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The Vermont Anti-Hunger Corps

A project of the Vermont Office of Economic Opportunity



Team USDA

December 13, 1995

Donna Hines
USDA/AmeriCorps
Office of communications
Washington, DC 20050-1300

Dear Donna,

Enclosed please find Enrollment Forms and Member Agreements for the following new members.

Samantha Brown

Peter Cassan

Lynne Howard

Victor Rubdi

Gordon Spencer

Sue Ward

Audrey Whitehill

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If you have any questions regarding these forms, please give us a call.

Best Regards,

Diane Girard-diCarlo
Enc.

ANTI-HUNGER, NUTRITION, AND EMPOWERMENT CORPS

FULL-TIME MEMBER

AGREEMENT OF PARTICIPATION IN

AMERICORPS PROGRAM

Whereas, the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS) and the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) have jointly entered into this agreement to promote national and community service among the citizens of the United States to help meet human, educational, environmental, and public safety needs, particularly those related to poverty.

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

Whereas, USDA actively supports the development of the nation's youth through programs such as AmeriCorps.

Therefore, the USDA will operate its AmeriCorps Program to further objectives of mutual civic obligation.

AUTHORITY: This agreement is entered into pursuant to the authority of the National and Community Service Act of 1990 as amended (42 U.S.C. 12501 et. Seq.), Public Law 103-82.

I. Purpose

It is the purpose of this agreement to delineate the terms, conditions, and rules of membership regarding participation in the USDA AmeriCorps Program. This agreement is hereby entered into on this 6th day of December, 1995, between the USDA Subgrantee VAHC (hereinafter referred to as the "Program") and Lynne Howard (hereinafter referred to as the "Member").

II. Minimum Qualification

The member certifies that he/she is a United States citizen, a national or a legal permanent resident and at least 17 years of age (or 16 in the case of a Youth Corps member), and has not been previously terminated for cause from another AmeriCorps Program.

III. Term of Service

- (a) The Member's term of service begins on Dec 4th 95 and ends on Aug 22 96. The end date cannot be less than nine months and not more than twelve months from the start date.

XI. Authorization

The Member and Program hereby acknowledge by their signatures that they have read, understand, and agree to all terms and conditions of this agreement.

Lynne Howard

AmeriCorps Member

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Date

Bari Alalstone

Project Director

12/6/95

Date

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Team USDA

October 25, 1995

Donna Hines
Washington DC

Re: National Service Enrollment Forms.
Please find enclosed enrollment forms for the following members.

Central Team Leader: Lisa Guccione

Deborah Bill

Doug Hemmings

Allison Hicks

Frank Huard

Robert Nelson

Julia Petot

James Schechter

Northeast Team Leader: Sandy Kingsley

Mary Hall

Grace Palmer

Jessica Tanner

Northwest Team Leader: Laurie Larson

Johanna Balinger

Francheska Chalidze

Catherine Elwert

Erica Gibson

Rowland Hynes

Jack Jessup

Elizabeth Keough

Shawn May

Southwest Team Leader: Nina Mandel

Jennifer Ames

Erica Lesniak

Carol McCarthy

Erin Willard

Southeast Team Leader: Holly Hammond

Richard Bush

Alexandra Bodkins

Dhyana Iris

Peggy Pearse

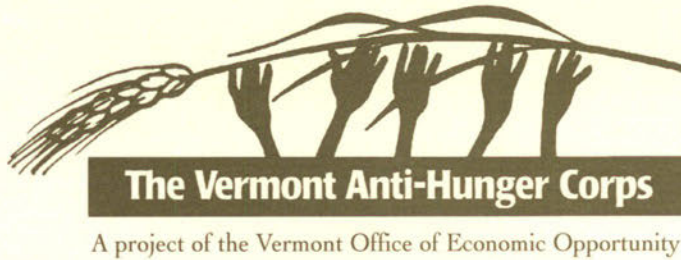
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Please give us a call if you have any questions.

Best Regards,
Diane Girard-dicarlo

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Team USDA

November 17, 1995

Donna Hines
Office of Communications
USDA / Americorps
Washington DC 20250-1300

Re: End of Term

Dear Donna,

Two stragglers.....

(1.) Betty Chalifoux did not sign her "End of Term of Service" form. She may be disputing the Corporation's "successful" end of term criteria. She did not finish 1700 hours by 9/30/95. She did not have compelling circumstances. She did know how many hours she needed to complete well before the deadline.

(2.) Dawnine Spivak had an "early termination" and is not disputing her hours.

Please make certain these forms reach the Corporation in a timely matter.

Best Regards,

Diane Girard-diCarlo

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"For and About Vermont Emergency Services"

July 1995

A Change in Format for "Responder"

A preference ballot was included on page 4 in the May 1995 issue of the *Responder*. In it was stated, "We will abide by the choice of the majority indicated by the marked ballots returned."

Library Project Takes Hold

Despite a lack of funds the Committee is pleased to inform firefighters that four excellent books and four videotapes will soon become available. they are:

BOOKS:

Building Construction for the Fire Service-(third edition)
Firefighting Strategy and Leadership-(second edition)
Fire Instructor's Training Guide-(second edition)
Introduction to Fire Science and Fire Protection

VIDEOTAPES: - EENET Programs - (approx. two-hours)

Incident Management Systems in a Small Department
On the Cutting Edge: *Preserving Emergency Personnel Through Critical Stress Management Teams*
Training for Improved Firefighter Performance
NFPA 1500-Apparatus Safety

The above items have been presented to the John Dewey Library at Johnson State College but will not become available for loan-out for approximately a month.

A guidesheet describing how to obtain these items is being prepared and expected to be made available at the Convention in White River Junction the last weekend of July. You will be able to obtain them through your local library only. If you do not have a Lending Card from your library, then you should make a visit to obtain one and be ready.

There are basic rules for borrowing and also penalties for holding longer than the loan period. A \$5.00 charge per item will be made for holding longer. For loss or damage of an item, there will be a \$25.00 minimum charge plus the costs related to replacement.

The committee is in need of funds to purchase more books and videotapes, also it will accept donations of fire and rescue books and videotapes that are current (published since 1984).

Wonder of Modern Medicine & Surgery

VSFA Past President and Barre Town F.D. Chief, Rene LaRouche is recovering from a series of heart attacks. He was first admitted to the Central Vermont Hospital, then to the Medical Center Hospital of Vermont in Burlington.

It was there he required double by-pass surgery and a defibrillator implant (a pulse generator). Rene is continuing his recovery at home while enjoying the advantages of delegating physical responsibilities to others while he oversees and does the paper work and planning.

It has been learned heart by-pass operations have become so perfected that, in Burlington alone, the doctors perform more than a thousand by-passes and heart valve replacements annually.

Rene, continue to delegate and take good care of yourself so we can enjoy your company and pick your brain.

It was unanimous. There were **TWO BALLOTS RETURNED!** All two of them were marked for the Book Leaf Format. In numbers, it was a disappointing return, only Two having spoken for the other 4498 members.

Another innovation is being tested. The "EMERGENCY SERVICES MARKETPLACE" is being set aside, at least temporarily. The Vendor's Ads are being mixed with the news throughout this issue. You and your departments are being requested to support the advertisers by giving them the opportunity to service your needs. They are supporting you by purchasing the Ad Space that helps to produce this *Responder* Newsletter and deliver it to you.

VT Chiefs Hold Annual Meeting

by Richard Dimick, Secretary - VFCA

The Vermont Fire Chiefs Association held its annual meeting at the offices of the Vermont Fire Service Training Council and VSFA June 11 in Pittsford.

On motions of Glen Nicholson current officers, Sid Thurston, President; Glen Nicholson, Vice President; Richard Dimick, Secretary; James King, Treasurer were reelected. Directors, Sergeant-at-Arms, and Auditor were also reelected.

Principal discussion related to the proposed 2% insurance tax to benefit fire departments, for rural firefighting and its possible effect on current financial sources for training. The possibility of a lobbyist was discussed, cost would be \$5,000 to \$10,000.

Jake Hart reported on E-911 Addressing Handbook and the GIS/Addressing Assistance Plan. Memorandums of Agreement and Municipal Planning Guide & Technical Standards will go out later. PSAP's will be determined by the Board. Municipalities can determine dispatchers and those current can remain, as they are.

VSFA President Alan Ridlon expressed his pleasure in the VFCA meeting being held at Pittsford, extending an invitation to do so as frequently as desired.

All enjoyed a tour of the Training Facilities, guided by Wayne Babcock, Executive Director of the Council's Program. The members were impressed and will work to have members of the legislature take a similar tour.

Annual Chicken Bar-B-Q at Cavendish

Cavendish Volunteer Fire Dept. will hold its 16th Annual Chicken Bar-B-Q *Saturday, August 12*, starting at 11:00 a.m.

Starting at 9:00 a.m. there will be a Flea Market, Horse and Wagon Rides, and more. Come and enjoy the fun.

From the President's Desk . . .



To Members of the V.S.F.A.

The time has come to address each and every member of our Association as to what you really want of your organization. The Executive Officers have travelled a great many miles, without reimbursement, and spent endless hours in an attempt to benefit you.

We really want to hear some positive, or negative, responses up front, not through the so-called grapevine. Please help us with suggestions and ideas that would improve your V.S.F.A. We are doing as best we know how, but cannot read the members' minds.

Even though progress has been made, we want to make more - for your benefit as well as ours. I do feel the Benefits and Relief Fund will be an excellent promotion for our organization and that it can benefit everyone. The insurance prospectus has saved many members a considerable amount. The Fire Service Education Committee is working on a Retention and Recruitment Program. The Newsletter Committee wants to get its *Responder* to more members but do not have addresses to individuals. If you do see a *Responder* please give some feedback or send an informative report of your dept., neighbor dept., or county news. The *Responder* is your newsletter and needs your assistance.

Hoping to see all of you at the Annual V.S.F.A. Convention at White River July 28, 29, 30.

Thanks to all,

Al Ridlon, V.S.F.A. President

P.S. -

1. Don't forget to buy Banquet Tickets
2. Don't forget Sports Events Deadline
3. Don't Forget July 29 - ANNUAL MEETING
4. Don't forget to be There!

Conn. Valley to Host Annual Fire School

On September 23-24 the Connecticut River Valley Fire Mutual Aid Association will be holding its Annual Fire School at Green Mountain Union H.S. on VT Route 103 in Chester. For more information contact: Chief L.D. Sutherland 10 (802) 457-4791.

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AN INVITATION . . .

From the V.S.F.A. Auxiliary

The VSFA Auxiliary extends an invitation to you as an individual and to any Vermont Ladies' Fire Company Auxiliary to join our organization. Also, this invitation is open to any public spirited person dedicated to giving active and moral support to the cause of protecting life and property.

The Auxiliary is an integral part of VSFA, having members working on various important committees. It is an eye-opener for many, giving an insight of the good work our men and women are accomplishing. There is more to it than fighting fires and answering rescue calls. Work continues with the legislature, promoting bills to provide greater safety of life and property in this State. There is a continuing effort to improve benefits for firefighters in the accord with Smith, Bell and Thompson Insurance Agency through purchases of homeowner and auto insurance.

The Auxiliary is working with the VSFA to keep firefighters abreast of new technology and laws, especially with regard to safety. The above are but a few of the benefits that come to mind. As a member of the Auxiliary, you will become an arm of this great organization.

For your convenience we will have a table at the Annual Convention, White River Junction, July 28-30, 1995. Come visit us and ask questions. While there, you may complete an Application for Membership, pay the annual dues of \$2.00 and become an active member. The Annual Meeting of the Auxiliary will take place 10:00 A.M. Saturday. We look forward to seeing you there with us.

ACFA Has its Act Together

Michele Miller, Secretary - ACFA



Always searching to make things work better, the Addison County Firefighters Association has simplified the means for making contact with key personnel.

It has prepared a directory, complete with the names of Chiefs, Advisory Board Representatives, their Alternates and Training Officers; including their addresses and telephone numbers, from each department in the county.

Ed. Comment: That makes nearly 90 pivotal people known and easy to contact. Other county associations or mutual aid districts could do a lot worse than following suit.



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Executive Board Votes an Assist

At its March 5 meeting the VSFA Executive Board voted to submit to the Membership Committee, when preparing the membership forms for the 1996 year, to include a note to the effect that a voluntary 50c be added to the regular dues payment. The 50c would be set aside in a fund exclusively for the purchase and administration costs of purchasing books and videotapes to be added to the Library Project.

The Project Committee has worked for nearly three years to bring the venture to realization. All time, travel and other expense has been absorbed by the committee members. It is now time for the project to carry its own weight. Many Foundations have been approached for assistance, but each has advised that our project does not meet the criteria established for their enacting grants in our favor. It will be necessary to search further.

Fire service books now cost from \$20.00 to over \$100.00. Videotapes usually are close to \$250.00 each. Therefore, if each member when renewing membership, and new applicants for 1996, would voluntarily include an additional 50c to the membership charge, that would help us considerably to purchase the articles that interest you. Your helping by this little extra amount will be much appreciated, not only by the committee, but also by your fellow firefighters.

THE GREEN BOOK -

VSFA OPERATIONS MANUAL

by Nathan Miller

During 1993 the Fire Service Education Committee, led by Randy Cary, developed and produced a complete handbook for use by Association officials, county representatives and committee chairs. It is proving most helpful as there are answers therein for just about every question regarding the Association and how members are affected. Committeeman Lynwood Smith is now in the process of updating it for 1995. Changes will be made annually, keeping it current.

Your county representative has a copy and will be able to use it as a reference to provide for just about any information or question you may pose. There is considerable detail about the Association, the Council and other organizations. It defines the duties of the officials, there are guidelines for conducting funeral services for a deceased fellow firefighter, it outlines the duties of committees, and offers information about many others of the Association's activities.

When you have any question relating to the Association, contact your county representative. He/she is there to offer you assistance.

1995 Legislative Wrap-Up

by Rene LaRouche
VSFA Legislative Committee

The following is a brief summary of legislative bill as introduced during the 1995 legislative session pertaining to the fire/rescue services.

Of particular importance is the Final Report on Study Results and Implementation Plan of a Statewide Enhanced 9-1-1 System. It has recently been submitted to the Governor and General Assembly for review and discussion, and is now in progress. The VSFA Legislative Committee and the Coalition of Fire & Rescue Services will lend full support during the implementation process in the coming months.

Emergency responders (Fire/Rescue, Emergency Medical Services, State, Local and County Police) are supportive of the E 9-1-1 statewide system. Related organizations (VSFA, CFRS, VFC, VCFC) are supportive of the program. A unified effort by all concerned will greatly help the realization of this system.

S.134 - An Act Relating to Vanity Plate Renewal Fees for Fire Department Personnel.

This is in reference to the VSFA special plate fees at an annual rate of \$20.00. Testimony given by members of the Coalition and VSFA legislative committees in an effort to seek a one-time fee. The Senate Transportation Committee has taken request for further advisement.

Bill is carried over to 1996 session.

(See Legislative - page 5)



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NAFED Offers Free Info. Service*by Sharon Quinlan -*

The National Association of Fire Equipment Distributors, NAFED, has set up a listserv on the Internet. Listserv is intended to facilitate communications in the selection, design, installation, maintenance and testing of engineered and fire suppression systems (Halon, CO₂, FM-200, Inergen, dry chemical, foam and other suppression systems) such as those commonly employed in data processing, process control, and communications facilities. Also included are pre-engineered fire suppression systems such as those employed in the protection of restaurants, paint spray booths, and off-road vehicles.

To subscribe to NAFED Listserv, send a one line email to: MAJORDOMO@HALCYON.COM with this message: SUBSCRIBE FIRE-LIST. It will be entered automatically, and the listserv FAQ (Frequently Asked Questions) will be sent. Submissions (message directed to all subscribers) to the fire-list should be sent to FIRE-LIST@HALCYON.COM. If unfamiliar with Internet listservs and wish more information, please email questions directly to the fire-list administrator at: EROBY@HYLCYON.COM. If you wish a fax describing NAFED listserv, mail your fax number to Ed Robisheaux, fire list administrator at: EROBY@HAYCYON.COM. NAFED is a trade association reprocessing over 1,200 member organizations of the fire protection community.

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False Opinion #3. *Being a good talker makes you a good trainer.*

Being a good talker may make a good salesman; he wants to get in, make the sale and get out. On the other hand, the good trainer is charged with not only selling the importance of acting effectively, but also how best it may be accomplished, and the reasons why. The trainer works with the learner by explaining, demonstrating, assisting, observing, and evaluating.

As a salesman, the lecturer convinces the learner as to the value of logical procedures. The trainer then teaches the established procedures. There must be ample opportunities provided for practice of procedures and discussion of salient points.

OSHA Reform -As reported in THE VOICE, June 1995

Expected changes by Washington, probably under S 592.

1. Consultation/Enforcement: This section is designed to move the OSHA Admin. away from its focus on enforcing regulations toward a balance of enforcement and compliance assistance, focusing on safety and health

2. Standards: Encompassing procedures under which occupational safety and health standards are established. This includes cost benefit, risk assessment and regulatory impact analyses, creation of an independent standards board, and drug/alcohol testing.

3. Program Consolidation/Elimination: Eliminate OSHA Review Commission, eliminate NIOSH and consolidate the Mine Safety & Health Administration with OSHA



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5 - An Act Relating to Membership of the Vermont Fire Training Council:

This bill proposes to include the Vermont Career Fire-fighters association among the organizations that make recommendations to the Governor regarding the membership of the Vermont Fire Training Council.

Bill Passed by House and Senate. Bill delivered to the Governor.

H.127 - An Act Relating to Telephone Rates for Fire Departments and Emergency Service Responders.

This bill proposes to require local exchange companies to charge residential rates to fire departments and non-profit emergency medical service providers.

Bill is in House Commerce Comm. No action taken this session, carried over to 1996 session.

H.375 - An Act Relating to Signal Lamps on Vehicles Used by Volunteer Emergency Personnel.

This bill proposes to provide that volunteers who are operating emergency motor vehicles, not be required to cover the colored signal lamps when not in use, but rather not to use them. Testimony given by sponsor of the bill with members of the Coalition and VSFA Legislative Committees.

Passed by House. Being held up in Senate Transportation Comm. with amendment to the House bill. Carried over to 1996 session.

H.476 - An Act Relating to Financial Aid to Local Fire Departments.

This bill proposes to impose an additional assessment on property and casualty insurance premiums to provide financial aid to local fire departments.

No action taken up by the House Commerce Comm., bill likely to be addressed in 1996 session. The Fire Training Council, VSFA, and Coalition of Fire/Rescue are much opposed to this bill as it could affect additional financial support in the future by the insurance industry which has been supportive of the fire service training program.

"The Road Doctors"

by Ruth Ann Finlay

The George D. Aiken & Northern Resource Conservation & Development Councils announce a program focusing on back-road maintenance. "Better Backroads - Clean Water You Can Afford", addresses how backroads can be effectively maintained without road gravel and sediment washing downhill. Washed-out roads can affect your *response time and travel*.

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1. Assessment Team: To assess current status of backroads.
2. Marketing & Development Team: Develops a program of good maintenance techniques.
3. Publications Team: Develops informational materials.
4. Demonstration & Workshop Team: Develops workshops, projects and materials to demonstrate maintenance techniques to local road managers and crews.

The "Road Doctors Program" is prepared to answer problems concerning specific roads and drives. For more information, please contact Dennis Borchardt in Randolph at 728-9526 or Beth Ann Finlay in Berlin at 828-4595

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The second meeting of "Awareness Level of the State Emergency Response Commission (SERC)" Newsletter Committee was held on June 28, 1995 at 9:15 am, in the State of Vermont Department of Public Safety in Waterbury, Vermont. The meeting ended at 11:35am.

In attendance was: Wally Bengston, Sharon Quinlan, Raymond J. Lahumiere, George S. Gibby, Bud Upmal, Mike Gilhooly, and Moe Forcier.

George Gibby reported that the VSAF Executive Board had little response to the SERC communications committee minutes from the May 31 meeting of the Newsletter Committee. He said Ray Divison was attending a funeral and would not be able to attend today's meeting. He said that Bob Kilpeck had the mailing list of the fire fighters. Bob Kilpeck also coordinated with the John State public service librarian, a fire fighter's library section at Johnson State College. George also asked for sponsors for a meeting in central and southern Vermont that would serve to help the fire fighters "let their hair down" as a information gathering meeting about the Fire Training School and VSFA.

Wally presented the Green Mountain Responder newsletter yearly printing budget for a one year of \$16,722. He presented a letter on June 23 from Bob deManage of Emergency Management about possible funding. The committee may be able to receive \$2,000 DOT grant, and maybe some funding from the SERC special fund. He said Brent Tellion of Forest Service has some money.

Bud Upmal brought Mike Glibly, Dept. of Public Safety to the meeting. Mike has a 404 Federal grant available with some funds that may be dedicated to the newsletter. Mike asked that we send him a proposal for these funds that could be between \$2-4,000.00. The grant would be in exchange for a column about mitigation, family evaluation, disaster preparedness for people and property.

Sharon talked about the committee making a formal written proposal to VSAF and Kevin Goodhue about the intentions of the newsletter committee. She said the grant for her services run out the ended of July. She stressed that the newsletter committee needs to have a mission statement and get more organized. Sharon Says the committee needs to talk with George D. Aiken RC&D about managing the grants and funding that may be obtained for the Green Mountain Responder.

Assignments:

Sharon: Call Brent Tellion about Forest Service funding. Contact Task Force about sponsoring "let your hair down" meetings with fire service in central and southern Vermont. Write proposal to Mike Gilhooly. Write proposal to VSAF executive committee and Kevin Goodhue. Call Ray Davison about mailing list of fire fighters. Keep in touch with Moe Forcier about Emergency Management mailing list and help with the development of the newsletter.

Wally: Call Fire Co-op, Northern Security, Rotary about paying for \$1,200 postage for newsletter mailing.

Ray: Call Kiwanis, Rotary about sponsorship for newsletter postage.

Next Meeting: July 26, 1995 at 9:00am in the Public Safety Building, Waterbury.

*Linking Economic Development and Community Fire
Protection "A Statewide Summit" March 13, 1995
Success Stories*

1. A newsletter committee was formed between SERC, LEPC, RERC, FEMA, Public Service, Green Mountain Responder, George D. Aiken and Northern Vermont RC&Ds. Members have had two meetings and are in the process of obtaining grants (from SERC, Vermont Council on the Arts, and a Public Service 404 Grant) to make the bi-monthly GMR newsletter--a statewide newsletter that will reach 10,000 readers. The GMR will be mailed directly to the homes of 6,500 firefighters. Corporate sponsors are also being contacted to defray the cost of postage for each edition.
2. George D. Aiken and Northern Vermont RC&Ds have been contacted by Vermont State Association of Firefighters (VSAF) to facilitate meetings in the central and southern part of Vermont. These meetings would be a "gripe session" for the fire fighters so that they can openly express their views of the direction the VSAF and training council are taking.
3. Vermont's first ISO two day workshop was held on June 3 & 4 with full participation of thirty-two attendees. Thirty-two attendees now understand what is required of the Insurance Service Office (ISO) audits of a fire department. Dr. Harry Hickey liked Vermont's workshop facilities and participation of the workshop so much that he is asking his council to hold New England's ISO workshop at Champlain College twice a year.
4. Fire Departments have an understanding of the connection of Public Relations activities and donations to their fire departments. George D. Aiken and Northern Vermont RC&Ds have conducted four meetings with fire department's fund rising committees to design a program that will raise monies for fire equipment.
5. Vergennes Fire Department will get their ISO rating decreased from a 5 to a 4 as a direct result of a discussion Chief Ray Davison had with ISO representative at the Summit.

6. Peacham contacted Vermont Fire Technical Support Team to help them with a town water system. The drought brought to the forefront, how the supply of water is important to the health and welfare of the townspeople and to the protection of structures and lives if a fire should occur during a drought. Emergency Management will help us in this effort.

7. Summit raised awareness of the Vermont Fire Technical Support Team's services, need for dry hydrants, need for knowledge of ISO ratings. Three committees were formed to address issues of

- Lowering Your Communities Fire Insurance Cost
- Establishing a Vermont Fire Protection Fund
- Improving Fire Protection Planning, Cooperation & Communication.

8. One hundred people attended the workshop to network from VT Firefighter's Coalition, Insurance companies, Fire Equipment Dealers, Forest and Parks, U.S. Forest Service, Fire Safety Institute, VT State Fire Fighters Association, VT Fire Service Training Council.

9. VSAF, fire chiefs and all the agencies, private companies, and departments involved with the first summit wish the summit would become an annual event.

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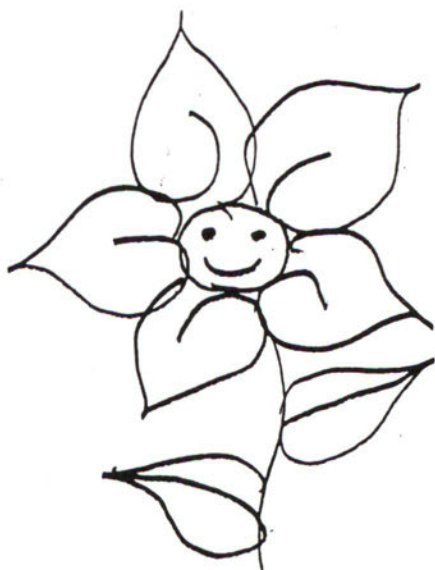
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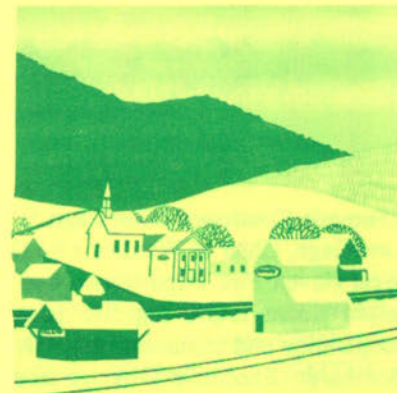
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Pictured above is Pat Ebarb, USDA Forest Service, Radnor, PA, addressing a question from the audience.

LINKING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY FIRE PROTECTION "A STATEWIDE SUMMIT"

On Monday, March 13, 1995, Vermont's first Statewide Summit on Fire Protection was held in the Pavilion Auditorium, in Montpelier. The Summit was the result of a "brainstorming meeting" on January 15 and was organized by Senators Patrick Leahy and James Jeffords, Representative Bernard Sanders, and the George D. Aiken and Northern Vermont RC&D's.

Improving fire protection, increasing security and reducing the cost of insurance is critical to every community's economic development goals. These goals can only be accomplished through the formation of partnerships with private and public resources. The Summit was organized to help create an understanding of the link between fire protection and economic development, and to create a coordinated strategy to improve fire protection capabilities while cutting costs, and increasing the security and economic potential of Vermont communities.

Anthony Pollina opened the Summit and welcomed speakers and guests. Speakers included: Pat Ebarb, Assistant Director, Cooperative Fire Protection New England Area, USDA Forest Service, Radnor, PA, who spoke about lowering community fire insurance costs; Wallace Possich, Chief of the

S. Burlington Fire Department, and Gus Seelig, Executive Director, VT Housing and Conservation Trust Fund, who talked about establishing a Vermont fire protection fund; and (Continued on Page 2)

SKITCHEWAUG SITE STABILIZATION SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED

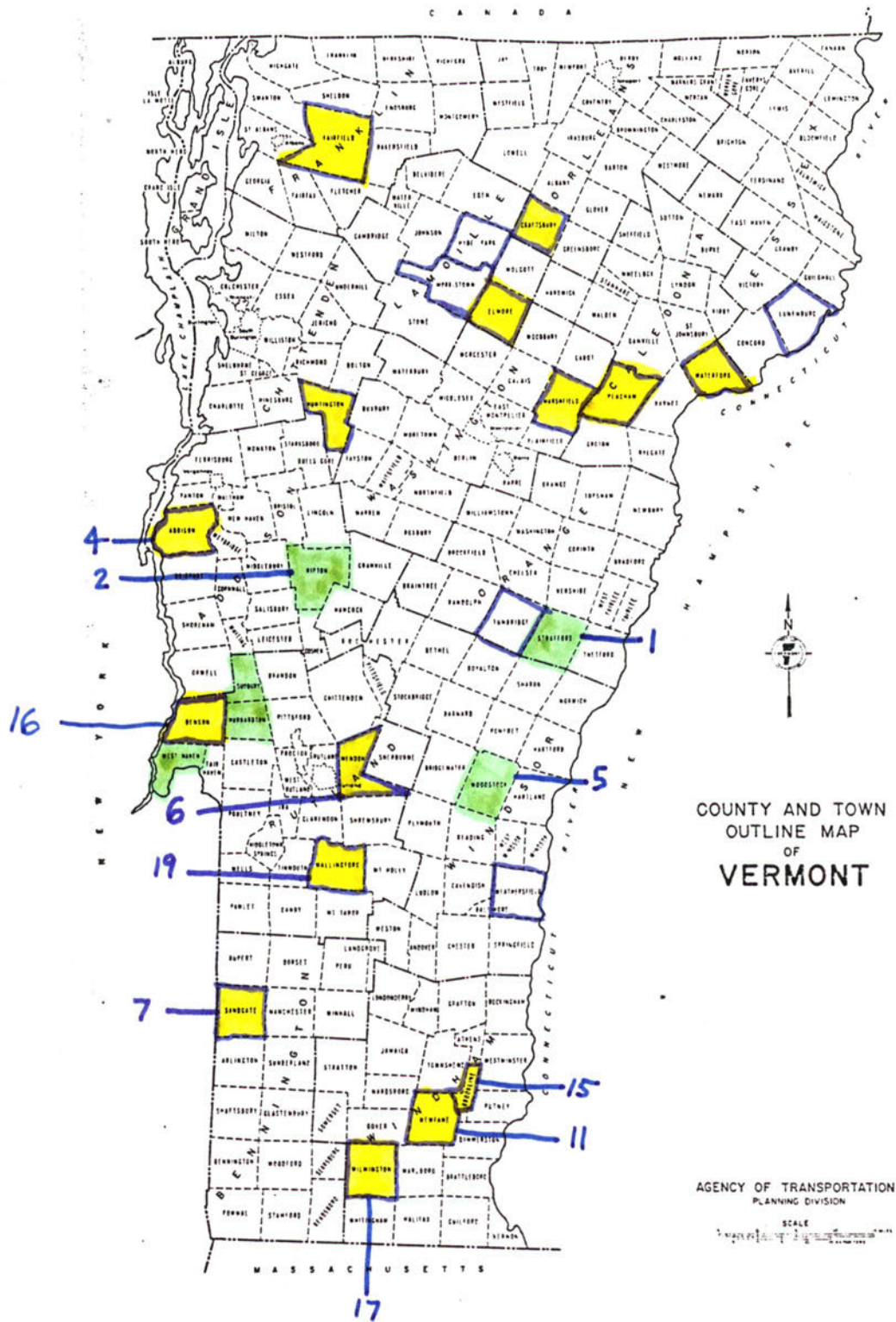
One of New England's most important archeological sites has been protected forever through an amazing partnership involving various public and private partners. The Skitchewaugh Site is situated along the banks of the Connecticut River in Springfield, Vermont.

The next critical step for long-term protection of the site was the costly, monumental stabilization of the riverbank along a major stretch of Connecticut River. The stabilization team included:

- The Youngs, Landowners
- The Vermont Legislature
- New England Power Company
- Dennis Borchardt, George D. Aiken RC&D, Administrator of the Project
- Tom Maclay, Supervisor of the Project
- Dave Skinas, Project Archeologist, Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)
- Dana Young, Project Engineer, NRCS
- Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service
- Jim Petersen and other archeologists from the University of Maine at Farmington, Volunteers
- Frank Whitcomb Construction, Inc.

Stabilization of the bank was completed in record time, just before the winter set in. Without including "in-kind" and volunteer time (an enormous value in time and dollars) the total project cash cost has been immense. The value of protecting a resource as important as this forever is incalculable. The people of the State of Vermont are indebted to the remarkable partners who contributed so much and cooperated so well to ensure the long-term protection of the Skitchewaugh Site.

Figure 1, Management Area Location Map



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SUBJECT: Chief's Visit, April 10, 1995

DATE: 4/13/95

TO: Heather Short
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FILE: 130

Thanks so much for making an extra effort to make Chief Paul Johnson's visit such a success. He and Pat were impressed with the quality of our employees and our Vermont AmeriCorps programs.

Thanks again for "going the extra mile".



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cc: Norm Smith

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March 13, 1995

Dear Heather,

I enjoyed meeting you at the Winooski River Project site. I am encouraged by the commitment and hard work of AmeriCorps volunteers in tackling our nation's problems and I applaud your efforts to clean up Vermont's precious rivers and wildlife habitat.

I have enclosed several photos I thought you might like to have. I send them with my best wishes.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "P. Leahy", written in a cursive style.

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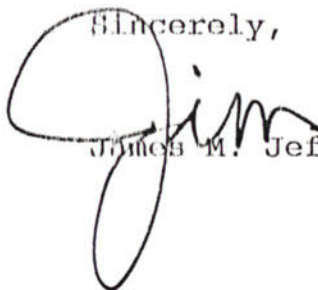
Dear Norm:

Thank you very much for all of your help in making Eli Segal's visit to Vermont a success. I thought it was a great event.

I was very impressed to learn about the efforts of the Soil Conservation Service, as well as the great work being done by Jim Ryan and Heather Short. Please relay to them my thanks for their hard work on the river. They are both very impressive.

Again, thank you for your help. Please don't hesitate to let me know if I can ever be of assistance to you. I would be happy to help you in any way that I can.

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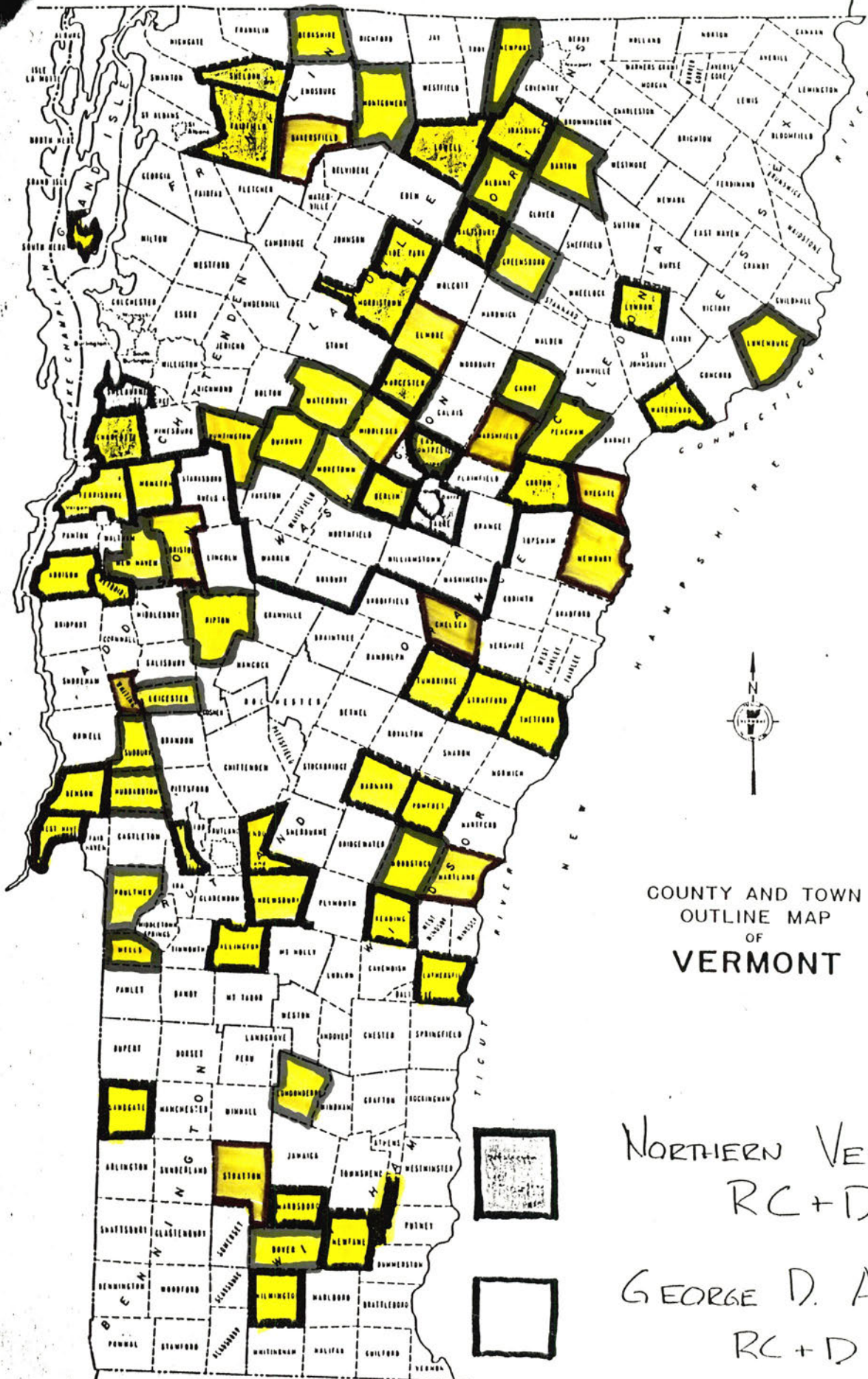
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FROM: Jon Binhammer

DATE: 6/28/95

RE: Winooski River Streambank Stabilization Project
presentation on 7/11/95

Jim Ryan and Heather ^{Skort}~~Frost~~, Americorps employees with the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS - formerly Soil Conservation Service), have comprehensively studied the Soil Conservation Service's (SCS) Winooski River streambank stabilization project. This enormous undertaking in the 1930s came about as a result of massive flooding in 1927 on the Winooski. A wide variety of methods were used to stabilize eroding banks. Some were successful and some were not. Heather and Jim have spent the last year studying the effectiveness and the long term results of these early efforts. Their research will have bearing on standards and practices used by the NRCS in the future, and involves that zone between agricultural and natural land and water that we all spend time thinking about and discussing.

Jim and Heather will give an interesting talk about their research on July 11, from 10:00 to 11:00 am at the offices of the UVM Extension Service Classroom at the Agricultural Center* on Comstock Road in Berlin, with before and after slides of the sites where the SCS experimented with various techniques for bank stabilization, including what we now call soil bioengineering through the use of plants to stabilize soils.

I invite you all to come hear their excellent presentation to get a glimpse of the history of streambank stabilization and participate in a discussion about streambank issues.

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