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Provide a 100-word abstract on your project as defined by your initial proposal and contract. This abstract will be posted on the Council's Internet home page.

The Greening of Detroit's Model Community Forestry Internship Program (MCFIP) will provide educators and community forestry organizations with the tools to train graduates so they can strengthen forestry programs and empower communities to restore their ecosystems. In addition, MCFIP will increase environmental awareness among residents living in urban settings nationally and provide opportunities for them to effect environmental decay.

Through the MCFIP, The Greening will: 1) Encourage students throughout the country to pursue careers in urban forestry; 2) Develop strong community outreach and advocacy skill among graduates; 3) Increase awareness of environmental concerns within urban communities.

Project objectives:

The Model Community Forestry Internship Program (MCFIP) was designed to provide undergraduate forestry students throughout the United States with: 1) Training necessary to establish strong community outreach and advocacy skills, and 2) Opportunity to refine these skills by managing and implementing a forestry project that provides valuable information on local environmental concerns to the community.

The MCFIP will provide both educators and community forestry organizations with the communication tools and materials they need to train student foresters so that upon entering the workforce, they are better prepared to handle community interaction professionally and productively. In addition, MCFIP, once implemented, will increase environmental awareness among residents living in urban settings nationally and provide opportunities for them to effect environmental decay.

Objectives met successfully to-date:

Throughout the course of the project The Greening:

- 1) Worked with its collaborative partners at Michigan State University, University of Michigan, and Wayne County Community College to define and establish the communication materials necessary to create and manage a successful internship program;
- 2) Created, revised and distributed the "*Application and Program Information*" brochure; and
- 3) Interviewed potential candidates and hired four interns. The first intern began her internship in January 2000; the fourth concluded her internship in December 2001 and was subsequently hired as a full time employee by The Greening of Detroit.
- 4) Established Internship Development Plan with weekly and monthly goals and objectives for each intern.
- 5) Developed information retention system to collect information related to the Model Project.
- 6) Developed an exit interview questionnaire and administered the questionnaire to each intern at the conclusion of the internship.
- 7) Developed the Model Community Forestry Internship Handbook entitled: *Designing an Internship Program: A handbook for non-profits*.
- 8) Developed a mailing list of over 500 non-profit forestry groups, nationwide, for distribution of the handbook.
- 9) Secured an in-kind donation of printing services for production of 1000 handbooks.

Objectives not yet met:

All of the objectives have been met. Brophy Printing has donated their services to print the handbook and will deliver the finished product in January 2002. The *Handbook* will be bulk-mailed to non-profit forestry groups throughout the country in January 2002.

How will this project increase the knowledge we have about urban forestry? How will the public benefit?

The MCFIP allowed The Greening to create and distribute a model for replicating forestry internship programs in communities throughout the country. Our goal is to provide forestry organizations and universities with the tools to successfully train students so they will strengthen forestry programs and empower communities to restore their ecosystems. In addition, we hope these students will increase environmental awareness among residents living in urban settings nationally and provide opportunities for them to effect environmental decay.

What specific quantifiable results will be produced?

The Greening will be able to measure the project's results by tracking the number of similar forestry internship programs that are initiated across the country in response to the creation of the model program. Throughout the project, The Greening maintained a database of attendance and results of program-related education and community events managed by the interns. The Greening will also keep an accurate number of handbooks developed and distributed. Finally, the Greening tracks the interns' professional development after their internship program in an effort to record its impact.

How will the results be disseminated to the public?

The handbook distribution information will be disseminated to the public through press packets, the World Wide Web, and universities. 500 handbooks will be distributed in January 2002 to urban forestry groups throughout the country. In addition, each book includes a "pass along" form for further distribution by recipients. The remaining 500 copies will be distributed free of charge to anyone who requests a copy. After the initial 1000 piece print run has been exhausted, requests for additional copies will be accommodated at a minimal cost. The Greening of Detroit will not, at any time, offer the handbook at a profit to the organization.

If a no-cost time extension has been requested for this project, why is (was) it needed?

All funds were expended and project implementation completed in line with the original deadline. The final distribution of handbooks was delayed in order to accommodate the timeline of the printer who donated the printing services for the project.

List the active partners (key individuals or organizations) involved in the project to date:

University of Michigan
Michigan State University
Wayne County Community College

Comments considered of importance but not covered above:

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