

# COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT SYMPOSIUM PEACE CORPS FELLOWS PROGRAM

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# PCF PROGRAM OVERVIEW

- ▣ Graduate Fellowship Program for Returned Peace Corps Volunteers
- ▣ Technical Assistance to Rural Communities
- ▣ Builds Local Capacity / Increases Civic Engagement
- ▣ Sustainable Progress / Measureable Results

# EXAMPLES OF PCF PROJECTS

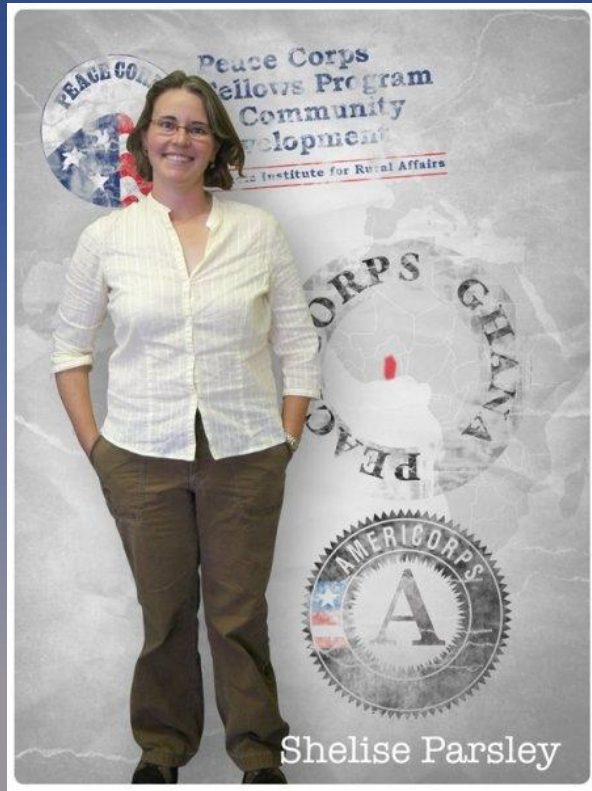
- ▣ Implementation of Community Action Plans
- ▣ Business Development
- ▣ Downtown Revitalization
- ▣ Volunteer Recruitment & Management
- ▣ TIF District Management
- ▣ Health Education
- ▣ Extensive Partnership Development
- ▣ Tourism Development
- ▣ GIS Implementation
- ▣ Public Relations / Web Presence / Marketing
- ▣ Land Use Planning
- ▣ Parks & Recreation

# PCF PROGRAM IN CASEY

- ▣ Partnership Development (Local & Regional)
- ▣ Casey In Action / Volunteerism / Facebook
- ▣ Downtown Revitalization / Small Business Development / Community Marketing
- ▣ CED Position Created / Nicole Weigand
- ▣ Governor's Home Town Award
- ▣ Ongoing Economic Development

# PCF PROGRAM IN ECIDC REGION

TEUTOPOLIS:



STEWARDSON/STRASBURG:



# HOSTING A PCF

## HOW TO APPLY:

- ▣ Identify Priorities
- ▣ Contact the PCF Program
- ▣ Form Steering Committee
- ▣ Gather Local Support
- ▣ Submit Application

## COST TO HOST:

- ▣ \$22,500\* + Office Space
- ▣ Partnerships Encouraged
- ▣ \*USDA-RD grant funds available to offset cost
  - Population
  - MHI / Unemployment Rate
  - MAPPING Action Plan

# PROGRAM SPONSORS



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