



The Legacy

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PROGRAM WORK ACCOMPLISHMENT REVIEW

GENERAL

For the first half of Fiscal Year 1978 the expanded program of the Institute was in the formulation stage. The program was implemented in April, with the initiation of the YACC program. Permanent professional staff were not assigned to the Institute until late July.

YOUNG ADULT CONSERVATION CORPS

This program employing twenty-four (24) young people, has been invaluable to the Institute in maintenance, construction and historical restoration efforts.

ENROLLEE STATISTICS

Male	14
Female	10
Minorities	3 (1 Black, 2 Puerto Rican)

The appraised value of the work accomplished is \$136,600 in the following areas:

Timber Stand Improvement	\$ 2000
Reforestation	1000
Visitor Assistance	2500
Litter Pick-up	9800
Engineering (buildings, road maintenance & operations)	50,300
VIS	2000
Construction	2500
Other: Community Betterment Projects, Exhibit Construction, Historical Re- stitution, Foot Bridge Construction, Training, Clerical, Artifacts Inventory, NPS Building Construction	66,500



YOUTH CONSERVATION CORPS

This program, employing twenty-four (24) young people for an eight (8) week period, permitted the Institute to restore a historic cemetery located on the grounds. In addition to the physical effect of cleaning and straightening the gravestones, thinning and pruning trees, scraping and painting the ironwork and constructing a gravel walkway, the enrollees inventoried, researched and compiled a report on the contributions to the community of the people who are buried in the cemetery. This good work was formally recognized by the county commissioners and the county and township historians in a ceremony held at the Institute.

ENROLLEE STATISTICS

Male	10
Female	10
Minorities	0

The staff constituted two (2) females (1 black minority) and one (1) male.

The appraised value in the work accomplished is \$28,475 and was accomplished in the following areas:

Trail Construction Planning	\$ 2200
Timber Stand Improvement	3100
Cemetery Restoration	8300
Stream Bank Improvement	2500
Stream Improvements (wings & deflectors)	2500
Research (historical, flora & fauna)	900
Trail Obliteration	423
Walk-way Construction	3000
VIS	250
Display Construction	1850
Maintenance (YCC facility)	1375
Litter Pick-up	1475
Environmental Education	700

VISITOR INFORMATION SERVICES

Beginning in July, the Institute employed a four (4) person staff (3 female, 1 male) of interpreters. During the summer and fall seasons they provided the following interpretive services:

- Tour of house and grounds (hourly, 7 days/week)
- A forest walk (3 walks/day)
- Evening tours of house and grounds (Saturday only)
- Forest environmental investigations (Saturday only)

A total of 13,220 persons took advantage of these personally conducted interpretive programs.

This number exceeded the capability of the tour guides to provide the desired tour standards.

Four (4) booklets on the facility and program were developed or revised for use during this initial year of operation. A contract was let for an orientation slide series on the Institute's programs.

MAINTENANCE

With the assistance of the YACC enrollees, significant gains were made in the maintenance of the house and grounds. Highlights were as follows:

- Exterior water system reconstructed
- Grounds thoroughly raked, hedges trimmed, etc.
- Several interior rooms spackled, sanded and painted
- Wisteria Arbor received major repairs
- Garage converted to YACC project area
- YCC project area constructed
- 1200 square feet of brick patio re-layed in sand to historical restoration standards
- Flagstone walks reset in sand (approximately 400')
- Buildings thoroughly cleaned, floors waxed, etc.
- Fire alarm system upgraded
- Burglar intrusion alarm system installed
- Interior roads chipped and sealed
- Cast aluminum site signs installed
- Rugs installed in traffic areas to protect historic fabric of building
- Flower beds planted in cooperation with Milford Garden Club
- Swimming pool excavated and converted to reflection pool
- Foot bridge reconstructed

HISTORICAL RESTORATION

As a basis for future restoration efforts, a preliminary historic structure report has been completed. In addition, a contract has been let to Milner and Associates of West Chester, Pennsylvania, for a final structures report, an historic American building survey recordation by measured drawings and photographs, and an historic landscape report and management plan.

Based on the recommendations in the preliminary report, the involved historical architect, the Preservation Design Group, Albany, New York, is preparing detailed plans and specifications for needed immediate major maintenance and restoration needs. These items will be prioritized and included in future budget requests.

PERSONNEL

The Grey Towers management staff, with the exception of our tour guide leaders, is now in place:

John Gray	Director
Tom Ellis	Assistant Director
Al Knox	Human & Natural Resources
John Denne	Interpreter Curator
Joe Keeler	Administrative Officer
Leo Adlon	Maintenance Supervisor
Rita Cohen	Clerk/Typist
Roger Mancuso	YACC Crew Supervisor
Jim Owens	YACC Crew Supervisor

STATUS OF NATIONAL PROGRAM STAFFING

Assistant Director - Chief and staff have approved and Dr. Robert McDermott, Provost, Harrisburg Campus, Pennsylvania State University, has accepted an offer of a six (6) months IPA appointment.

Technical Information Specialist - position is presently being negotiated.

Issues & Policy Staff - dormant at moment.

Environmental Education Specialist - no ceiling available.

Director's Secretary - no ceiling available.

SAFETY

Safety plan has been prepared and is in effect.

All employees have taken a safety sensitivity seminar.

All employees, including YACC and YCC enrollees, have taken the defensive driving course.

A van driving course has been given to all drivers.

The standard first aid course is scheduled for all employees.

A fully equipped first aid room has been established.

Fire suppression training was provided to the YACC enrollees in cooperation with the National Park Service and District Foresters, Pennsylvania Bureau of Forestry.

The Institute has not had a lost time accident or a vehicle accident during its first year of operation.

COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

The policy of the Institute is to involve the staff in community affairs. Assignments have been made for participation in community organizations.

The YACC enrollees have assisted the community in conservation oriented projects such as tree planting, park clean-up, etc.

An exhibit was prepared and placed in the Pike County Fair. This exhibit was awarded first prize and a special merit award.

Another exhibit was placed in the annual Pike County Days celebration. A float was provided for the parade in conjunction with this event. A trophy was awarded to the Institute for this float.

The Institute has been working closely with the key groups in the community. The Milford Garden Club provided technical assistance in re-establishing the flower beds at Grey Towers.

A Community Committee of Friends and the Institute Staff are co-sponsoring a Christmas Evening at Grey Towers Open House on the evening of December 13, 1978, for residents of the Milford Community.

NATIONAL PROGRAM ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Job descriptions and classifications for Director, Assistant Director for Conservation Studies, Technology Transfer, Policy, and Environmental Education positions were completed.

A contract has been negotiated with the College of Environmental Sciences and Forestry, State University of New York, Syracuse, New York, for a two year study to improve urban forestry technology transfer with top level decision makers in city governments (\$74,000).

A contract has been negotiated with the University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, for a one year study to improve methodology for including forest values in metropolitan land use planning decision making (\$32,000).

The Institute and the Forest Service Office of Information are co-sponsoring a project to improve environmental and public involvement knowledge and skills of members of the American Forestry Association (\$10,000).

The Institute hosted first and second meetings of a Forest Service Task Force on Internal and External Communications Management (10 persons).

The Institute hosted a national Integrated Forest Pest Management Policy Colloquium sponsored by the Forest Service's Washington Office Policy Analysis Staff.

The Institute is one of four cooperators in a National Workshop on "Futures Issues in Renewable Natural Resources -- Implications for USDA Programs" to be held January 22-25, 1979, in Washington, DC. Co-sponsors are the Forest Service, Soil Conservation Service, Science and Education Administration and Senate and House Committees on Agriculture. The Institute's Director is General Chairman.

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Director