving a common goal.

Y51C - The AmeriCorps program has been instrumental in teaching me new skills and enhancing existing skills. In addition, I have had the opportunity to develop individually while serving others. The most important thing I have learned during my service is self confidence. The groups and individuals I have encountered have been extremely supportive of me and my ideas. They have offered a hand when needed, showed me kindness, demonstrated confidence in my abilities, encouraged me when I failed, pushed me to excel through their constructive criticism and gave me positive feedback for a job well done. Their actions have given me confidence as a professional and as an individual. At the end of my service, I hope I will be able to take what they have given me and share it with someone else as I embark on my next path. I have developed a sense of patriotism and pride in the USA for reaching out to Americans of all ethnic, social and economic status through the AmeriCorps National Service Program.

Y51E - Since becoming an AmeriCorps member, I have developed a strong sense of my interpersonal abilities. The opportunity to work with individuals forging partnerships with various agencies and volunteers has helped me to be more at ease with people. My writing activities have become stronger and more creative. I have had the opportunity to use my communication skills to interpret information and relate it to the general public while increasing my own level of understanding. I have been given the chance to attend conservation and recycling conferences that provided training on volunteer development, media, and education projects such as project wet, wild, and learning tree. I have enjoyed each opportunity because each session was geared to personal, career or organizational development.

18. Success Stories:

Y51C - I believe the greatest success story to come out of my worksite would be the Staunton River Battlefield State Park. This park is important to the community because most of the locals' ancestors fought in this battle. AmeriCorps has been with this battlefield since the beginning. Last year's members worked with a state agency to prepare the Visitor Center and historical information. The Old Dominion RC&D provided the Foundation with assistance to gain non-profit status. AmeriCorps was an essential part of the grand opening of the battlefield in June 1995. This year we provided historical research on the battlefield and surrounding landmarks. The information was compiled and catalogued for visitors and historical signs were posted along the trails. An AmeriCorps project landscaped the front of the Visitor Center and worked with the local Lions Club and Ruritan club who built benches for the park. AmeriCorps has been able to lead the Foundation in their progress for a better park.

Y51D - The Grassroots Conservancy has been improving the Riverwalk in Marion. The last section of trail runs parallel to a residential area. The Conservancy has been having problems with residents opposing the plans for the past two years, which stopped the improvements. Neither party was able to constructively with with the other. I had a chance to talk with residents concerning the plans. After long hours of listening and explaining, I was able to get the residents and Grassroots Conservancy members to compromise on the plans and improvements are now moving forward again.

19. Difficulties Faced by the Program:

Y51C - I believe most of the problems that occurred this year were administrative. It took CNS six months to register me as a member.

20. National Identity Activities:

Y51A - Beachgrass planting and picnic tables at Gloucester Point; tree planting on riparian corridor of Quantico Creek in Dumfries, Va.

Y51B - Volunteered one week along with 2 other AmeriCorps members to be a camp counselor at Youth Conservation Camp at Virginia Tech in Blacksburg, Va. During the week I interacted with a variety of kids from throughout the state, taking them to seminar classes, playing volleyball, canoeing, and doing camp activities. The most important thing I gained from the experience is the ability to talk to and learn from the younger generation. Despite their weird hairstyles and funky clothes, they have a lot to teach even adults. It is an AmeriCorps experience I will always remember and cherish.

Y51B - Renovation project for Appalachian Trail; spent one week with five other AmeriCorps members doing trail repairs on one of the nation's most well known footpaths. This included installing water bars, rock bars, stone and timber steps, removing roots and levelling an edge to make the trail more enjoyable for users. It was very hard work but a valuable learning experience.

Y51C - In Clover, Virginia, worked with volunteers to landscape the Visitor Center of the Staunton River Battlefield State Parl. During statewide volunteer conference in Virginia Beach which was attended by more than 200 AmeriCorps members, helped organize a service project to install public access trail at Seashore State Park. Also represented USDA AmeriCorps and chaired Virginia's first InterCorps Council. This group comprised representatives from all the AmeriCorps programs in Virginia. Discussed projects, problems, put out newsletters, and helped publish a directory for all the programs in the state. As a

Council member, attended City Year Annual Conference in Boston to discuss and compare programs. I believe the InteCorps Council would be a benefit to any state. I believe it made the programs in Virginia stronger because all programs were aware of each other and were available to each other when in need.

21. No significant changes in organization and/or structure.

22. Organizational improvements: Satellite downlink conference at beginning of fiscal year to introduce national AmeriCorps Directors and promote sense of national team identity.

Provide members with forms with greater turnaround time. Report forms mailed 30 days in advance.

Make logistical areas clearer: quarterly reports, travel planning/authorization.

23. Training and Technical Assistance Needs:

Y51A - Orientation for members before projects start. Easy access to computers at work stations.

Y51B - Maybe a short course on office procedures like timesheets, filing.

Y51B - Most important training is a good orientation session at time of member recruitment. I also believe that group projects, cluster and state, are very important for allowing members to interact and get to know each other, despite distances that often exist. More money should be allocated to this type of training and community service.

Y51C - An orientation program for new members is needed. Our director and supervisors have been very supportive to all of the members. We have been able to attend the training session we needed. I am fortunate to have been able to work with such a great organization and group of people.

Y51C - I had a rather unique mission during my term. As a landscape architect, I had the task of taking my profession into rural areas where this type of planning did not usually exist. Going where landscape design isn't traditionally found means there are few opportunities for training/guidance from established professionals in the field. It will be difficult to foster any relationship with experienced professionals unless they are officially connected with the projects or members.

Y51E - More cluster projects or opportunities to brainstorm together; more educational sessions; orientation at beginning of service, provide an AmeriCorps Leader position to facilitate

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contact with other AmeriCorps groups; more instruction to complete quartelry reports accurately,; inform members of authoritative processes of program.



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No. of Members Allocated by USDA: 5

			HOURS							Total
Member Name	SSN		SER STAT	PGM STAT	TRT STAT	1st Rpt	2nd Rpt	3rd Rpt	4th Rpt	
CARTER, JOHN	M.		F	E	HC	544	416	0	<u>0</u> ✓*	960
GREEN, AUDREY	T.		F	A	IB	560	400	560	<u>320</u> ✓	1520
HALL, ANNIE	.	(b)(6)	F	A	IB	560	400	560	<u>320</u> ✓	1520
TANNER, JR, HAROLD	F.		F	A	IA	400	400	456	<u>400</u> ✓*	1256
WHITE, CARRIE	L.		F	A	IB	480	400	560	<u>320</u> ✓	1440

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11. Please list the total number of **volunteers** who took part in activities which were sponsored or organized by all the Members in the state during this period.

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12. Please list the total number of **hours of community service** completed by the volunteers cited above during this period.

1st Qtr.	2nd Qtr.	3rd Qtr.	4th Qtr.	Total
<u>80</u>	<u>106</u>	<u>798</u>	<u>480</u>	<u>1464</u>

SECTION IV - PROGRESS TOWARDS ACCOMPLISHING SERVICE OBJECTIVES:

13. Original Community Service Objectives: Attached are sheets summarizing the community service objectives that were originally approved for each operating site. In cases where a single objective may take an entire year to complete, that objective may have a sub-objectives listed. **You need to fill in the column marked "4th QTR Quantity" and the column marked "4th QTR Success" --- as well as any column that is blank, has a zero, or has a question mark --- for EVERY operating site.** Each chart should have the following columns:

"State" - The standard two-letter code for your state

"Obj No" - Each community service objective for each site is assigned an individual number

"Op Site" - Each site's unique operating site identification

"PGM Code" - Each type of service has been assigned a unique code to describe that type of service. See the appendix to this report entitled "Community Service PGM Code List"

"Obj/Impact Statement" - A few words verbally summarizing the community service objective

"Year's QTY Target" - The year's numerical goal for the people or things to be aided

"Target Unit of Measurement" - The unit of measure used in the previous column

"4th QTR Quantity" - Provide a hard number indicating progress towards the "Year's QTY Target"

"Year's Success Target" - Number for a way of measuring *quality* of service provided --- if this column is blank, has a question mark, or has a zero, please replace it with the accurate information

"Success Unit of Measure" - Explanation of the number in the previous column --- if this column is blank, has a question mark, or has a zero, please replace it with the accurate information

"4th QTR Success" - Provide a hard number indicating progress towards the "Year's Success Target"

AmeriCorps
Project Proposal
Rural Development

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Project Name: Revitalization of the Lawrence Community Center

Location: Salters, S. C.

Contact Person: Mr. Phil Green, Recreation Supervisor
Williamsburg County
117 South Jackson Street
Kingstree,
South Carolina. 29556
Telephone Number (803)354-5004

Project Scope: (Brief description of type work, benefits, limitations, number of persons, length of time and estimated cost, final product, repaint and refurbish the Lawrence Community Center. port, evaluation, use by others.)

Repaint and refurbish the Lawrence Community Center. Plus, plant trees for the basic landscaping of the area. A map of the area to be refurbish is included with proposal. Both the community and town of Salters have limited financial and personal resources. Therefore, this project would not normally be done during this calendar year. However, with several volunteer citizens this project can be accomplished within 5 work days. Restoration of this center will provide a new appearance and improve the life of the structure for many years of community use.

Required

A. Available through sponsor. (such as vehicles, office space, training, equipment)

All tools and material needed will be provided by the Williamsburg County Recreation Department. Materials include:

Step ladders, extension ladders, paint scrapers, sand paper, paint thinner, 16 gallons of exterior and interior latex paint, masking tape, caulk, and caulking gun, paint brushes, rollers, and putty knife. Other equipment includes round point shovels, axes, pruning saws, lopping shears, brush cutters, refuse fork, and garden rakes.

Drinking water and lunch for 4 AmeriCorps Members for 5 work days.
Community resource people to coordinate volunteer citizens.

B. Requested by Outside Source: (such as equipment, technical assistance)

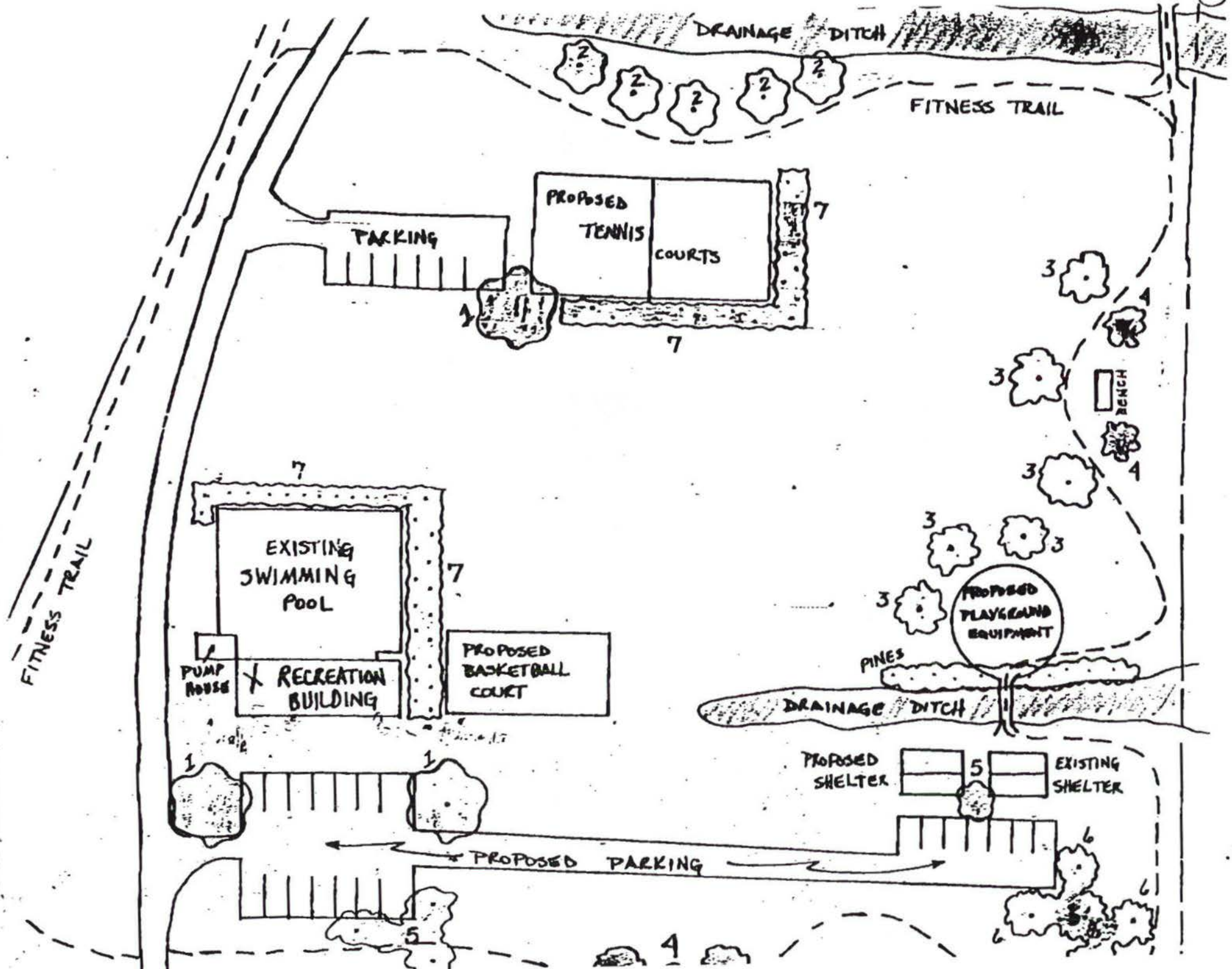
None. Project has full community support.

C. Project proposal should be submitted to:

Robert J. Eaddy
FSA AmeriCorps Program Director
1927 Thurmond Mall, Suite 100
Columbia, S. C. 29201

For Additional Information: Ph. (803)765-5429
FAX (803)765-5165

E090	Community Facility Painted or Rehabilitate	
a.	number of facility rehabilitated	ONE
b.	Number of square feet of facility rehabilitated	4,500
c.	Number of people using facility	2,500
d.	Estimated starting date	July 8, 1996
e.	Percent of work meeting professional standards	100%



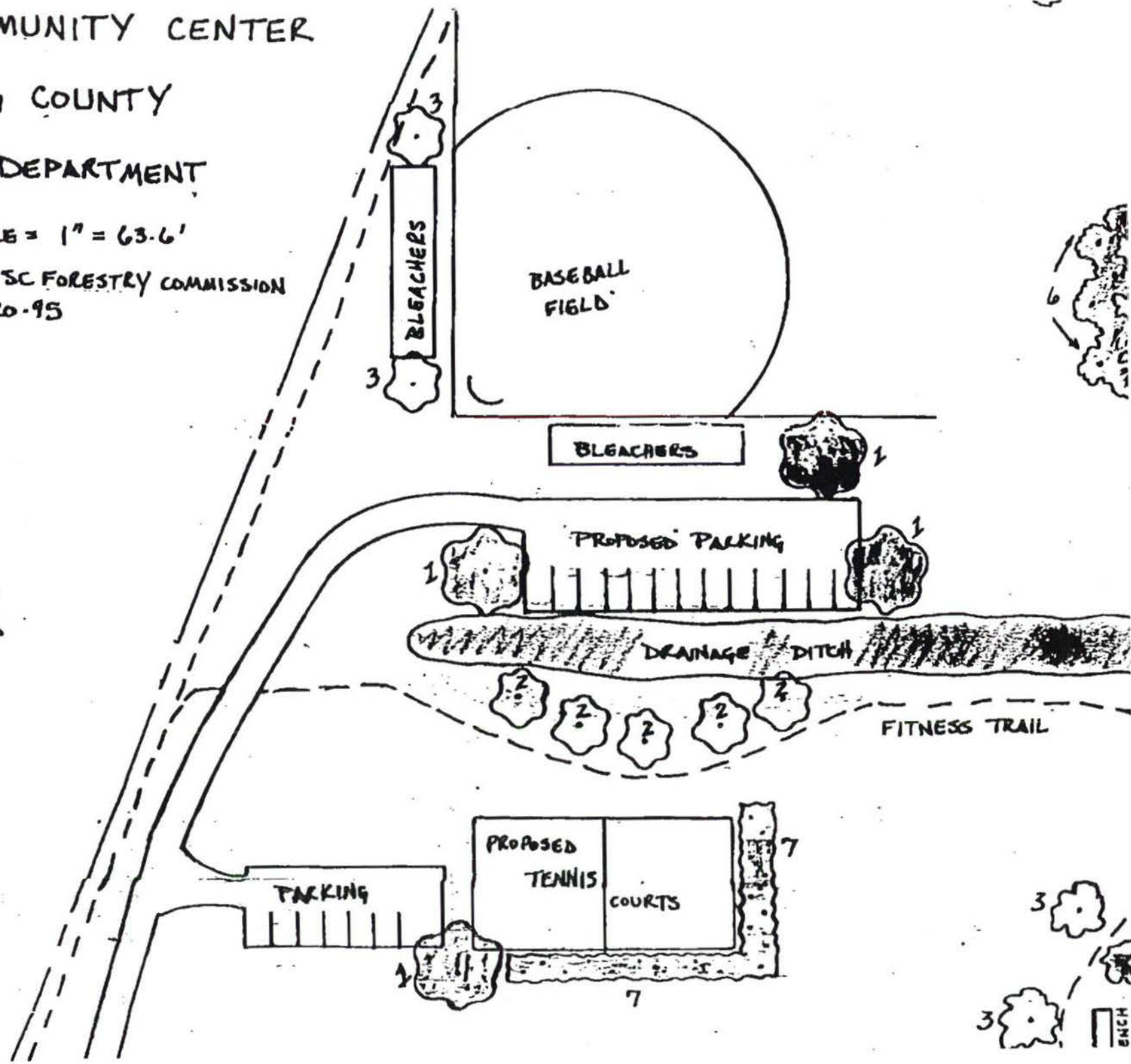
LAWRENCE COMMUNITY CENTER

P.04 WILLIAMSBURG COUNTY

RECREATION DEPARTMENT

APPROX. SCALE = 1" = 63.6'

E.J. GILLAND, SC FORESTRY COMMISSION
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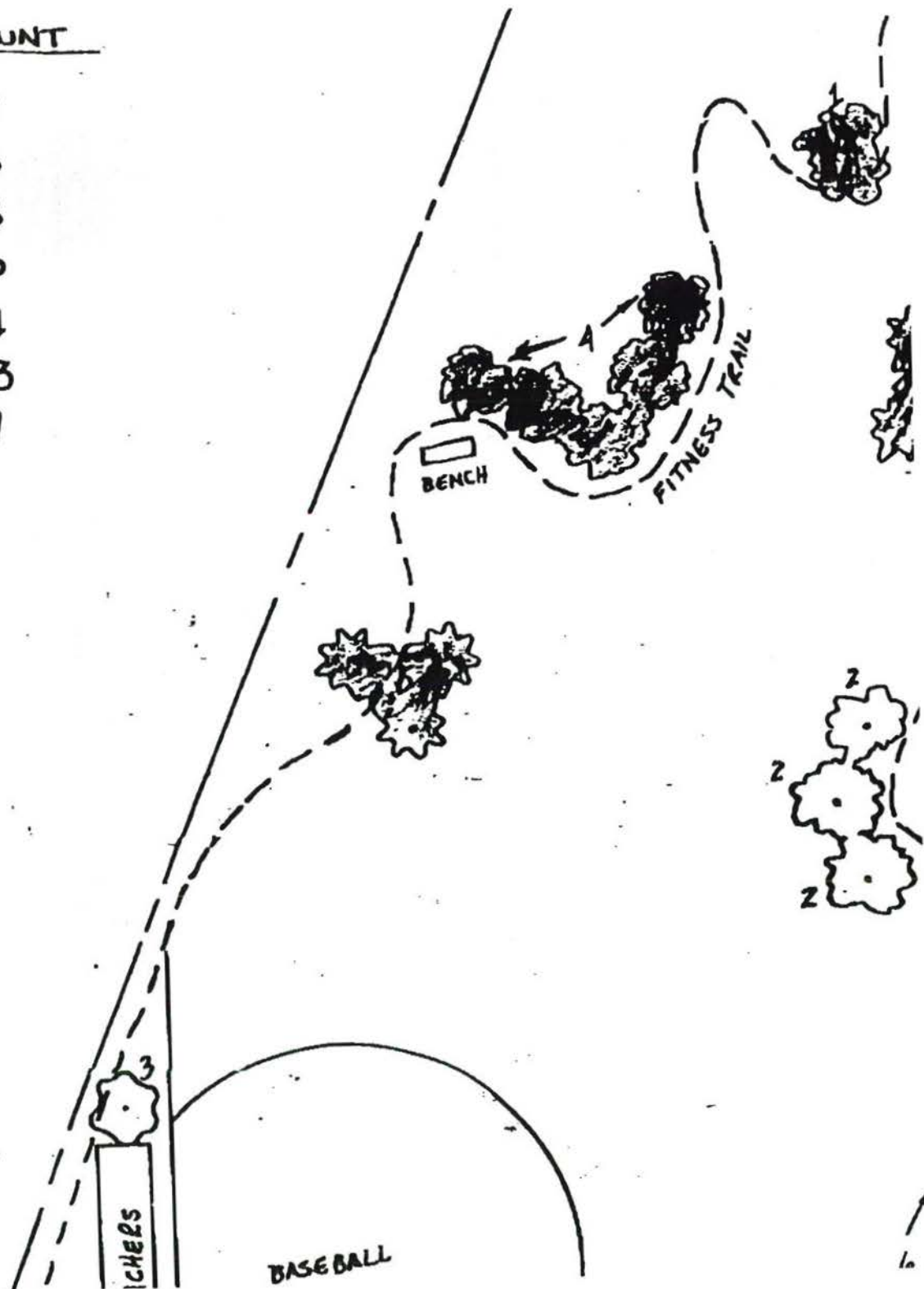


#	TREE / SHRUB	AMOUNT
1	LIVE OAK	7
2	BALD CYRESS	8
3	SWEETGUM	8
4	RED CEDAR	10
5	CAROLINA CHERRY LAUREL	11
6	GRAPE MYRTLE VARIETIES	13
7	AUTUMN-OLIVE SHRUB	49

LAWRENCE COMMUNITY CENTER
WILLIAMSBURG COUNTY
RECREATION DEPARTMENT

APPROX. SCALE = 1" = 63.6'

E. J. GILLAND, SC FORESTRY COMMISSION



Press Release

FSA/AmeriCorps Team brings help to the Lawrence Community

Many small towns and communities today need monetary and physical assistance to maintain and support their establishments. However, there are very limited funds or grants available from Local, State or Federal Governments. Through the AmeriCorps Program a few small towns and rural communities have found help with the physical assistance aspect.

The Williamsburg County Recreation Department has needed to refurbish the Lawrence Community Center building for some time. The recreation director, Mr. Phil Green has searched for funds with no avail. However, his luck changed when he contacted the Farm Service Agency's AmeriCorps Rural Development Team. This team and members of the RECD AmeriCorps Team brought technical and physical support to rally community volunteers to refurbish the Lawrence Community Center. The costs for this project was reduced to the price of supplies and materials.

AmeriCorps is President Clinton's Program where Members (such as the FSA/AmeriCorps Rural Development Team) do service for rural Communities in turn for an education award and a living stipend. AmeriCorps' motto is "Getting things Done" and that is what happen at the Lawrence Community Center.

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Project Proposal
Rural Development

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Project Name: Brown Town Museum

Location: Lake City, S. C.

Contact Person: Mr. John M. Gregg, Pres.
Three Rivers Historical Society
1008 Alton Circle
Florence,
South Carolina. 29501
Telephone Number (803)662-9500

Project Scope: (Brief description of type work, benefits, limitations, number of persons, length of time and estimated cost, final product, report, evaluation, use by others.)

Brown Town community was settled in 1768 by Scottish and Irish farmers seeking religious freedom from England. It is located south of highway 341, mid way between Lake City and Johnsonville, South Carolina. This region continues to be farmed and is considered some of the best farm land in South Carolina. The Brown Town site is on the National Registry. A museum has been established at the site. Displayed are many hand tools, farm buildings and milling equipment used by the early settlers.

All of the blacksmith, carpentry, and farm tools, need to be cleaned and coated with metal preservatives. The AmeriCorps team will spend several days cleaning the tools, old mill and cotton gin. Labor and funds to do this work are not available. However, with the help of the AmeriCorps team and donated supplies and equipment from the community and the Three Rivers Historical Society the work will be done.

The team will clean some 300 pieces of inventory equipment. They will clean the grounds around the old mill and other buildings at the site.

This facility is open to the public on Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays. Public school children tour this facility as part of local history. Many older citizens from across the state enjoy visiting this site and museum. Some 600 individuals visited this site last year.

The estimated cost would normally be \$2000.00.

The cost shall be reduced to supplies and materials. The final product will provide cleaned and coated tools, with ground areas enhanced to an immaculate state around the site for school children and visitor to enjoy.

Resources Required

A. Available through sponsor. (such as vehicles, office space, training, equipment)

All material needed will be provided by the Three Rivers Historical Society.

Materials include: Steel brushes, paint brushes, sand paper, buckets, pans, linseed oil, turpentine, etc. axes, pruning saws, lopping shears, brush cutters, refuse fork, round point shovels, etc.

Drinking water and lunch for 4 AmeriCorps Members for 5 work days.

Community resource people to coordinate volunteer citizens.

B. Requested by Outside Source: (such as equipment, technical assistance)

None. Project has full community and Historical Society support.

C. Project proposal should be submitted to:

Robert J. Eaddy
FSA AmeriCorps Program Director
1927 Thurmond Mall, Suite 100
Columbia, S. C. 29201

For Additional Information: Ph. (803)806-3085

FAX (803)806-3079

E010	Cultural resource sites enhanced or preserved	
a.	number of sites restored	3
b.	Percent of work meeting professional standards	<u>100%</u>

15. **Community Service Objectives Narrative (optional):** If you feel it is necessary and/or helpful, you may use this space to describe in more detail accomplishments towards the original community service objectives reported in question 13 and/or your additional community service objectives reported in question 14. Please make sure you include the Operating Site ID Number in each narrative description so we can be clear which accomplishment is matched to which site.

See Attached Sheet

16. **Community Building Objectives Narrative (optional):** Briefly describe how projects have brought together diverse groups of people, empowered communities to solve their own problems, built long term structures that will last beyond each AmeriCorps Member's term of service, and generally improved the abilities of local citizens to help improve their own lives.

During the past few years the Town of Lynchburg, SC has suffered an economic depression, experienced a decline in population, leaving a substantial elderly citizen population. This scenario sets up a desperate town with limited funds, limited available work force and considerable community facilities needing repair. The AmeriCorps team was a blessing in disguise. It elected to work with a few volunteers to help refurbish the Quola building for a police station and repaint 73 fire hydrants to comply with DHEC regulations. Lynchburg's police department had been sharing space in a small building with other city officials. The refurbished Quola building provides the police department a better facility to serve the town. The repainted fire hydrants now are much easier to identify and use when an emergency arises. This town shall remember the AmeriCorps program long after its members are gone because it saved them money while getting needed things done.

17. **AmeriCorps Member Development Objectives Narrative (optional):** Briefly describe how the AmeriCorps Members themselves have benefited from serving in the program, particularly in regard to expanding their own educational opportunity and increasing their own ethic of personal responsibility. Describe specific skills learned by Members through either their service or training. Describe any Members that earned a GED or otherwise advanced their education. Describe any Members that left public assistance to join AmeriCorps. Relate how AmeriCorps allowed Members to continue college or graduate school. Describe how Members may have changed their ethic of work, citizenship, or community volunteerism.

All AmeriCorps members have increased their ethic of personal responsibility and developed a stronger work ethic. They have learned how to develop a project, organize equipment and recruit volunteers. They have learned first hand how to research a subject through libraries and various other institutions. All members of this AmeriCorps team shall return to college to further their education with the educational grant they have earned. This team was exposed to many learning situations through the primary objective and several secondary objectives. All members agree, they owe it to themselves to further their educations to help themselves and their communities. These individuals are now better citizens because of the experiences they gained through AmeriCorps.

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Question # 13.

Original Community Service Objective:

State	OP Site	Obj. No.	PGM Code	Obj/Impact Statement
SC	T45A	3	EN-E106A	Sustainable Agric. Education
SC	T45A	3	EN-R016A	Farmers Trained & Educ. in Agric. Diversification

With Congress having passed the Federal Agriculture Improvement and Reform Act of 1996, the Federal Government will no longer subsidize the Feed Grain/Wheat and Cotton commodities as in the past. This means farmers will need to produce crops which are sustainable and diversified for the market. The timing of the above objectives was perfect. Some 1000 farmers learned about diversification and sustainable crops and/or livestock. Through the AmeriCorps program they were given information and resource contacts which will benefit them during the 7 year transition period. Other states are now beginning to develop educational programs for their farmers on Diversification and Sustainable agriculture.

Question # 14

Additional Community Service Objectives:

State	OP Site	Obj. No.	PGM Code	Obj/Impact Statement
SC	T45A	4	EN-E090A	Community Facility Rehabilitated (building rehabilitated)
SC	T45A	4	EN-E090A	Community Facility Painted (73-Fire Hydrants)
SC	T45A	5	EN-E050A	Existing recreation area rehabilitated
SC	T45A	6	EN-E078A	Nature Trail constructed
SC	T45A	6	EN-E148A	Campfire rings built
SC	T45A	6	EN-E147C	Debris removed (30 acres)
SC	T45A	7	EN-E090A	Community facility painted
SC	T45A	8	EN-E010A	Culture Resource Site Enhanced

Five different counties and seven communities shall benefit from the AmeriCorps team having conducted the above community service outreach objectives. None of these objectives would have happened had this AmeriCorps team not recruited the volunteers and contributed their labor and skills to make it happen. Getting things done in South Carolina has truly been this team's goal.

SECTION V - SUCCESS STORIES:

18. **Unique Successes or Great Stories :** Briefly describe one or two unique and/or exceptional success stories, a program highlight, or a 'great story' from your state. Please explain any instance in which AmeriCorps Members recruited non-AmeriCorps community volunteers for projects. Please include all media coverage, including original newspaper clips, videotapes of TV coverage, and cassette tapes of radio coverage; any letters of support or thank you letters; "before and after" photographs, brochures, posters, and newsletters created by the project; and other types of creative documentation.

The Lawrence Community Center in Williamsburg County South Carolina serves a predominantly Afro-American population. Job opportunities are few in this agricultural region and unemployment is high. The community center serves as a key facility in the delivery of programs for the youth, elderly, and underprivileged. Here, each day one meal is served to the elderly and welfare recipients. The center provides the only organized recreational activities the youth of this community have.

The facility was in drastic need of repair work such as cleaning, repainting, while it's shrubbery needed pruning and mulching.

The FSA/AmeriCorps team and 2 members of the RD/AmeriCorps team working with community volunteers painted both the inside and outside of the building.

They also pruned and mulched the shrubbery. When the project was finished the facility looked like a new building. The county recreational director and citizens of the community are proud of this AmeriCorps project which restored their community center to a state of new appearance. This project has benefited the taxpayers, the citizens and the youth of this community for years to come.

(SC T45A 7 EN-E090 Community Facility Painted)

See attachments

SECTION VI - CHALLENGES

19. **Difficulties Faced by the Program:** Use this section to report on any problems your Members have encountered in the program this period. These should be significant issues which were related to achieving objectives, significant delays in implementation, administrative problems, or any other expectations, events or incidents that have caused the Members concern. State the problem concisely and how the issue has, or has not been resolved. Be sure to outline the steps taken and identify any resources needed to assist in resolving the problem.

NONE

Weekend outlook

Partly Cloudy, warmer
 Highs in mid to upper 90s
 Lows in the mid 70s

Typical summer heat
 with possibility of T-storms

Society

Summer's latest
weddings &
engagements

See pages 2, 3

Sports

Hemingway varsity
football squad
takes practice
fields

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"Getting Things Done," is the motto of Americorps, a federal program designed to help community agencies in need of help, but can't afford much. Here, a group of Americorps workers help refurbish the Lawrence Community Center in Williamsburg County. Shown are Carrie L. White from Indiantown, Annie Hall of Cheraw, Audrey Green and Harold Tanner, both of Marion. Not shown are Sherry Conyers of Salters and Maria Legette of Marion.

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August 19, 1996

Mr. Robert Eaddy
USDA - Farm Service Agency
SC State FSA Office
1927 Thurmond Mall, Suite 100
Columbia, SC 29201

Re: Ameri-Corp Team

Dear Mr. Eaddy,

On behalf of the Town of Pamplico, we wish to express our appreciation for the Ameri-Corps Team that helped us in a cleaning project for our Town's beautification.

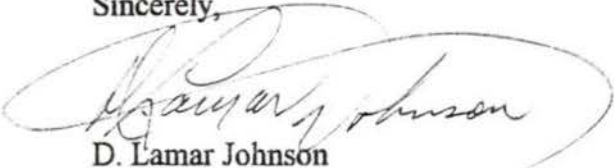
The area selected for this project is adjacent to the Town's tennis courts, near the center of town. A lot of physical hard work was required as the area looked like a wilderness prior to starting and looks great today.

All of your personnel had a great attitude, personally and work wise.

To all of you, a job well done!

Thanks a lot.

Sincerely,



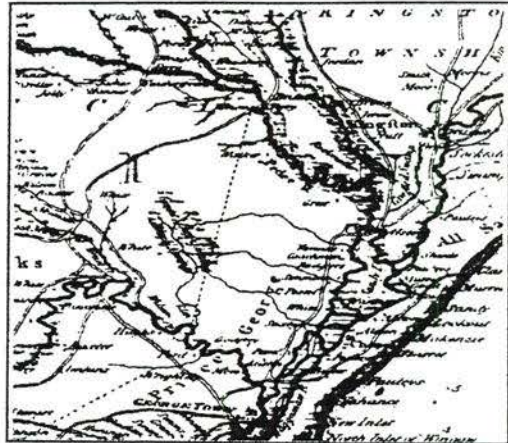
D. Lamar Johnson
Maintenance Superintendent

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Three Rivers Historical Society

16 September 1996

Mr. Robert J. Eaddy
South Carolina State FSA Office
1927 Thurmond Mall, Suite 100
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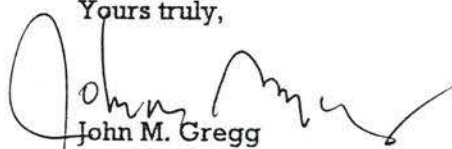


Dear Mr. Eaddy,

On behalf of the membership, I want to express our appreciation for the assistance rendered by AmeriCorps at Browntown Museum. The diligence of your staff enabled us to complete preservation work badly needed.

Perhaps you and your family can join us for Old South Days, November 2nd. And, of course, we would welcome any of your staff.

Yours truly,


John M. Gregg
President

P. O. Box 811
Hemingway, SC 29554
803 558 2355

Please reply to:
John Gregg
1008 Alton Circle
Florence, SC 29501
803 662 9500
Email: JoGregg@aol.com

SECTION V - GENERAL INFORMATION

20. **National Identity Activities (OPTIONAL):** Please describe any activities undertaken by Members that fostered the national identity of AmeriCorps. These could include joint service activities, meetings with other AmeriCorps projects, national telephone conference calls, use of Internet to communicate with other sites, etc.

A joint service project was held on National Day of Service (April 23, 1996) at the Freedom Florence Park with all USDA/AmeriCorps members and local school children participating. This project gave substantial recognition to the AmeriCorps program in the eastern region of South Carolina. Good coverage was carried in the Florence Morning News and a local TV Station. Many people that day from the area recognized what a great outreach program AmeriCorps was to the communities of America.

21. **Organizational Changes:** Please outline and describe any changes in your program's organization and/or structure during the quarter.

During this quarter 3 team members completed their 1700 hours of community service.

They are: Audrey T. Green
 Annie Hall
 Carrie L. White

One member (Harold Tanner, Jr.) remains with the program until he completes his 1700 hours of community service.

22. **Organizational Improvements (OPTIONAL):** Please write any suggestions by you, your Members, site managers, or anyone else regarding ways in which the USDA or CNS AmeriCorps program could be improved.

The general public stays more informed about the negative information and biased opinions of some editors than the facts and truth about what good things AmeriCorps Members are doing in communities through out America. I believe the Corporation for National Service should make an effort to publicize the good works of AmeriCorps more often.

23. **Primary Training and Technical Assistance Needs (OPTIONAL):** Please specify precisely what kind of staff or Member training or other technical assistance can be provided by USDA, the Corporation for National Service, or other sources to improve your projects.

The national office needs to provide more training to project directors and site supervisors on how to recruit community volunteers. Remember the more volunteers you have the more you can get done. For AmeriCorps Members to be more effective they need to know how to recruit community volunteers. Their training must come from project directors and site supervisors.

{END OF REPORT}

**South Carolina
Rural Development Teams**



"Getting Things Done in Rural South Carolina"

USDA AmeriCorps Graduation

**Santee State Park
Santee, South Carolina
September 4, 1996**

Graduation Ceremony

- 11:00 am **Introductions and Welcome -- Village Round**
Meeting Room, Santee State Park
Robert Eaddy, FSA
- 11:10 **Keynote Speaker**
Bernie Wright, State Director
Rural Development
- 11:30 **Presentation of Certificates**
Gregg White, RECD
Robert J. Eaddy, FSA
- 11:45 **Remarks from AmeriCorps Members**
- 12:00 **Buffet Lunch at Lakeview Restaurant**
- 1:00 pm **Wrap-up and Group Pictures**

AmeriCorps Team USDA 1996 Graduates

Rural Development

Michael L. Gray
Sherry Kay Conyers
Brook S. Rogers
Maria Leggeette
Josie Mae Rivers
Sylvia B. Stephens

Farm Service Agency

Annie Hall
Audrey T. Green
Carrie L. White
Harold F. Tanner, Jr.

Special Thanks to

John Rogers, FSA Site Supervisor
Carolyn Smith, Rural Development
Sandy Smith, Rural Development

USDA AmeriCorps Graduation
South Carolina Rural Development Teams
of the Farm Service Agency and Rural Development Agency

September 4, 1996





South Carolina News

August 1996

SED's Note

As of July 31, 1996, the following data reflects the results of signup in the seven year Production Flexibility Contracts under AMTA:



Item	Total	Enrolled	Percentage
Farms	23,919	18,424	77%
CAB's	1,215,982	1,207,650	99%

An attempt was made to contact every operator and every owner of each farm in South Carolina that has a Crop Acreage Base. County office personnel furnished numerous newsletters, post cards, news articles, and worksheets and made many telephone calls in a successful effort to obtain the largest possible signup. I am very pleased with the large signup and I commend each one of you that helped in this effort for your dedication, persistence, long hours, and just plain hard work in achieving these tremendous results. You have truly done an outstanding job.

I also want to express my appreciation to our Farm Credit personnel for the tremendous strides that you have made in lowering our delinquency percentages. You are well on the road to having this program as one of the most outstanding success stories in our country.

I also want to recognize the outstanding job that our other FSA employees have been doing in risk management, compliance, administrative, conservation, price support, automation, Americorp, etc. You are an excellent group of employees and I appreciate you.

Samuel L. Lawson

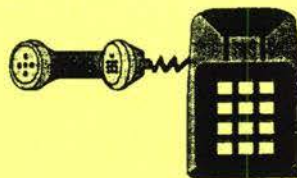


The Number is ..."

A county employee recently (jokingly) mentioned that if they wanted to lose someone that was trying to complain about some aspect of our service, all he had to do was give them the State Office phone number, and no one would ever hear from them again.

Over the past few months we have been working through an attempt to improve the phone system we have been using over the past several years. It was our hope to reduce the cost, and still provide the same quality of service. So much for the best laid plans. As many counties are aware just the terminology to purchase a "digital, hybrid-PBX voice communication system"

configured for a mixture of thirty-eight data and voice lines is something you would not want to tell your friends you know anything about. Regardless, improvements aren't made



unless you dive in. The first person you encounter is the friendly knowledgeable telephone salesperson that is very helpful and knowledgeable about his product and the entire telephone industry. He answers all of your questions with ease, and of course your normal response is... "We are all set, no problems". Of course at this stage you are simple enough to believe you know all you should know when you ask about the number of lines it will handle, the number of phone sets, if you can transfer calls, pick up other phone calls from your desk, and if it has conference call capabilities.

To make a long story not quite as long, many of the features needed work great IF we change another feature that we need, or IF we change how we get our phone service or IF we buy this additional component to the equipment.

In order to give credit where credit is due, the telephone company representatives have been very helpful and have not tried to get us to purchase more than we want. The problem is that they cannot tell us which questions to ask when the system is being set up because of the individual nature of each phone system they sell.

Shortly, we will have all of the bugs worked out of the system, so don't give up yet. The goal is to continue to work on it until we are able to provide better service than before while perhaps reducing costs even further. As always, you know that if you have any questions on all of this, you have the State Office phone number.

As a note to this article we would like to thank and commend Perry Thompson for all his hard work and effort in providing our new phone system in the STO.

Tobacco Sales Opening Day

For the first time we can recall, tobacco markets in South Carolina opened on a Thursday (July 25, 1996). Only one sale day occurred during this week. Beginning the week of July 29, sales will be held during four days, Monday through Thursday, as in past years on selective markets.

Generally, primings and lugs sold for an average of about \$1.60 per pound which amount to about 15 cents per pound increase over the price paid last year. The quality of tobacco was excellent and we understand buying companies have a need for low stalk tobacco. Farmers seemed to be very well pleased with opening prices.

Up until about a week ago, the tobacco crop appeared to be one of the very best. However, in some areas recent excessive rains and disease have affected the crop very much. Because of these conditions, the tobacco will have to be harvested quickly causing some loss of quality. Still, it is expected that tobacco will generate about \$2,000,000 for the 112 million pounds of quota.

AgCredit Training



Farm Business Planning and Record Keeping System training will be held in September by the State Office AgCredit Team Staff. Training will be provided to CED's and Farm Credit affiliated PA's.

South Carolina News Market News Service



Commissioner D. Leslie Tindal and the S.C. Department of Agriculture is providing a toll free number to the Florence Market News Service to provide daily market news.

This information is updated twice daily. The toll free number is 1-800-922-8980. Emory D. Cantey is the Director in the Florence.

FSA Will Continue to Sell CAT In 1997

South Carolina FSA will continue to sell CAT insurance for at least 1997. Nationally, fourteen states have been selected to offer CAT insurance only through private companies. The only State in the Southeast selected to switch to private companies is North Carolina.

Producers are encouraged to get at least the CAT level of coverage which can be obtained either from private companies or FSA. To get better protection, producers should seriously consider getting buy up coverage offered by private companies.

The 1997 sales closing date for nursery and fall seeded crops will be September 30. Producers planning to buy crop insurance must contact either private companies or FSA prior to the September 30 deadline.

FSA/AmeriCorps Team Helps Small Town & State Park

Many small towns and communities today need monetary and physical assistance to maintain and support their establishments. However, there are very limited funds or grants available from Local, State or Federal Governments. Through the AmeriCorps Program a few small towns and communities are finding help with the physical assistance aspect.

The town of Lynchburg needed to refurbish an old building for its police station and repaint all fire hydrants to comply with DHEC requirements. The mayor-Pro Temp, Mr. Carness Duren had searched for funds to do this work to no avail. However, his luck changed when he contacted the Farm Service Agency's, AmeriCorps Rural Development Team. The team brought technical

and physical support to rally community volunteers. They refurbished the Quola building for a police station and repainted all 76 fire hydrants.

Next the team traveled to Cheraw

State Park where they built 17 camp site fire rings of mortar and stone to prevent forest fires. They also built a nature trail and removed debris from a 30.0 acre area left by recent storms.

Cost for these projects was reduced to the price of supplies and materials. AmeriCorps's motto is "Getting Things Done" and that's what FSA/Americorp is doing!



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Automation continues to be a major part of our work environment and is becoming more and more complex as the days go by. The ADV/36, PC's and 3B2's have added a different type of workload above and beyond the "Handbook" knowledge. The changes in transmission alone are difficult to keep up with but I believe they are step in the right direction. However, the confusions with bundled files and how they are queued, transmitted (where did they go), and what is actually in the transmitted bundle file can be very confusing to say the least. We are familiar with checking our transmission history on transmission files that come to the STO. Checking the history for a bundled file is a little different and those steps are listed below. With direct deposits being handled by the bundled transmission system a lot of counties are curious as to whether their checks have been transmitted (we also find other problems but that is another chapter). This file name that the checks are in is the "SCxxxAE1" file (this has not changed). When this file is bundled the bundled file might contain numerous other files, such as the "AE7, AF1, AU2 etc.. The name of the bundled file is unique for each COF. The only number that will change is the last two digits and when it gets to 99 it starts over with 01 (CZFKKK01...99,01)

To check Bundle Direct Deposit File (check any other bundle file just replace file name)

1. FAX250 (Use Communication Sign-on) and take option 6,4,15,3,2,2,1
2. Put in the file name SCxxxAE1, and fill the screen in with the period of time of your search. CRT will bring it up on your screen and PRT to the printer. Press enter.

To get a printed copy of all transmission files type on a command line type the following:

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LISTDATA T.FC.FT0,,F1,,,CHAR,NOREORG
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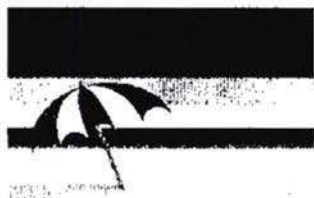
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- b(8) Release would disclose information concerning the regulation of financial institutions [(b)(8) of the FOIA]
- b(9) Release would disclose geological or geophysical information concerning wells [(b)(9) of the FOIA]

District Director Retires

Ervin R. Floyd, District Director retired June 30. A retirement party was held on July 12, at the Southland Restaurant in Walterboro. Special guests were Ervins's 93 year old mother, brothers, sister, and families. State Executive Director Laurie C. Lawson, and retired SED Bryan Patrick and retired SED, STC, DASCO Earle



Bedenbaugh were present. Many retirees, FSA and RECD employees and friends were in attendance. Mr. Floyd received the "Order of the Palmetto" from Governor David

Beasley and a Proclamation from the House of Representatives presented by Representative George Bailey. A plaque was also given to him for his length of service with ASCS/FSA-USDA. Ervin wrote the following letter in his appreciation.

Dear FSA Family,

Many thanks for making the "Mother of all Retirement Parties" a special evening for me. To leave FSA in such a "Blaze of Glory" was overwhelming. Even though at one point I thought my 93 year old mother was trying to steal the show from me. It was especially gratifying to see so many retirees and county committeemen present.

I am anxious to start using the Snapper Mower and Weed-Eater.

FSA is a very special group of people that I will always hold fond memories of. Shirley joins me in thanking you for a truly spectacular evening. If any of you are ever in the "Low Country", please stop by for a visit.

Your friend,

Ervin R. Floyd.

Automation Coordinator



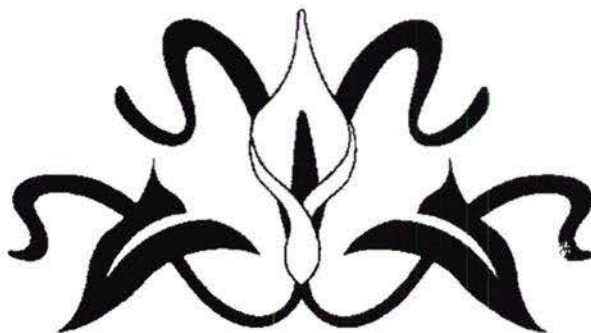
Janice Wilson, the new State Office Automation Coordinator, would like to take this opportunity to let you know that she is looking forward to working with everyone in both the state and county offices. If Janice can be of any assistance, please feel free to call her at (803) 806-3069.

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Personal Notes

We continue to keep (b)(6) Chief Price Support Specialist, and his family in our thoughts and prayers during his illness. Anyone wishing to send (b)(6) note can write him at (b)(6) (b)(6)

Congratulations are in order for Program Specialist Riley Odum and his wife Cecilia on the birth of their son, Joshua Godfrey Odum, born (b)(6) 00037



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