Back River Restoration Committee was a delight to work for and I felt honored to have met such selfless, patient, and hardworking individuals. It was everything I envisioned it to be and so much more. I have grown up over the past decade with BRRC directly impacting myself and my family. My Uncle and Grandfather have both been associated with it for many years. They are both a great inspiration to me and my son. My grandfather lives on Back River so; the work that is done has a direct impact on our family. Boating in the summer, fishing off of the pier, and lasting memories on the water are fuel to support the restoration of the waterways that I hold near to my heart.

I started out at the BRRC attending a few cleanups over the years which brought a great deal of joy to my life. I have a passion to help people in any way possible, so this was a way that I was able to give back to the community and my grandfather. When I started working with the BRRC, it inspired me to take myself more seriously and invest in my future. Seeing how much effort goes into the cleanup of Back River on a daily basis is truly amazing. The patience that everyone there showed me helped me gain confidence and have the courage to go after my dream. Learning how to use the ARGO and forklift are something I will never forget and is a great life skill that I will carry into the future.

The inspiration I have gained from helping others has progressed into motivation to get my Personal Fitness Certification. For many years, I have always enjoyed working out and staying in shape. I never felt the confidence to help others in the fitness world until recently. The confidence that I gained from joining the team at the BRRC will and has led me to participate in an online certification program and recently pass my CPR certification. I hope very soon to be working in a gym as a personal fitness trainer giving confidence to others just like my experience at the BRRC helped me develop. The time that I spent with there is a time I will never forget. I intend to continue to help with clean ups and give back to the community that has impacted and shaped so many of my memories.

Thank you for the experience and opportunity,

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