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USDA Summer of Gleaning State Progress Report (CNS Grant No. 95ADFD047)

1. Check this reporting period: Mid-Term ☒ Final ☐

SECTION I - STATE INFORMATION

2. State: Oregon

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

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

4. Contact Name: BRUCE K KOHLER
First Middle Last

5. Title: Rural Development Manager

6. Address: 1600 Valley River Drive, Suite 270
street, number, and PO (if applicable)

- Eugene OR 97401
City State Zip

7. Telephone number: 541 - 465 - 6850

8. Fax number: 541 - 465 - 6347

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

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 half	2nd half	Total
<u>354</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

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

1st half	2nd half	Total
<u>1004</u>	<u> </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 "Mid-Term Quantity" and the column marked "Mid-Term 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

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

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

"Mid Term Quantity" - Provide a hard number indicating progress towards the "Summer's QTY Target"

"Summer'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

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7/24/96

10. MEMBER DATA:

HP SITE ID: 941A

Site Supervisor: Rachel Little

PHONE: 503-282-0555

Agency/Org Name: Oregon Food Bank

FAX: 5034656347

STATE: OR

City: Portland, OR

No. of Members Allocated by USDA: 6

Member Name	SSN	SER STAT	PGM STAT	TRT STAT	HOURS		Total
					1st half	2nd half	
DAWSON, KARNA	L. (b)(6)	S	A	I			0
	[001]						
Total Hours:							0

No. of Members Allocated by USDA: 6

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*: 5

ENTER the number of vacancies that you intend to fill in the next reporting period: 0

ENTER the number of vacancies you intend to relinquish for the program year: 0

If the number of Members allocated is greater than the number of forms received, there are four options: 1. There are Members enrolled in programs whose forms have not been submitted to the USDA Director of National Service. If that is the case, list the names, SSN, Status and hours of the missing members on the back of this sheet and send the enrollment forms to the USDA Director of National Service. 2. The enrollment forms were sent directly to the Corporation. If that is the case, send copies to the USDA Director of National Service immediately. 3. There are vacancies in your program you intend to fill in the next reporting period. If that is the case, enter the number of vacancies on the appropriate line. 4. There are vacancies that you can not fill and you are relinquishing them.

REMEMBER, MEMBERS WHOSE FORMS HAVE NOT BEEN RECEIVED AT USDA ARE NOT CONSIDERED ENROLLED IN THE PROGRAM AND THEIR BENEFITS (EDUCATION AWARD, ETC.) ARE JEOPARDIZED!!!

If the number of members for whom forms have been received is greater than the number of members allocated resulting in a negative number appearing in the "No. of Members for Whom Forms Have NOT Been Received" line, you have enrolled more members in your program than authorized. Please explain this over enrollment. It may be that some members have terminated, in which case, change their status on this form and submit the proper end of term of service form to the USDA Director of National Service.

***** Enrollment forms were faxed to USDA by Bruce Kghler the week of July 28, 1996.

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							1st half	2nd half	
CLEVELAND	, TAMMERA	R.	(b)(6)	S	A	I			0
EDWARDS	, KHALIL	T.		S	A	I			0
KOONTZ	, KRISTINA	R.		S	A	I			0
LAZENBY	, AMY	J.		S	A	I			0
METZKER	, JENNIFER	S.		S	A	I			0

Hours for the week of July 21:

Koontz:	51
Lazenby:	40
Cleveland:	43
Edwards:	43.5
Metzker:	60
Dawson:	60

QUESTION 13. PROGRESS TOWARDS ACCOMPLISHING ORIGINAL SUMMER OF GLEANING SERVICE OBJECTIVES

State	OP Site	Obj No.	PGM Code	Obj/Impact Statement	Summer QTY Target	QTY Unit of Measure	Summer Success Target	Success unit of measure	Mid Term Success
OR	941A	1	F007	persons trained for garden	A= 5 B= 2	A=# of people trained B=# of groups trained	a= 17 b= 2	A= # of people maintaining garden B= # of people fed with garden	A=17 B=17
OR	941A	2	H004	higher use of farmer's mkt.	A= 40	A=people outreach	A= 40	increase in fresh produce	258 lbs.
OR	941A	3	H007	farmland gleaned	A= 1,000	A=lbs of food	A= 5,547	families given food	1,195 households
OR	941A	4	H009	expand food rescue	A= 1,000	A=lbs food rescued	A= 50,655	individuals receiving food	9,036 people
OR	941A	5	H010	outreach for nutrition to homeless people	A= 10	A=people reached	A= 25	# people enrolled in programs	12 people
OR	941A	6	H017	nutrition/food safety info to adults ages 18-65	A= 10	A=# people educated	A= 26	% adults demonstrating knowledge based on pre&post tests	pre&post test not given; time limit
OR	941A	7	H020	outreach on Federal nutrition programs	A= 50	A= #people reached	A= 82	# people enrolled in programs	unavailable information
OR	941A	8	H021	outreach provided on Food Stamps program	A= 50	A=# people reached	A= 82	# people enrolled in program	A= 15 people
OR	941A	9	H022	outreach provided on WIC program	A= 50	A=# people reached	A= 87	# people enrolled in program	unmeasured info due to time
OR	941A	10	H029	outreach to increase school breakfast program	A= 50	A=#people receiving outreach	A= 45	additional children in school breakfast program	unmeasured info school not in session
OR	941A	11	H030	outreach to increase school lunch program particp.	A= 50	A= # people receiving outreach	A= 45	additional children in school lunch program	not measured, school not in session
OR	941A	12	H042	development of food distribution system	A= 500	A= pounds of food distributed	A= 800	# people receiving food	35 people

NOTE: WE QUESTION SOME OF THESE FIGURES (circled), AND WILL GET THIS STRAIGHTENED OUT BEFORE NEXT REPORT. Correct figures in RED.

Bruce K. Kohler

14. PROGRESS TOWARDS ACCOMPLISHING ADDITIONAL COMMUNITY SERVICE OBJECTIVES

Use this section to report progress towards completing additional new objectives --- those objectives in addition to the main objectives of each project listed on the proceeding page. Please fill in all columns for all objectives. It is important to make sure that each objective is listed with its own "OP site" (Operating site) code; this ensures that we know precisely what service is performed at each site. Please fill in all columns for each objective. Under "Obj No.," please give each new objective a number different from the number used for any of the objectives on the proceeding page. Under "PGM Code", please use a one-letter and three-digit code to describe the service from the code list provided at the end of this report. Under "Obj/Impact statement," provide a several-word summary of the nature of the service project -- this verbal summary should roughly match the "PGM Code" listed in the previous column. Under "Summer's QTY Target," provide a hard number for the people or things aided. Under "Target Unit of Measurement," specify what unit of measure was used in the previous column -- such as miles, number of people served, acres, etc. Under "1st QTR Quantity," provide a hard number indicating progress towards the "Summer's QTY Target" that was accomplished during this reporting period. Under "Summer's Success Target," provide a hard number for a way of measuring how well the service was provided. Under "Successes Unit of Measure," specify exactly what the number in the previous column meant. Under "1st QTR Success," provide a hard number indicating progress towards the "Summer's Success Target" that was accomplished during this reporting period.

1st QTR State Op Site Measure	Obj PGM No. Code	Obj/Impact statement	Summer's		Unit of Measure	Summer's Success		Unit of
			QTY Target	QTY		1st QTR Quantity	Success Target	

{SAMPLE:}

CA Y05A	18 EN96	Constructing whale nesting boxes	3	Boxes	1	90	%
meeting stand.	95%						

2. August No additional objectives completed at this time.

15. Community Service Objectives Narrative:

941A: Overall, the most significant accomplishments during the last six weeks have been outreach to attract community volunteers and recipients of gleaned or rescued food. Outreach has been conducted via flyers distributed for gleaning and the Community Basket project.

Eugene: At FOOD for Lane County members worked nine-hour-plus days establishing three new gleaning groups. 4,000 brochures were designed and hand-distributed to food box agencies, transitional shelters, soup kitchens, rehabilitation clinics, welfare offices, low-income neighborhoods, and any other place where low-income people could be targeted. Also, over 1,500 brochures were distributed to the housing authority for distribution to all of the subsidized housing in the county. The brochures were translated into Spanish, and distributed through the Centro LatinoAmericano, as well as in Spanish-speaking neighborhoods.

Next, an informational meeting about gleaning was held, to which the interested people who'd attended a gleaning workshop in May were invited, as well as all of FOOD for Lane County's member agencies and an Oregon State University extension agent. Three gleaning group coordinators were recruited at this time. Letters were sent to those invited that hadn't been able to attend, in order to update them on the meeting and recruit more coordinators.

In the weeks following the informational meeting, calls came from people who were interested in gleaning. Thirty gleaners were referred to three different groups. In addition to this, the coordinators have found many gleaners on their own. A coordinators' packet was also created, which included relevant sections of a larger gleaning handbook so coordinators can lead groups on their own. Spanish translations were made of the parts of this packet that would need to be filled out by potential gleaners.

Corvallis: First, a rapport was established with the local growers at the Farmer's Markets (which will continue after this summer's project). A flyer was distributed which informed all the farmers about the well-established gleaning activity in the community. Knowledge and experience with gleaners already existed among some farmers. Others, who were brand new to the idea, had to be convinced. Generous donations came from all farmers. Both Wednesday and Saturday Markets were stationed by an Americorps volunteer.

Besides the donations of fresh produce from the Farmer's Market, an Americorps volunteer has helped in the distribution of large amounts of produce from suppliers, worked on refining a gleaning manual and an informative gleaning brochure, as well as having kept in contact with both the gleaning coordinators and the donors.

Portland: Phone calls were made to 125 food brokers and manufacturers, of those, 66 brokers/manufactures were contacted and a brief rapport was established with them. Following these calls, a packet of material will be sent to inform them of the services Oregon Food Bank provides regarding food rescue. These efforts will secure long term relationships with food donors and maintain this type of food rescue. A step-by-step gleaning manual is being revised, which will help a group of people mobilize themselves into a gleaning organization, once the Americorps program is over.

14,000 brochures were designed, printed and distributed to local churches, laundromats, community centers, local food bank agencies, and apartment complexes in effort to establish Community Basket. Community Basket is a program where low income families can receive a bag of surplus food and non-food items and an informational newsletter for \$15.00 per year. The program is established by an Americorps member and run by Community Basket volunteers. The \$15.00 annual fee covers the cost of the newsletter.

16. Community Building Objectives Narrative:

Eugene: A gleaning group has been established through Womenspace (a local battered women's shelter), which is more or less running itself while Americorps members offer them information, references, and extra support. This group consists of Womenspace volunteers and client families in transitional housing; all the food they glean will go to the shelter and families in transition.

The largest gleaning group has 35 people to date. It is also the most diverse group, with several elderly, disabled, and homeless members. The coordinator of this group is disabled herself, and is active in the community as an advocate for low-income and disabled people. A portion of this group consists of a contingency from a local Latin American Church and is lead by a Latino pastor (and community activist). His presence was successful in getting outreach to the Hispanic

population.

Efforts have gone towards creating community support as well as making a sustainable program. Adult and Family Services has been engaged in the process to form a program that works within the new welfare reform; people will be able to use gleaning as the job training that is now required to receive their welfare benefits. Food bank agencies and agents at WIC in Eugene, have been recommending the gleaning program to their clients.

Corvallis: Americorps members have observed that gleaning brings diverse groups of people together because it serves as a function which connects people who need each other, yet may not realize it. Gleaners maintain diligent efforts as a way to put food on the table every night, and Farmers, whose work is their lifestyle, don't want any of their efforts to go unappreciated or wasted. This is why the co-operation of gleaning, when done efficiently and with respect, is an amazing form of empowerment to the community.

Portland: By keeping up contacts with donors, the business community is reminded that they can help those in need. These calls help bring people of different economic backgrounds together.

17. Americorps Member Development Objectives Narrative:

A. Skills acquired by participating in the Americorps program:

Communication skills

Public relations skills

Presentation skills

Leadership skill

Computer literacy with Word Publisher, Word Perfect, LOTUS

Networking skills

Interviewing skills

Knowledge of governmental policy regarding: welfare, poverty, food distribution

Knowledge of food banking organizations; demographics and geography of Oregon

B. Comments made from individual Americorps members regarding ethics:

"This program has strengthened my feelings of wanting to do something in life that will make a difference."

"I feel that the highest value of learning has come from experiencing what it is like to be a member

of one community while extending myself to another community.”

“By experiencing gleaning the way I have been, when two months ago I honestly didn’t know what it was or how strongly it existed in my community, has been nothing but an honor.”

18. Unique Success or Great Stories:

Within 6 weeks, one site for Community Basket has been planned and successfully put into action by volunteers who are Community Basket members and Americorps members. Community Basket is primarily a community building project in which low-income people are brought together to solve their own problems through networking during the food distribution. Community Basket provides recipients with information, through a newsletter, on how to improve their lives as well as access other services. Volunteers feel like they are actually helping and giving back to their community while they build relationships and share ideas. The first site established 26 members, with 12 of those members serving as volunteers.

Here are quotes from participants of Community Basket:

“This program is very wonderful and necessary.”

“I am very glad I enrolled, every little bit helps.”

(*See attached press release and newsletter.)

Within six weeks, Americorps members have recruited 354 volunteers who have given a total of 1004 hours of their time. The volunteers have been involved on many levels: planning, coordinating, gleaning, donating produce, putting together flyers, distributing flyers, etc.

SECTION VI-CHALLENGES

19. Difficulties faced by the program:

Pendleton: Time has been spent trying to find farmers who would be willing to admit a gleaning group onto their property. In order to do this, a poor rapport that farmers have had with past gleaners had to be overcome to re-establish gleaning in the area. This problem resulted from abuse of

property by past gleaning organizations, including a Food Coordinator who sold product that had been gleaned. This problem, and actually locating the farmer's phone numbers, has proven to be a challenge. After referring to the yellow pages and the extension service, networking proved to be the best way to locate people who could give a list of farmer's phone numbers and addresses in the area.

Pendleton, Eugene: Missed opportunities for gleaning occurred in Pendleton and Eugene. A farmer in each area responded to a flyer by phoning the Americorps members to inform them of a future glean. Both ends failed to exchange the address of the farm. Attempts to track the farm down were unsuccessful, because the farmer's did not give their phone numbers. As a result of their errors, more attention is now given to using the form in the gleaning manual to record all information related to a glean.

SECTION V-GENERAL INFORMATION

20. National Identity Activities:

Portland: The Team Leader had the opportunity to meet with Americorps members working on the Olympics food rescue in Atlanta, Ga. Unfortunately, her visit to the area was too short to volunteer and help. Also, if the Team Leader sees a citizen wearing an Americorps tee-shirt, she stops them and asks them what type of program they are or had been participating in, and shares her involvement with the program.

Portland, Eugene, Corvallis: Members met for an Oregon network meeting, July 24-26, in Grants Pass, OR.

Portland, Eugene, Corvallis, Pendleton: Members participated in national teleconference, Aug. 1, 1996.

22. Organizational Improvements:

It would be extremely helpful if the USDA could distribute the mid-term and final reports at the beginning of the program, to hasten the organizational process for completing these reports in a timely fashion. A longer time limit is necessary to compile all the information the USDA requires, when attempting to gather and process information from six different people spread out in four locations throughout the state.

Here is the reporting process as Oregon Americorps members experienced it: USDA rep. Bruce Kohler received the report on July 30. The team leader then received the report on July 31 and sent similar reports for completion to other members that same day. These reports were completed and returned to the team leader on August 1 (the date the report was due). Time was insufficient to allow for the compilation and word processing of this report by the team leader. Weekend hours were spent compiling numerical data. The report could not be returned to Bruce Kohler until August 7, four business days after it was due. At the beginning of the program, Americorps members were asked to track only four items. Realistically, the report asks for much more data than the original four units of measure.

To RCAs

Re: Summer of Gleaning: Americorps project

In response to the overwhelming interest at the Quarterly meeting about the Americorps 'Summer of Gleaning' projects we, Karna Dawson and Sarah Metzker, wanted to forward the gleaning material we have used to all interested RCAs. Feel free to use this information anyway that you want. Our interest was to have all agencies in the network have access to our project.

Over the past number of years FOOD for Lane County in conjunction with the Oregon Food Bank has identified gleaning as a potential source of large amounts of produce. However, FOOD for Lane County lacked expertise in supervising local gleaning efforts. The goal of the summer Americorps was to create sustainable gleaning groups composed primarily of low-income gleaners. Through this program we hoped to provide low-income people with more control over their food security, to increase the amount of fresh produce to FOOD for Lane County agencies, decrease the amount of fresh produce that gets put into the landfills, and to provide an opportunity for empowerment to low-income gleaners. It was decided that the best way to go about this would be to have gleaning groups operating under the umbrella of FOOD for Lane County. This would act as a two-way agreement. If a gleaning group were willing to follow the established guidelines and fill out the appropriate paperwork, they could then be associated with FOOD for Lane County. In turn, FOOD for Lane County would actively recruit farmers and refer them to the gleaning groups. Everyone involved wanted to keep the program as straightforward as possible. Outlined below is our step-by-step approach we took towards establishing successful, sustainable gleaning groups.

Step 1: We held a meeting to gather information and invited all of the agencies associated with the Food bank along with members of the community who have expressed an interest in gleaning programs.

Step 2: We recruited potential gleaners through the distribution of over 4,000 flyers, printed in both Spanish and English. These were distributed throughout the county via food boxes, shelters, soup kitchens, and many other agencies. Enclosed you will find a sampling of these locations as well as an English and Spanish copy of our flyer.

Step 3: We established the gleaner coordinator handbook. In this manual we included among other things all of the forms that needed to be filled out, gleaning guidelines, and job descriptions. Enclosed you will find an example of this handbook.**

Step 4: We identified coordinators throughout the county and passed on the gleaner coordinator handbook to them. We then began to refer potential gleaners to the various coordinators as people responded to the flyer.

** This handbook was created from "Basic Gleaning Training" by Sharon Walkinstik.

Step 5: We then began identifying and recruiting farmers. We obtained the farmers addresses through a variety of sources, including: organic farmers listing (farmers co-op), U-Pick guides, the classified section of the newspaper listed under Market Basket, and word of mouth. We sent an initial letter of introduction asking farmers to participate in our program. A follow-up letter was sent two weeks later that addressed specific farmers concerns, and included a copy of the tax-credit incentives and a copy of the gleaning guidelines. A follow-up phone call is planned. In addition to direct recruitment of farmers we enclosed a small paragraph in the OSU Extension farmers' newsletter. The tax credit form can be ordered through the Oregon Department of Revenue (503) 378-4988. The form is titled, 'Tax Credit for Donations to Gleaning Cooperative.' It is form #150-101-240.

Step 6: In an attempt to recruit backyard and community gardeners we created several posters that were placed throughout the county, including: farm and garden supply stores, farm equipment stores, nurseries, local preschools, community centers, and natural food stores. Enclosed you will find an example of one of these posters.

Step 7: Maintaining contact with our coordinators. This was done through informational meetings which included detailed instructions of what we expected from them (what forms we need and how to fill them out). The forms we chose to use: a) waiver of liability, b) distribution tracking form, and c) the farmer donation form (we fill out the top portion and forward the information to the gleaning group and they fill out the bottom portion and give it back to us).

Step 8: Each of the groups met with all who had been referred to them and talked about the details of how it would work.

Step 9: We began getting calls from farmers and referring them to the gleaning groups. The gleaners then shared a portion of what they picked with either FOODfor Lane County or adoptees.

Step 10: A file of participating farmers was established so after the harvest season we can contact them and see if the program was successful and if they would like to participate again.

Areas of potential problems that we faced:

- Lack of the right equipment: garden tools, scales, containers, trucks.
- Fighting against both the lack of knowledge about gleaning as well as the bad image that other gleaning groups had created.
- Convincing existing gleaning groups to become associated with us.

--Getting the glean referred in a timely manner from the farmer to the gleaning groups.

I hope this is useful information for you. If you have any questions or want more information about anything please feel free to call us at FOOD for Lane county (541) 343-1107.

Thank you,

Karna Dawson

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Sarah Metzker

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Distribution of gleanings/garden farmers

Grocery stores
K-Mart
Campus women's center
Catholic Community Services
Food box agencies
Centro-Latino
Family services
Relief Nursery
Second hand stores
Planned parenthood
Crisis centers
Campus ministry
laundry mats
de-tox centers
counseling centers
shelters
transitional housing
Summer lunch program for children
Community Centers
Senior centers
Check cashing facilities
Health centers
WIC
Homeless Action Coalition
7-11
Salvation Army
Corner markets
Plasma Donation centers
Municipal Court
Employment offices
Housing authority
ARC of Lane County
Assisted living of Eugene
Bus station
Library
Goodwill
Police station
Public safety offices
Red Cross: USDA Children's Food Program
Natural food stores
Adult and Family Services
All member agencies associated with the Food bank

Attention Gardeners & Growers

Summer 1996

Does your garden grow more food than you can eat?

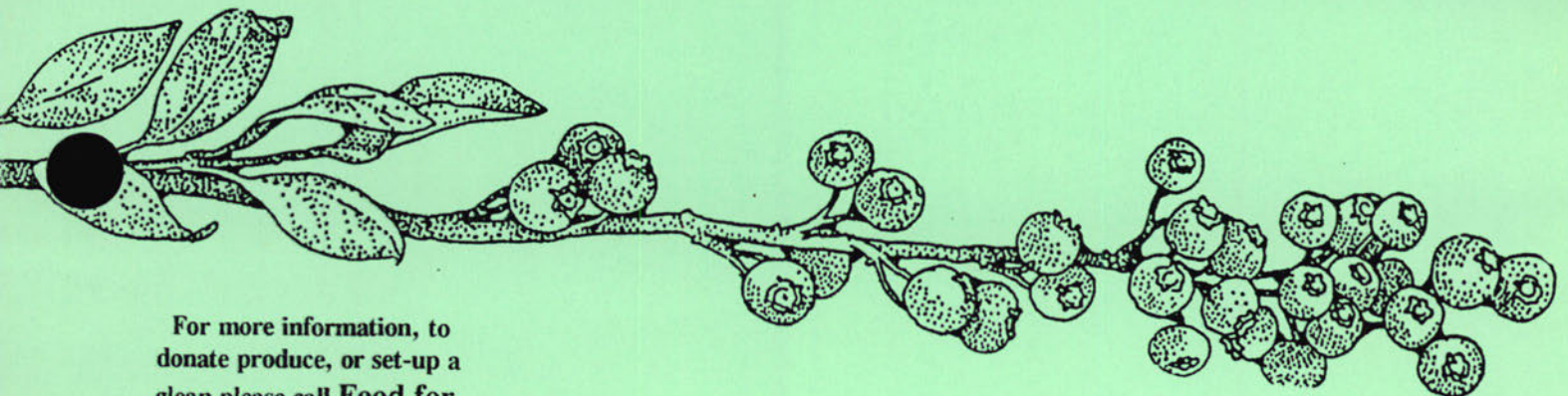
Food for Lane County, the food bank serving all of Lane County, can distribute your extra produce. As federal funds are decreased we need to rely more on community support. This past year over 40 tons of produce was distributed to needy people. We need your help in order to maintain a supply of fresh food to low-income people.



1. All gleaning groups associated with Food for Lane County are well trained.
2. Tax deductions and credits are available to a farmer who donates food.
3. All food gleaned gets distributed to low-income residents of Lane County.

Gleaning groups in Lane County...

Several new gleaning groups have started in Lane County. These groups are composed of low-income people who are interested in increasing their food security through their own efforts. If you have an unpicked fruit tree or grow more food in your garden than you can eat, think of supporting our gleaning efforts. Call today and set up a glean.



For more information, to donate produce, or set-up a glean please call Food for Lane County at 343-2822

Directions to the Grassroots Garden

Location: Behind the
St. Thomas
Episcopal Church at:
1465 Coburg Rd.
Eugene, Or.

Transportation: Bus
#67 leaves from 10th and
Olive twice every hour

Grassroots Garden is a year round urban farm located on 2 1/2 acres behind St. Thomas Episcopal Church. The garden is a cooperative effort that provides fresh, organically grown produce to FOOD for Lane County. Grassroots is a place where people of all ages can come together, leaving behind their differences to garden and work hand in hand.



FOOD FOR LANE COUNTY's mission is to alleviate hunger in Lane County by soliciting, collecting, growing, storing and packaging food for distribution through its non-profit member agencies such as food box programs, emergency shelters, soup kitchens, and residential treatment services; and to increase public awareness of hunger.

For further information contact:
FOOD for Lane County
255 Madison Street
Eugene, Or. 97402
(541) 343-2822

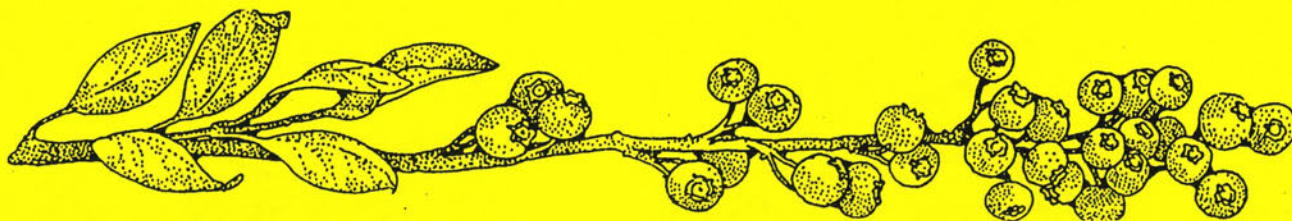


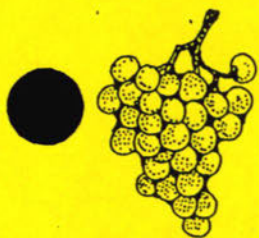
*Do you run out of food at the
end of the month?*

*Do you want more fresh
fruits and vegetables?*

*Do you want to have more
control over your food supply?*

If you answered yes to any of
these questions
FOOD for Lane County has
two solutions for
you . . .



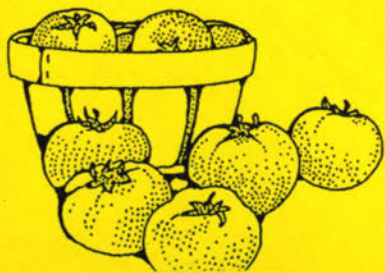


Gleaning Groups

*Harvest your own food,
from local farms!*

Glean: To collect food from the field after the harvest

- * After a harvest several hundred pounds of produce go unused
- * Join a local group of gleaners to collect this extra produce
- * Fill your cupboard with fresh fruits and vegetables
- * For more information please call Karna or Sarah at 343-2822.



Adopt your own plot at **Grassroots Garden!**

A Place to grow

- * The garden has space available for you to grow your own vegetables
- * Knowledgeable gardeners are available to provide any assistance that you might need
- * The plot, seeds, and all the assistance are free of charge
- * For information call Harper or Pete at 343-2822



zucchini stir-fry

1 clove of garlic
4 zucchini
1 large onion
tsp. salt
tsp. pepper
1 Tbs. oil or butter

Chop all vegetables and fry at high heat until they are lightly browned. Serve over a bed of rice or wrapped in a tortilla.



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Basket Weaving



Community Basket is a program of Oregon Food Bank

August 1996

Editors: K. Edwards and D. Lippoldt

Children-Our Brightest Future

Soon the play days of summer turn into school days.

To prepare your children or grandchildren, nieces or nephews for that first day at school, think about these items:

- ⇒ Supplies and Clothes
- ⇒ Time for Immunizations?
- ⇒ Apply for Meals
- ⇒ Register New Students
- ⇒ Travel Safety

School supplies and clothes can be a challenge on a limited budget. Children see the latest ads on TV, billboards, and newspapers. A lucky friend may have the latest pair of sneakers. It's hard to say no. But, why not try garage sales, neighbor swaps and good ol' hand-me-downs? Some

Supplies and clothes can be a challenge on a limited budget... start your own neighborhood swap!

churches and schools also have clothes closets.

Is it time for your child's immunizations? Oregon law requires that all school children be immunized. See the chart on page 3 for the clinic nearest you.

Remember to apply for free or reduced-price school breakfast

and lunch programs. Children need to eat frequently to keep up their energy and learning. Check with your school to find out about breakfast and lunch programs.

New students need to be registered. Be sure to bring your child's legal proof of age (birth certificate and immunization record).

Know your child's travel route to school. If your child is old enough to go without you, make sure he or she knows safety rules, wears a helmet if biking, and doesn't talk to strangers.



Is your child ready to START school this year?

In the Kitchen

Following Food Safety rules will keep you and the people you love safe. Here are some tips to keep your food safe:

1. **Keep cold food cold** (and hot food hot)-this is the best way to fight bacteria.
2. **Wash your hands**-everyone in the family should wash hands before preparing or handling food.
3. **Don't spread bacteria from raw meat or poultry**

to other food. Wash hands after contact with raw meat or poultry.

4. **Thoroughly cook** raw meat, poultry, and fish.
5. **Check your appliances**-make sure your refrigerator is at 40 degrees F or below and your freezer is at/below 0 degrees F.
6. **Don't use food from damaged containers**- Check cans and glass jars for cracks or bulging lids. Check paper packages for leaks and stains.



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Portland, OR 97211
503-282-0555

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EMERGENCY ON-SITE MEAL PROGRAMS MULTNOMAH COUNTY

DOWNTOWN

First Baptist Church
909 SW 11th Avenue
Portland, OR 97205
228-7465

Hours: Mon & Thurs 2 - 4 pm

Portland Rescue Mission
111 W Burnside
Portland, OR 97209
227-0421

Hours: Every evening 7 pm
Breakfast Mon-Sat 7:25 am,
Sundays 8 am

Salvation Army Harbor Light
30 SW Second
Portland, OR 97228
239-1259

Hours: Sun-Fri 3:30 pm
Sundays 9:30 am

Sisters Of The Road Cafe
133 NW 6th Avenue
Portland, OR 97209
222-5694

Hours: Mon-Fri 10 am - 2:45 pm
Hot, prepared meals
(Meal \$1.25 - food stamps
accepted, no one turned away)

Union Gospel Ministries
15 NW Third Avenue
Portland, OR 97209
228-0319

Hours: Mon-Fri 11 am - 12 noon &
7:30 - 9 pm
(Meal \$1 - food stamps accepted,
no one turned away)

INNER NORTHEAST

Street Ministry
MOBILE (serves inner NE and downtown)
287-7649

Hours: Saturdays
8 am - 5 pm

Portland Metro Assembly of God
5004 NE 6th
Portland, OR 97211
287-4825

Hours: Wednesday 6 pm
Sunday 10:30 am

St. Philip the Deacon Episcopal Church
120 NE Knott
Portland, OR 97211
281-5802

Hours: Last Saturday of each month

INNER SOUTHEAST

All Saints Episcopal
4033 SE Woodstock Blvd.

Hours: Saturdays 11:30 am

Portland, OR 97202
777-3829

Portland Foursquare Church
MOBILE (serves Downtown and SE)
232-5155

Hours: Wed & Sat 3-5 pm
Thurs & Sat 7-9 pm

Portland Peniel Mission
526 SE Grand
Portland, OR 97214
231-9334

Hours: Daily except Wed. and Sun.
6-7:30 pm
Monday - Thursday 11:45 am

St. Francis Dining Hall
330 SE 11th Avenue
Portland, OR 97214
234-2028

Hours: Monday - Friday 5 pm
Sundays 3:30 pm

Sunnyside United Methodist
3520 SE Yamhill
Portland, OR 97214
281-4570

Hours: Wednesdays 6:30 pm,
Friday Coffee Hour
6-10 pm

OUTER EAST

Zaraphath Kitchen
507 W Powell
Gresham, OR 97030
665-3197

Hours: Monday - Friday
11 am - 1 pm

CLACKAMAS COUNTY

Kendall Community Center
8800 SE 80th
Portland, OR 97206
771-7914

Hours: Tuesday
4:30 pm

VARIOUS LOCATIONS - METRO AREA

Loaves and Fishes (Seniors Only)
777-2424

Hours: Monday-Friday Noon
Call for meal sites

New to your neighborhood

Community Basket

It makes a difference



**Be a part of
the community**



Community Basket is a membership program sponsored by Oregon Food Bank, and operated by volunteers/members.

\$15.00/year entitles Community Basket members to:

- Community involvement
- Monthly access to information & community services
- A monthly bonus bag(s) of surplus grocery items

The cost is \$15.00 a year, or \$5.00 every four months. All you have to do to join is go to the site closest to where you live on August 1st, between 12-3pm. The N/NE location is 3724 N. Williams Ave. or call Khalil Edwards at 282-0555 to register.

The first fifteen members to join get \$5.00 off the annual membership fee for their first year.

To join you must meet the income guidelines and have proof of your address. Once you are a member, on the first Thursday of each month you will receive information on parenting, job opportunities, budgeting, nutrition, etc., and your bonus bag of food and non-food items.



For more Information call Khalil at 282-0555
Oregon Food Bank
2540 NE Riverside Way Portland, Oregon 97211



Community Basket

INCOME GUIDELINES

Size of Family Unit	Annual Income	Monthly Income
1	14,319	1,193
2	19,166	1,597
3	24,013	2,001
4	28,860	2,405
5	33,707	2,809
6	38,554	3,213
7	43,401	3,213
8	48,248	4,021
For each additional person	4,847	404



July 15, 1996
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Contact: Khalil Edwards
(503) 282-0555

Low-Income families make friends and receive surplus food thanks to Community Basket volunteers

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Each site will have a volunteer coordinator responsible for scheduling volunteer shifts, arranging home deliveries, supervising the site, and re-bagging food. Anyone interested in volunteering can call Khalil Edwards at 282-0555 for more information.

Beginning August 1st and the first Thursday of every month following, individuals and families in the N/NE neighborhoods can register at the following time and place and receive their first newsletter and bonus bag(s) of food:

WHEN: August 1, 1996 (1st Thursday of each month)

TIME: 12:00 pm to 3:00 pm

WHERE: Child's Path

3808 N. Williams Portland, Or 97227

BRING: \$15(annual fee) or \$5(four months fee) and proof of address

Future sites to open in Northwest, North, and Southeast Neighborhoods

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Low-income families get Food Bank's help

Low-income residents of Multnomah County can join Community Basket, a new membership program run by the Oregon Food Bank.

Located in the Child's Path warehouse at 3808 N. Williams Ave., it offers members a newsletter with information on nutrition, jobs, community projects and social services. In addition, they will get bags of free groceries and nonfood items once a month.

Membership is \$15 for the year or \$5 every four months. Members can volunteer for various duties such as

rebagging food and taking food to the homebound, said Kahlil Edwards, an Americorps volunteer at the food bank.

The program begins Aug. 1, from noon to 3 p.m., and will continue the first Thursday of each month. To sign up at the door, individuals and families must meet poverty income guidelines and have proof of address.

Edwards said the food bank will provide surplus items from its warehouse. He added that the surplus food will not be as nutritious as the items in an emergency food box. A member will get several loaves of bread along with snack items, condiments, paper goods, soap and perhaps pet food. By not spending money on these items, he said, members can make their money go further on more healthful food.

The food bank plans to open other sites in Northwest, North and Southeast Portland later this year.

For more information and to volunteer, call Edwards at 282-0555, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays.

...stang, a Seattle cookbook author, got the ...cooking method from Jon R... Seattle seafood expert, who ... learned it from Makah Indians on the Olympic Peninsula.

The basting sauce is from the Chilkat Indians in Haines, Alaska.

Washing produce always a good idea

Chicago Tribune News Service

Always wash all fresh fruit and vegetables in clear, fresh water, especially if you plan to eat them raw, health officials recommend. That applies to all produce, whether it is to be peeled or not.

But if a fruit or vegetable is contaminated with a parasite such as cyclospora, even a good scrubbing is not guaranteed to make it safe, said Dr. Peter Schantz, deputy chief of epidemiology at the Centers for Disease Control in Atlanta. Only cooking or freezing will kill the bug.

Because of their surface texture and crevasses, berries can be more difficult to wash than a plum or a peach, Schantz says.

Washing fruits will help remove dirt, dust and any residual pesticides.

Steak fry kicks off auction

The annual steak fry, sponsored by the Washington County Livestock Association will be held from 4-6:30 p.m. Aug. 2. The event takes place in the Washington County Fair complex in Hillsboro.

Ribeye steak dinner with all the trimmings will be served to 1,300 guests. Tickets should be purchased in advance. The price is \$7 for adults and \$4 for children under age 10.

Dinner is held prior to the FFA and 4-H livestock auction, which starts at 6:45 p.m. For information about ticket locations call 647-2709.

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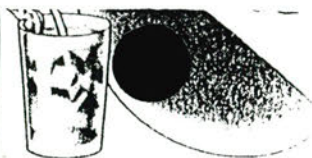
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Apple Pie 8"

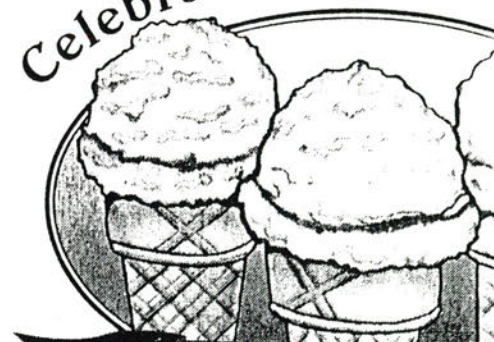
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646-7136

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July & August

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2. State: Pennsylvania
3. Agency: USDA Rural Development

SECTION II - STATE CONTACT INFORMATION

4. Contact Name: **F. Lee Patterson**
5. Title: **Rural Development Manager**
6. Address: **602 Evans City Road, Suite 101
Butler, PA 16001-8701**
7. Telephone Number: **412-482-4888**
8. FAX Number: **412-482-4826**
9. E-Mail Address: **lpatters@rurdev.usda.gov**

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OP SITE ID: R42A

STATE: PA

Site Supervisor:

Agency/Org Name:

City:

Dr. Allen Comp

SW PA Heritage Preservation Commission

Hollidaysburg, PA

Phone: 814-696-9380

FAX: 814-696-9569

SECTION III - MEMBER DATA**10. Member Data**

No. of Members Allocated by USDA: 5

Name	SSN	SerType	Prgm. Stat	Trust Stat	Hrs 4 th Qtr	Total
Adam Baacke	(b)(6)	F	A	A	178.5 /	1700.5
Jaime Pecek		F	A	A	521.5 /	1720.5
Craig Kelso		F	A	A	471.75 /	1833.5
Amy Myers		F	A	A	464.5 /	1700.5
Susan Thagard		F	A	A	532.25	1963.25

4th Qtr

11. Number of Volunteers Involved in activities sponsored or organized by members: 102 volunteers

12. Total hours of community service completed by volunteers cited above: 948.5 hours

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13. Progress towards accomplishing original community service objectives

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

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PA	R42A	1	EN-R038A	Survey National Road property owners/use	90	miles surveyed	5	50	% used for implementation	75
PA	R42A	2	EN-B017A	Organize Educational Summit for teachers	25	teachers attending	0	50	% of teachers using materials	0
PA	R42A	3	EN-B121A	Organize/assist with Trail Clean-ups	90	miles of trail cleaned	0	50	volunteers involved	0
PA	R42A	4	EN-B011C	Nominate historic taverns to National Register of Historic Places	3	# of sites documented	0	67	% of owners committed to enhancement/preserv.	0
PA	R42A	5	EN-E011C	Nominate National Road historic districts to National Register of Historic Places	2	# of districts documented	0	100	% of owners committed to enhancement/preserv.	0
PA	R42A	6	EN-E043B	Dev Arch renderings for Auto Era National Road visitor center	1	plans - developed	1	100	% of work meeting prof. standards	100%
PA	R42A	7	EN-E084B	Develop signage for the National Road	90	miles - signs installed	0	100	% of work meeting professional standards	0
PA	R42A	8	EN-R041A	Low-interest loan program for National Road	20	applications - processed	0	4	#of people rec. loans	0
PA	R42A	9	EN-R073B	Create driving tour guide for National Road	30	sites - researched	0	100	% of guide completed	0
PA	R42A	10	EN-R026A	Assist homeowners to apply for USDA hshg. loans	7	homes - housing loans	0	100	% processed by USDA	0

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PA	R42A	11	EN-E090B	Rehab. East End Comm Ctr	1000	# of square feet	0	30	# of people using the facility per day	0
PA	R42A	13	EN-E004B	Cleanup junkyards on National Road	14	lots - cleaned	0	100	tonnage removed/trees planted	0
PA	R42A	14	EN-E121A	Develop Adopt-the-National Road program	10	miles adopted	0	5	# volunteers involved	0
PA	R42A	15	EN-E079B	Legal research toward acquisition of rail line for sheepskin trail	34	miles - researched	0	34	% meeting professional work standards	0
PA	R42A	16	EN-E094B	Establish Fayette County Watershed Association	10	# of volunteers	15	4	# of conservation measures adopted	0
PA	R42A	17	EN-R001A	Historic resources survey of Yough River Trail	30	sites - historical	0	1000	people using trail	0
PA	R42A	18	EN-E164A	Develop interpretive signage for YRT historic sites	5	site - signs installed	2	100	% of work meeting professional standards	90
PA	R42A	19	EN-E156A	Develop maintenance guide for rail trails	65	# groups - surveyed	0	20	# of trail groups using guide	0
PA	R42A	21	EN-E130A	Small Community Sewage Conference	40	# people attending	0	75	% of people committed to improvements	0

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PA	R42A	23	EN-E091A	Organize interns to staff National Road visitor center	5	# of volun. - recruited	0		# of things aided	0
PA	R42A	24	EN-E170A	Elementary or Jr High Student Art Essay Contest	200	# of students participating	0	67	% with increased knowledge of local history	0

14. Progress towards accomplishing additional community service objectives

State	OP Site	Obj. #	PGM Code	Obj/Impact Statement	YR. QTY Target	Unit of Meas. Success	4th 1/4 QTY	Yr Success Target	Unit of Meas.	4th 1/4 Success
PA	R42A	1	?	Develop a Food Rescue Program	1	program developed	0	100	% meeting standards	0
PA	R42A	2	?	Operation of a visitor center	1	US Army Corps to assume control	0	100	% meeting standards	0
PA	R42A	3	?	Organize and Promote National Pike Festival	1	Organize two evenings of education and enter.	0	100	% meeting standards	0
PA	R42A	4	R072	Flatiron Bldg Brochures	10,000	Number of brochures published	0	100	% meeting prof standards	0

15. Community Service Objectives Narrative (optional):

Objective #1 Survey National Road property owners to determine the extent of commercial activity. Information gathered will be used as a baseline for economic and community development activities. The majority of this survey was completed during the first quarter of fiscal year 1996. In the third quarter, information obtained in the survey was used by the National Road Heritage Park in implementing community and economic development programs, including the low-interest loan fund. Additionally, survey information was gathered for a portion of the road which had not been completed in the first quarter. Information from the survey was used to facilitate volunteerism in the National Pike Festival and to make the festival more influential in the area's economy. Information from the survey was compiled into a database for use by the National Road Heritage Park (NRHP). Of the property owners, 60% of the properties were available for questioning and 361 entries were made in the computer.

Objective #2 Organize educational summit for history, humanities, physical education, and science teachers in the six Fayette County school districts to encourage usage and teaching of the natural, cultural, and historical resources located along the National Road and Youghiogheny River Trail in Fayette County. Due to uncompromising events that occurred during the winter months, which was mentioned in the second quarter's report, this activity is planned for the 1996-1997 school term.

Objective #3 Organize and assist with trash and debris clean-ups along the Youghiogheny River Trail and the National Road. On April 20th, 53 students from the Frazer School District were organized with other volunteers to clean up the Yough River Trail North of Connellsville near Perryopolis. In preparation for the clean-up day, an assembly at the high school was organized to interest the students in the project. It was arranged for a state geologist to give a slide show presentation on the environment and geology of the areas and why it is important to take care of our environment. A slide show presentation was given at the assembly to show the students what area they would be cleaning up. Flyers were created and press releases were issued announcing the clean-up to the local newspapers and the local radio stations. This work was done in cooperation with the Regional Trails Corp., Pennsylvania Clean Ways, and the Perryopolis Area Heritage Society to clean 5 miles of the future trail and cleared 60 acres of George Washington Grist Mill Park in Perryopolis. This project showed what can happen when groups of people who have a common interest pull together to do a job. Six dump truck loads of debris, over 15 tons of trash, was hauled away. The school students received community service credits from the Frazer School District for this project. The students that participated had a first hand knowledge of the destructive affects of illegal dumping. Many of the students were heard to proclaim after 5 hours of picking up trash, they were never going to throw another piece of trash on the ground again. If the students complete a certain number of hours they receive a certificate and are invited to a banquet. The local historical society obtained much needed help on a large section of their property at no cost to their organization. At it's conclusion, the community received a cleaner recreational area that many did not know existed until this project.

Objective #4 Nominated three National Road taverns to the National Register of Historic Places to aid in the preservation of these resources and their development as assets to the viability of the NRHP corridor as a tourist attraction. The three taverns are the Thomas Brown Tavern in Markleys burg, the Josiah Frost Tavern in Menallen Township, and the Dougherty Tavern in Donegal Township. The nominations of the three taverns was completed in the first quarter of fiscal year 1996, were finalized and submitted to the State Historical Preservation Office in February 1996. After the initial review by SHPO, they were revised and submitted back to SHPO this quarter. Two will be reviewed by the board at their September meeting. The tavern owners have committed themselves to the preservation and conservation of their buildings now that they have been identified as historically significant.

Objective #5 During the fourth quarter work was completed with officials from the State Historic Preservation Office to complete final corrections on the nominations and prepare for formal presentation of the districts to the State Historic Preservation Board. These presentations will be given by a state preservation official and a local community representative in September. Both communities see historic preservation as an important tool for revitalization. Each has expressed some interest in establishing neighborhood associations, as well as enacting local zoning and regulations to help preserve the historic character and identity of their neighborhoods. The communities intend to capitalize on the tourism and increased quality of life which will ultimately stem from this recognition. Some community members are also interested in accessing low-interest moneys which

National Road status will make available to them. It is anticipated that a member of the FY 97 Fayette County AmeriCorps team will actively work with these villages on historically sensitive community development projects.

Objective #6 Plan for the development of an automobile-era interpretive center of the National Road Heritage Park (NRHP) using an historic auto showroom and garage which today sits vacant and is deteriorating. The completed facility will provide visitors with information and exhibits addressing the twentieth-century uses of the National Road. This will compliment the taverns, tollhouses and other visitor resources which illustrate the nineteenth-century history of the corridor. The project will also contribute to the remediation of visual and environmental pollution in the corridor as a result of deteriorating buildings and illegal dumping. During the third quarter a notice of funding support for the first phase (acquisition and stabilization) of the project from three sources totaling \$235,000. With this money secured, focus has begun on beginning the documentation and design work for this project. With the assistance of two interns from the SWPHPC during this quarter, the existing condition of the building was made and measured drawings of the buildings were taken. Also written and oral source materials on the history of the facility and the related stories of the development of the automobile tourism and its impact on the National Road was gathered for use in exhibits in the facility. Final contract of sale was prepared for the facility and the official transfer to the NRHP will take place in the fourth quarter of the fiscal year. Contact with architects for the final design of the facility has begun. The fourth quarter of FY 96 has been an eventful one for this project. Unfortunately, not all developments are positive ones. With the assistance of two interns hired through the Southwestern Pennsylvania Heritage Preservation Commission during the quarter, the history and existing condition of the building was documented. A set of measured drawings of the current building and plans for the completed facility were also completed. Consultations with environmental engineers were conducted in preparation for a phase one site assessment to evaluate the condition of the site and the environmental impact of the project. The contract sale was finalized to the satisfaction of the property owners and approved by the NRHP's solicitor. Unfortunately, at the August meeting of the NRHP Board of Directors, the board narrowly voted to table the project citing uncomfortability with potential environmental issues associated with the property. The fact that none of these fears had been confirmed by previous professional evaluations of the property was not sufficient to convince a number of board members to approve the Phase One site assessment and obtain adequate information before rendering a decision.

Objective #7 Develop a signage program for the National Road Heritage Park to identify the corridor and accompany the driving guide, information center, and sites on the road in enhancing the visitor's experience. Proper illustration of the corridor is integral to developing the area as a viable tourist destination and encouraging economic revitalization based on appropriate heritage tourism. This project has not advanced this quarter. The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) is still reviewing the application and proposed program. Once they approve the project, the work will continue with PennDOT's crews installing wayfinding signage as outlined in the AmeriCorps application. The project has not advanced since the second quarter. The PennDOT is still reviewing the application and proposed program. Once they approve the project, the work will continue, with PennDOT crews installing wayfinding signage as outlined in the application. Upon further investigation it was learned that the delay is a result of unresolved issues between the State Heritage Parks Office and PennDOT. The two agencies are attempting to outline a single signage approach and policy for all nine of the State Heritage Parks to follow. As this was one of the two parks which had already submitted a proposal, no action will be taken on the individual application during FY 96.

Objective #8 In partnership with a number of local financial institutions, build a pool of money to assist private property owners along the National Road with rehabilitating their homes and businesses in a historically sensitive manner. This money will be distributed in the form of primarily low-interest loans, which encourage community revitalization as well as improve the visual desirability of the National Road Heritage Park. This has been an active objective during this quarter. The first loans will be made to property owners beginning in July and August. Written commitments of \$100,000 each from two additional banks, bring the total pool to \$400,000 were received. Qualified community volunteers were contacted to serve on the design review committee for the program and their activities of this role was outlined for them. Project applications were prepared and assembled for distribution and a press campaign to announce the program was launched. During the fourth quarter, the National Road Heritage Park Community and Building Revitalization Program was officially launched. Thus far the NRHP has received more than twenty requests for applications and several more inquiries. A brochure was prepared, printed and distributed to individual property owners and participating banks. Applications will start to be accepted during the month of September and loans will be process during FY 97.

Objective #9 Create a driving tour guide for the National Road in Pennsylvania to help make the National Road a desirable tourist destination thereby increasing the economic and community development which will follow. Research was completed on several sites in preparation for writing the guide, however, this project has ceased to be an AmeriCorps project because a community member came forward expressing interest in creating a driving tour guide for the National Road. Since this was an opportunity to create a short-term job for this individual, the project was stopped. The AmeriCorps research and examples collected will still aid in this effort in completion of the objective.

Objective #10 Assist the Rural Housing Service (RHS) in Uniontown by helping low income home owners complete applications for repair and mortgage loans. The goal of this objective is to complete 7 applications. Three town meetings were attended to explain to citizens the loan and grant programs of the RHS. Flyers were created and passed out announcing the meetings in each community. The meetings were a success and resulted in 5 new applications for loans.

Objective #11 Rehabilitate East End Community Center using 25-30 volunteers. The Center serves 30 students in the after-school program and 60 students during the summer. This objective was accomplished on May 11 as a community volunteer day to work on the community center. There were 30 volunteers from the community that helped in the rehabilitation of the center. Workers from community service work programs and welfare were inspired to help in the project and the interior of the center was painted, fixed a leaky roof, and replaced ceiling panels. Several other days have seen continuing repair work since May 11th and the exterior of the building was repainted. Donations were received to improve the center. A local craftsman created a new sign for the center, curtains were donated as well. The only remaining work needed is to replace the worn out carpet.

Objective #13 Clean up junkyards on the National Road. Sites will be identified and surveyed. Success will be measured by the number of sites cleaned and/or screened. Two property owners have been encouraged to clear the site of an old junkyard. They intend to convert the site into a used car lot. At this time, one half of the lot has been cleared. All the tires, freon and gas tanks have been removed from the site. The National Road Heritage Park (NRHP) received a grant for Highway Beautification. The AmeriCorps members have worked an agreement between the new junkyard owners and the NRHP which provides financial assistance to the new owners for their clean up of the site. A local vo-tech teacher's assist was recruited for help with screening another junkyard site. A project utilizing the vo-tech schools "school to work" program was developed. In September the students will put up the fence and receive work experience and school credits for their efforts. Additionally, with the help of local school children and community organizations, a mural will be painted on the fence, depicting the history of the National Road. As of the fourth quarter, one site has been completely rehabilitated. Hazardous waste, such as oil, tires and freon have been properly disposed of or in some cases recycled. Approximately 100 tons of scrap was removed and recycled. A business, a used car lot, is opening on the site. Three other salvage yards located along the National Road have agreed to screen their sites. Right now, a landscape architect is working with the AmeriCorps members to design the screening. The screening will be a combination of living screening, such as trees and scrubs, and also wooden fencing. Combined the screening of the three sites will cover over 1,000 feet.

Objective #14 Develop adopt-the-National Road program in conjunction with existing Adopt-A-Highway program. Recruit volunteers to adopt portions of the National Road. Award those who have already adopted part of the National Road. No activity on this at this time.

Objective #15 Legal research toward acquisition of rail line for sheepskin trail. Research railroad deeds to determine the interest which the railroad holds for 34 miles of the trail. There has been about 20 miles worth of deeds have been researched and categorized. This entailed about 500 deeds in this process. No further activity has occurred because the AmeriCorps members are still trying to get the railroad maps of the rail line.

Objective #16 Establish watershed associations for streams in Fayette County. As a result of a watershed conference attending in March, the AmeriCorps members and concerned citizens of Fayette County formed the Fayette Abandoned Mine Effort (FAME) to attack abandoned mine problems, including acid mine drainage and clean up of the land where mines used to be located. Members of FAME's steering committee visited several sites in Fayette County that need to be cleaned-up. Members of DCNR, DEP, and Penn's Corner RC&D also attended the site visit. FAME is in its beginning stages and AmeriCorps members will continue their involvement with Federal, State, and local agencies in this

cause. The AmeriCorps members are working with PAME to locate acid mine drainage sites that would be suitable for a demonstration project that will improve water quality while increasing tourism. The demonstration project would provide an educational facility for students as well. The initial research has identified Glade Run of the Dunbar Creek Watershed as a problem area. Work has begun to determine what can and what should be done to clean up the watershed. In the fourth quarter, the watershed association continues to meet monthly and has a newsletter. Amy Myers, AmeriCorps member, wrote an article for the newsletter during this quarter.

Objective #17 Complete a historic resources survey of the 43 mile Youghiogheny River Trail North to promote heritage tourism in the region. An average of 10,000 people a week are expected to use the trail once completed. At least 30 sites will be identified for interpretation. A brochure with a map will be created for trail users. A total of 40 of the 43 miles survey has been completed. The other 3 miles are still under private ownership at this time and will not be surveyed. A total of 36 sites were established in the initial survey. Local historical societies have been called upon to help locate several sites along the trail that are documented and not found. The map and brochure are in the beginning stages. During the fourth quarter, research was conducted in several historical societies and regional history centers in Pittsburgh. A gentleman from Dawson, Fayette County, who has a treasure of original documents and worked on the Pittsburgh & Lake Erie Railroad was interviewed. An interview was taped concerning the village of Reduction and the American Reduction Garbage Company. Photographs from the P & LE Collection at Hillman Library in Pittsburgh and chose some photographs that will be used on interpretative panels. A survey report was compiled and assembled by the AmeriCorps member. This survey report will be published. The brochure and map was dropped by the Regional Trail Corporation at this time due to lack of funds and the large quantity of brochures of the trail that RTC already possess.

Objective #18 Develop uniform interpretive signage for a selected number of historic sites on the Youghiogheny River Trail and develop 5 models to be used for future interpretation. Information is being gathered from various organizations and businesses. Contact has been made with the National Park Service Interpretive Guides about the National Park Service signage regulations and specifications. A uniform interpretive signage is expected to be completed during the fourth quarter of this fiscal year. In the fourth quarter, examples have been incorporated into the final report given to the Regional Trail Corporation. The panel text was written for two interpretive panels. Guidelines were established to create a uniform signage system. How maps and photographs should be placed on the panels is also discussed in the final report.

Objective #19 Develop a maintenance guide for rail-trails. Trail groups throughout this region and the nation consider maintenance and management the greatest concern in the success and future of rail-trails. The maintenance study being completed will enable newer and even experienced trails to plan for future budgets and stewardship of their trails. This preparation of trail groups will ensure the positive impact that trails have been proven to have in rural areas. It will specifically assist the Pittsburgh to Washington D.C. trail that runs through Fayette County and will draw tourist dollars into the area upon its completion. Resources have continued to be collected and cataloged that will be placed at a central location to area trails. Trail groups or interested citizens will be able to refer to the documentation's of other trails when forwarding trail efforts. The collection holds maintenance, greenway, and economic impact resources. The survey work for the maintenance study was completed and a database was developed for the survey that will be compatible with the Rails-To-Trails Conservancy system and most trail groups. The report has been outlined and the preliminary findings will be presented to the Pittsburgh to Washington DC trail groups. The AmeriCorps member has acted as a liaison between the regional trail efforts and the Pennsylvania Director of the Rails-To-Trails Conservancy. Assistance has been provided to the Director with a greenery implementation strategy that will allow for trail groups to prioritize their actions in advancing trail systems. The annual Pittsburgh to Washington DC trail summit and workshop that will take place in November has begun to be planned. This effort will enable the trail groups to continue their goal of connecting the two cities by trails by the year 2000.

Objective #21 Working with three local agencies and the Rural Utility Service (RUS) to organize a conference on financing a sewage treatment facility. Three municipalities near the Youghiogheny River belong to the Yough Sewage Authority which encompasses approximately 1,200 homes and 3,200 people. These communities have had plans for 20 years to install a sewage facility but never acted on them because of the expense involved. No one in the area was aware of the RUS program. These distressed communities will benefit economically from the Youghiogheny River Trail once it is complete. But without a sewage facility the true economic potential may not be realized. AmeriCorps members plans have come to a standstill. The idea of a conference was presented to one community council meeting and mixed reactions were received. The sewer authority is reluctant to move on the issue and if more support is not given from the community, it will turn out to be a disaster. This is still being pursued with the sewer authority. The RUS was contacted on

two occasions and was told that no response was received from the tri-town area. While plans did not lead to the anticipated town meeting the effort was not a total failure. It is understood that the community members are now openly discussing the previously unmentionable issue.

Objective #23 The National Road Heritage Park has entered into an agreement with the US Army Corps of Engineers to take over a visitor center along the National Road which has been unused for two years. Avenues of staffing the facility with volunteers and student interns for the summer has been explored. A commitment for a dozen volunteers from the Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) has been obtained. Arrangements have been made for a local college student to run the center for the summer as a volunteer intern working for credits through the tourism and marketing programs at California University of Pennsylvania. These individuals will contribute a combined 300 hours each month from mid-May through Labor Day for the National Road information center.

Objective #24 Organize and promote a National Road art and essay contest for area elementary and junior high school students. The purpose of the contest is to raise student awareness of and interest in the area's heritage and historic resources. By highlighting the area's assets rather than the usual barrage of negative statistics (high poverty, crime, unemployment, etc.), community pride will be enhanced. This will hopefully translate indirectly into an interest in active community service in some cases. There were 100 entries to the contest and more than 75% demonstrated clear knowledge of local history and the National Road. One middle school informed the team that a teacher had used the essay contest as a vehicle for adding a local history segment to her lesson plans. Winner were selected and published in the National Road Heritage Park's June newspaper. Winning art was also hung in a local gallery and prizes were awarded. Arrangements were made for all contest entrants to regularly receive copies of the National Road's newspaper which includes articles on local and community history.

Objective #25 Develop a proposal for a Summer Gleaning - Food Rescue program. The AmeriCorps members in conjunction with the Fayette County Community Action Agency, Inc. developed a 12 week program for rescuing prepared food that was not sold for serving to needy and hungry people while it is still in acceptable condition. This effort entailed meeting with the local food bank, restaurant owners and caterers in order to complete the proposal and determine how to measure the program's success. A budget was prepared and submitted for approval. After the proposal was accepted, recruitment efforts were made in conjunction with Congressman Murtha's office. There were 30 applications issued and 13 received. This effort resulted in 5 AmeriCorps Anti-Hunger members being placed in service at the food bank and they started their duties on May 29, 1996.

Objective #26 Organize and promote National Pike Festival activities and entertainment in an effort to enhance the overall success of this potentially economically viable festival. Two evenings of entertainment that was educational and interesting to the local community and visit tourists was organized. A storyteller told Early American and Pennsylvania History Folk stories and a four member musical group sang tavern songs and told stories of the road, and a gospel group sang which was quite popular. The entertainment was in the underutilized amphitheater and made more people aware of the resources that have potential to enhance the livability and economy of Fayette County.

Objective #27 Create a brochure for the Flatiron Building in Brownsville, PA. The Flatiron is a 160 year old building under renovation and will become a local interpretative and visitors welcome center. The goal was to produce a brochure that could be used both on site and in mailing packages. An estimated 10,000 will be printed for the opening of the center in the Fall of 1996. Letters of consent were received for using the photographs in the brochure. The brochure was provided to the Brownsville Historical Society for review. The brochure will be ready for printing after the Society makes it's last review. In the fourth quarter, the Flatiron committee met and discussed what the final brochure would look like. A complete brochure was produced that only requires the addition of two photographs and it is ready to print. The brochure will not be printed until current restoration work is complete and a professional photographer can take a picture of the restored structure for the front cover.

16. Community Building Objectives Narrative (optional):

Fayette County has a history of supplying resources that were used in the steel making process that developed our country during the Industrial Revolution. Much of the land was own by those seeking to only strip from it it's economic value with out a thought about what was left behind. Much of the land was owned by companies and outsiders. With the

downsizing of the steel industry, the residents of Fayette County are left with tremendous economic struggles and a population that lacks the capacity to overcome their economic and social hardships. There is a overpowering feeling of despair and a defeatist attitude. The residents dwell on their communities weaknesses and are not building upon their assets. This AmeriCorps program has brought five members, young professionals with a can do attitude into the community to shake it from its doldrums. County government and local community governments never cooperated in the past. Now they are building contacts and have shown a sincere desire to help each other. Local residents have been shown the economic value of the community's assets and how to attract tourist to stay longer, whereby spending more funds. The AmeriCorps members have worked with groups such as the Regional Trail Corporation to enhance the Youghiogheny River Trails to attract more hikers to the area and to bring more hikers between Pittsburgh and Washington DC. The first step was to get the residents to throw off their negativity and to develop new ideas. This was accomplished this year by the program.

17. AmeriCorps Member Development Objectives Narrative (optional):

The five members were all college graduates that have lived in other areas of the country and were aware of better economic conditions that what they would be involved with in Fayette County. All had a gung ho attitude and believe that nothing was impossible. Their objectives were challenging and not all were accomplished. The biggest learning experience that they will take with them is knowing that a year's worth of work on a project, using strong initiatives and enlisting many resources to carry it, out do not always end up in a successful project. But learning not to give up in the face of adversity is the ultimate success measurement in the long run. Unfortunately, the members may not get to see their unfinished work completed as the one year program is too short for this to happen.

18. Unique Successes or Great Stories: (These stories were compiled from newspaper articles and from the AmeriCorps member personal perspective of the accomplishments achieved in this county)

The historic site survey has been a great success for the members and for the Regional Trail Corporation. This survey will make it possible for the RTC to develop a comprehensive local history program for area students. This will build local pride which has been missing from the county residents.

The East End Community Center was cosmetically improved on May 11, 1996 by community volunteers, the Fayette County AmeriCorps members, and members from the Pennsylvania Mountain Service Corps. Paint and other materials were donated by Farris Paints and K-Mart. This was a great example of how once you get started, people will pull together to help get things done. The volunteers working to repair the Center have come from all different organizations and backgrounds, the project snowballed from a simple paint job to repairing the whole building. It was wonderful to see people coming together to make a difference and to know that you had helped to create it all. There are about 65 people that use that center each day on the average. Now it can be used in a clean and safe condition.

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Brownsville, PA is an old town that is in desperate need of economic revitalization. The Flat Iron Building is a uniquely constructed building in Brownsville. The Brownsville Area Revitalization Committee (BARC), a community group interested in improving the life in their town through revitalization of their historic and economic assets, has relied

heavily upon the AmeriCorp members ability to capture the historical facts about this building and place it on a brochure that will be mailed to area people to promote this new feature in the neighborhood. The Flat Iron Building will be ready in the fall as an interpretive and information center for the National Road.

The AmeriCorps members brought together a group of people in a general focus group session to formulate plans to revitalize housing in Brownsville on April 23, 1996. Brownsville Area Revitalization Committee (BARC), Architur, a nonprofit revitalization organization, and USDA Rural Development met at the National Heritage Park office to discuss the proposal. In addition to those at the meeting, Threshold Housing, a nonprofit affordable housing development organization, the Redevelopment Authority of Fayette County, Twin Rivers Habitat for Humanity will be involved to provide volunteer labor and donated materials. The AmeriCorps members will provide assistance in arranging for volunteers to collect information to serve very low and low income applicants that need affordable housing. The targeted site for this project is highly visible from the area as well as a having historical background for this community's development. This is the site of the employees who worked for Henry Clay Frick who supplied the coal for Andrew Carnegie's steel mills. This project is expected to begin in the fall of 1996.

The AmeriCorps members provided the initial effort in developing the food rescue program that will be operated by the Fayette County Community Action Agency's Food Bank during 12 weeks this summer. Jaime Fecek and Amy Myers arrived back to their office on April 1st and developed the proposal in conjunction with the Food Bank and submitted it to the USDA Director of National Service by April 3rd. When the proposal was accepted Jaime continued to supply support for the program's job announcements and during the hiring process and media event day on June 7th. The food rescue project would not have been possible without this effort.

When the AmeriCorps team first arrived in Fayette County with the mission to promote appropriate tourism-related heritage development along the National Road and Youghiogheny River corridors, both were toured to obtain initial impressions and potential courses of action. One of the most glaring needs identified was some form of financial assistance for private property owners to rehabilitate their homes and businesses. Without significant investment of this sort, the economically-induced neglect of the past several years would prevent the region from becoming a viable tourism destination. To address this issue, work began to develop a partnership with private financial institutions to provide low-interest loans to private property owners. This quarter, both National City Bank of Washington County and Washington Federal Savings and Loan have added to the program funds. With these contributions, the goal of \$400,000 for this program has been met. The program will soon be launched and the money from this program should start reaching directly into the community by the end of the summer.

The National Road student art and essay contest was designed to educate and encourage interest in local history among area school children. On this front, the excellence of the entries confirmed the project's success. As this was a contest, selected winners were awarded monetary prizes. The first prize in each contest was fifty dollars, and impressive amount for any elementary school student. As it turned out, it was particularly meaningful to the winner, who, it was learned was from a broken home without a permanent residence. In this case, the fifty dollar prize probably bought more than a new toy and the contest had a more direct impact than just education.

The AmeriCorps team was challenged with establishing its own goals and projects in Fayette County, everything had to be learned about the area by the members before they could figure out what would be the most beneficial for them to accomplish. Few people had heard of the AmeriCorps program and therefore, did not know what to expect from the team. This made things more challenging for the team. Not wanting to duplicated efforts, they took the time to learn about every organization in the County. It has taken until the third quarter to start to see the results of their work and they have found it to be very rewarding. They have completed several projects and that have spurred further volunteerism. They have seen rural development begin to improve and they receive many calls from interested citizens that now know what to expect from the members and where to turn for help. The team has come along way this year and they look forward to seeing a dramatic impact from the next team that gets to continue and complete many of their projects.

To complete the year and celebrate their program's service, the team joined with the Summer of Gleaning - Food Rescue Bridges to Nourishment Anti-Hunger team and had a "Picnic in the Park". Both team put together the project in a weeks time. Food was donated by local restaurants and local musicians also volunteered their time and talent. Approximately 100 people attended the picnic. The AmeriCorps graduation ceremony was conducted at the picnic and two certificates of appreciation and service was given to

each member by Jill Taylor from Cheryl Cook, USDA Rural Development State Director and Harris Wofford, Corporation for National Service Administrator. It was especially nice to see the patrons of the soup kitchens appreciate what the teams were doing for them. Many of them expressed their thanks numerous times and wanted to know if they would be invited to picnics for lunch at any other time. Some of the patrons stayed after the festivities to assist in cleaning the park.

SECTION VI - CHALLENGES

19. Difficulties Faced by the Program:

The team is encountering an unwillingness of the Yough Sewage Authority to move on the town meeting with the Rural Utility Service. The team is looking for local support so the meeting does not appear to be a strong armed tactic of the government to force a sewage facility upon the community. Resistance from the townspeople was expected but it was not expected from the authority members. The objective was to make the townspeople and authority members aware of the financial programs offered by RUS and this has been completed by newspaper articles, however, there has not been a town meeting and there have not been inquiries from the local citizens who have read the articles. Positive results maybe in the future because of the team's involvement here. A Greenways Study is being conducted along the Youghiogheny River where these communities are located. By addressing the sewage problem and bringing it out into the open for the first time, the communities might be more supportive of the study.

SECTION V - GENERAL INFORMATION

20. National Identity Activities (OPTIONAL):

None.

21. Organizational Changes:

Nothing has changed with this project's organization.

22. Organizational Improvements (OPTIONAL):

None.

23. Primary Training and Technical Assistance Needs (OPTIONAL):

From the start of the program October 16, 1995 until the fourth quarter, the project objective grew from four simply stated objectives to over twenty diverse objectives. During the course of the year, how these objectives were to be measured was determined by USDA. The correct procedure would be for the Site Supervisor to negotiate these measurements and the objectives with the Director of National Service. Every time a quarter report was due, I found out how the USDA want the objectives to read and how they wanted them measured. And yet doing the course of the quarter the members continued to guide their work by objectives that did not line up with what USDA was expecting. I want to make it very clear, I believe the members did a very good job and worked on objectives that needed to be completed. Item 15 of this report shows this. I have to fault management for not

keeping all parties fully informed as to the objectives and method of measurement of the objectives. The objectives need to set up and properly measured right from the start. Waiting until March to see what the USDA expects to be measured is not a proper thing to do because much of the work has already been established and can not be converted.

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ORSLENE	, LOUIS	E.		S	A	I	324		0
RHODES	, HOLLY	A.		S	A	I	294		0
ROSICK	, RONALD	A.		S	A	I	266		0

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10. MEMBER DATA:

OP SITE ID: 942A Site Supervisor: Sheryl Pepiot PHONE: 412-437-8180
STATE: PA Agency/Org Name: Fayette Count. Comm. Action Agency FAX: 4124374418
City: UnionTown , PA

No. of Members Allocated by USDA: 5

Member Name	SSN	SER STAT	PGM STAT	TRT STAT	HOURS		Total
					1st half	2nd half	
Total Hours:							0

No. of Members Allocated by USDA: 5

No. of Active Members Whose Enrollment Forms were recieved at USDA (not including terminations): 5

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

ENTER the number of vacancies that you intend to fill in the next reporting period: none

ENTER the number of vacancies you intend to relinquish for the program year: none

* If the number of Members allocated is greater than the number of forms received, there are four options: 1. There are Members enrolled in programs whose forms have not been submitted to the USDA Director of National Service. If that is the case, list the names, SSN, Status and hours of the missing members on the back of this sheet and send the enrollment forms to the USDA Director of National Service. 2. The enrollment forms were sent directly to the Corporation. If that is the case, send copies to the USDA Director of National Service immediately. 3. There are vacancies in your program you intend to fill in the next reporting period. If that is the case, enter the number of vacancies on the appropriate line. 4. There are vacancies that you can not fill and you are relinquishing them.

REMEMBER, MEMBERS WHOSE FORMS HAVE NOT BEEN RECEIVED AT USDA ARE NOT CONSIDERED ENROLLED IN THE PROGRAM AND THEIR BENEFITS (EDUCATION AWARD, ETC.) ARE JEOPARDIZED!!!

If the number of members for whom forms have been received is greater than the number of members allocated resulting in a negative number appearing in the "No. of Members for Whom Forms Have NOT Been Received" line, you have enrolled more members in your program than authorized. Please explain this over enrollment. It may be that some members have terminated, in which case, change their status on this form and submit the proper end of term of service form to the USDA Director of National Service.

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 half	2nd half	Total
<u>13</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

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

1st half	2nd half	Total
<u>130</u>	<u> </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 "Mid-Term Quantity" and the column marked "Mid-Term 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

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

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

"Mid Term Quantity" - Provide a hard number indicating progress towards the "Summer's QTY Target"

"Summer'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

"Mid-Term Success" - Provide a hard number indicating progress towards the "Summer's Success Target"

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 narrative

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.

See Attached narrative

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.

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.

See Attached narrative

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.

There has been a great Reluctance of donating Food From The well Known RESTURANTS IN Fayette County. Meat dishes Are extremely rare - mostly processed Foods are donated

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QUESTION 13. PROGRESS TOWARDS ACCOMPLISHING ORIGINAL SUMMER OF GLEANING COMMUNITY SERVICE OBJECTIVES
(Under "Mid-TERM Quantity" enter the amount of work done in the third quarter. Do the same for "Mid-TERM Success".)

State	OP Site	Obj No.	PGM Code	Obj/Impact Statement	Summer QTY Target	QTY Unit of Measure	MID-TERM Success Quantity	Summer Success Target	Success Unit of Measure	MID-TERM Success
PA	942A	1	EN-H009A	Food rescue program expanded	30 22,400	# of additional lbs of food rescued	8025	24000 200	# of individuals fed with rescued food	52

PA 942A 1 EN-E007 Groups and/or individuals trained to create and maintain gardens

people
(12) children @ Dunlap Creek Village
(17) children @ Fort Mason Village
(Public Housing Community)
% of people who actually create gardens

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.
21. **Organizational Changes:** Please outline and describe any changes in your program's organization and/or structure during the quarter.
None
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.
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.

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Bridges to Nourishment Mid-term Report

July 19th, 1996

The "Summer of Gleaning" Americorps participants primary objective for the first half of the twelve week project was complete the research necessary to organize a food rescue program for Fayette County. And, while working toward this objective, the five team members have also been able to work on a number of other anti-hunger programs. These supplemental projects have included: helping children and adults in public housing communities to create community gardens, assisting people in a public housing community to run a self-sufficiency, farmstand project, delivering meals-on-wheels to older people, and assisted with a "Penny-per-gallon" food bank fund raiser. Up to and including July 19th, the team has logged 1,468 hours of service and has spent approximately \$750.00 of the expense monies.

Concerning the primary objective, the AmeriCorps participants first studied the feasibility of a food rescue program in Fayette County. The team began the study with contacts to Foodchain the national perishable and prepared food rescue umbrella group. Foodchain supplied information detailing activities of other PPFRP's and sent along technical assistance information. The team also gleaned a number of newsletters and brochures of food advocacy agencies that were given by Sheryl Pepiot. The team also visited with Three Rivers Table, a PPFRP in Pittsburgh, and solicited information from a number of such programs in Los Angeles, Houston, Orange County California, etc..

After giving the project a name, assisting with a media event to publicize the start-up, designing a logo, and devising goals and an action plan, the team surveyed seven of the nine soup kitchens or shelters in Fayette County - 75 agencies in all have been identified for potential participation; the team will be concentrating on the 10 largest. During the surveys of these potential recipient agencies, the AmeriCorps participants assessed the needs - how much additional food could be used by the facility - and the capacities - both in volunteers and in cold and dry food storage capability. Besides the overwhelming facility staff support for the food rescue program, the team surmised that the facilities possessed the capacity to potentially support a food rescue program. Of two facilities which were not surveyed, one did not desire to be part of such a program while the other facility was overwhelmed by their summer work load and would get back with us.

The second part of the program feasibility study included food establishment surveying and the educating the public concerning food wastage and hunger. Using information from various sources, the team developed a list of 104 potential donors. The team began this aspect of the study with calls to food establishments in hopes of making appointments to have face-to-face discussion regarding project. The response from most establishments was not fruitful. Some quickly dismissed the program by saying they were not permitted to give away food while most replied that they had off-site managers who would have to agree to such an arrangement. Of the latter group, it was difficult to obtain names and phone numbers of the regional or off-site managers. The team developed a new strategy to include mass canvassing of all food establishments in Fayette County. This canvassing would serve two functions. First, it would educate the public regarding the new project, and second it would enable team members to ask directly for information regarding the

food company or off-site manager. In all 95 food establishments were visited by the team. Some of the original 104 were eliminated from the potential donor list due to the size of the establishment.

The latter strategy of mass canvassing has enabled the team to identify decision makers in the larger organizations and in some cases has resulted in "pilot linkages" between food establishments and food serving agencies. These linkages include: SuperKmart to Bethel House and the Food Bank, County Market to Salvation Army Soup Kitchen and the Food Bank, Chez Gerard Restaurant to the City Mission Men's and Women's Shelters, City Parks Summer Feeding Program to the City Mission, and potentially Red Lobster to Salvation Army. Up and until July 19th, some 5350 pounds of food have been rescued by the Bridges to Nourishment AmeriCorps Team. Using the Second Harvest formula which was supplied to us by Foodchain, the team has enabled the feeding of 8025 meals to poor individuals in the community. Hence, the team during its study has determined the long term feasibility of a food rescue program in Fayette County.

The feasibility study also included contacts with the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture whose responsibility it is to inspect programs such as ours. Our local inspector, met with the team and pledged to assist in whatever form possible. After discussion and a review of the information supplied by Mr. Redinger, the team believes the aforementioned assistance will be in the form of specifically designed food handling standards.

In addition to the Department of Agriculture, the team also made contact with the local USDA Cooperative Extension Service which has committed to supplying food handling training to all recipient agency staff. This training is currently being organized for August.

Thus, the feasibility study results indicate that the need is present for a permanent food rescue program in Fayette County. The study also indicates that good food is being wasted by establishments and that many of these establishments would be willing to participate in a food rescue program.

Because of earlier indications of this feasibility, the team requested a grant application and supplied information to Community Action Planners in order for the Community Action Planner to apply for a United Parcel Service grant. This grant will potentially provide funds to start-up and perpetuate the Fayette County Food Rescue program. The type of program for which the team has planned is a low-structure, enabler food rescue program. The team believes that this type of program is best suited for a rural, poor community that exists in Fayette. This determination is based upon the findings of the initial research. This low-structure program will function with a part-time coordinator who will perpetuate linkages between recipients and donors. The person will also maintain the program administratively, educate the public concerning food rescue, and educate recipient agency and intermediary group volunteers in proper food handling techniques. The research supports this type of decentralized program organizational structure.

One on-going and important aspect of the Americorps work has been keeping a data basis of information as the "Summer of Gleaning" project becomes a permanent program. The intent of this data base is to provide the future coordinator with information concerning national, regional, and local organizations and establishments. The data base not only contains contact information but also includes notes from conversations with, for instance, the Department of Agriculture local inspector, other PPRFP coordinators, etc.. The team hopes that the data base combined with a established file system (newsletters from food advocates, information concerning other PPRFP models, the technical assistance manual from Foodchain etc.) will ensure continuity for the food rescue program in Fayette County.

During the remainder of July and the beginning of August the team intends to contact business and community groups in order to educate these groups concerning the wastage and the hunger which goes on in our community. These sessions will also be used to explore potential candidates to serve as the intermediary between donors and recipients. As direct linkages are being made when possible, this group will serve to transport food rescued on a limited basis.

The team has also become involved with several community oriented projects such as the farmers market Farmstand Program. The Farm Stands held at the public housing communities of Dunlap Creek Village and Fort Mason Village are sponsored by the Fayette County Community Action Food Bank. The Farm Stand is a self-sufficiency project for people who are living in housing communities. The goal of this project is to teach the participants the skills necessary to run a small business, while supplying the community with fresh, Pennsylvania grown produce. Our team was trained, along with the participants from the housing community, in safe food handling, display techniques, running the cash register and ordering the produce. The team has been assisting the Farmstand Coordinator on an as needed basis. The left over produce from the Farmstands is also being gleaned for use in the Brownsville Soup Kitchen.

The "Community Gardens" was a project developed by our Team. A local florist donated a few hundred dozen plants. After being at the Farmstands and speaking with the community children, we found that many would like to grow their own vegetables. We then visited the weekly Kid's Club at Fort Mason Village and Dunlap Creek Village to see if there was any interest in a community garden project. The project got an overwhelming response at both communities. Hence, we designed a brief "Gardening 101" course for children. We then solicited garden supplies - top soil, peat moss, sand cow manure - from a local construction and garden supply store. The result was two community gardens - one in each of the Farmstand communities. At each site we planted a vegetable garden and a few flower beds. The children enjoyed themselves as for most of the children it was the first time they had ever planted a garden. Currently, we are planning a media event during which the children will be presented with a certificate of participation.

Meals-On-Wheels was the most recent addition to our activities. We had heard that the senior center was in need of a temporary driver. Two members from the team have become volunteers on a route through Hopwood. The timing and length of the route fits perfectly into our morning schedules. We are able to make the weekly pick up at Chez Gerard after our deliveries are complete. It has really been a heartwarming experience, especially when we see the anxious faces light up with excitement as we arrive with the meal.

Penny-Per-Gallon, is a project for the Fayette County Community Action Food Bank. We helped out by delivering signs to approximately 32 participating area gas stations promoting the program. Collaborating with the Food Bank on this program led to a two media events - one with the local newspaper and the other was two radio spots on the local radio station. These media day events enabled the team to promote food rescue and Bridges to Nourishment.

This project publicity resulted in a partnership between the Bridges to Nourishment Team and five members of a Penn State Public Speaking class. The students volunteered to assist with public relations. They will be creating a project brochure, signs for participating donors shop windows, and the scheduling of future radio coverage.

In all, the Bridges to Nourishment Team believes it has been a very fruitful few weeks.

Statistics

Team hours = 1,468

Expenses = Approx. \$750.00

Food Rescued = 5,350 pounds

Meals Provided from food rescued = 8,025 ($5,350 * 1.5$)

"Pilot" donor recipient linkages established = 5 (4 in the works)

Volunteers Recruited = 13

Recipient Agencies Identified = 75, currently concentrating on
the nine largest

Potential Donors = 104

Donors solicited = 95

Foundations solicited for future support = 2