

VOLUNTEER SHOWCASE

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Volunteer Scans and Indexes Photo Slides

Patience is a virtue when tedious work is necessary, and one Earth Team Volunteer has just the right amount.

Leslie Goodrich has scanned and indexed a majority of the old photo slides from normal rainfall years in Vermillion County, Illinois.

Goodrich has organized, scanned, and named five years of photo slides, with approximately 500 slides per year. The slides were then indexed, which involved ensuring each slide is oriented correctly, locating it on an aerial photograph, and creating labels to show the location of the slides.

Her work will save many hours serving wetland determination requests in Vermillion County.

With the slides scanned and indexed, office staff can easily identify which slides are being reviewed and view the photos digitally. In addition, the scanning improves the quality of the image making it easier to see detailed features.

Goodrich has shown that volunteers can produce high quality work for the Natural Resources Conservation Service in the agency's effort to digitize previous year's photo slides.



Left: Leslie Goodrich has put in more than 200 volunteer hours scanning for the NRCS Office in Vermillion County, IL.



The Earth Team is the volunteer component of the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), a USDA agency. For more about NRCS and the Earth Team, visit www.usda.nrcs.gov.

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