

Resource Conservation Act to be developed

LANCASTER — Federal-State-local cooperation will be the key in quick implementation of the new Resources Conservation Act, according to a joint announcement of Walt Peechatka, Director of the Pennsylvania Conservation Commission, and Graham T. Munkittrick, State Conservationist, U.S. Soil Conservation Service.

The Resource Conservation Act is new federal legislation requiring evaluation of soil, water and related resources and their ability to meet present and future demands of the nation. The economic value of various soil and water conservation practices will be part of the study. This legislation offers districts, as subdivisions of state government, an opportunity to evaluate county resource needs and to make their program more responsive to these needs.

Based on these appraisals,

a multiyear program will be developed for the best use of natural resources. Conservation districts, state agencies, and the public will have an opportunity to comment on the condition and the needs of these resources.

The Pennsylvania Association of Conservation Districts, at their quarterly session in State College, adopted a position encouraging conservation districts to take the leadership in obtaining citizen inputs.

In Lancaster County, SCS and the Conservation District will jointly sponsor public meetings, reports Aaron Stauffer, Chairman, Lancaster Conservation District, and Warren Archibald, SCS, District Conservationist.

The first local public meeting will be held during the coming Summer, reported Archibald. At this time, citizens will be invited



Aaron Stauffer

to comment on the condition and needs of the area soil and water resources. The public response will be consolidated and developed into a proposed program.

In the spring of 1979, local citizens will have an opportunity

to review and comment on the program. The finalized proposal will be submitted to Congress for action in December 1979. Congress will use the appraisal to determine future soil and water conservation programs and funding.

"This program offers citizens a unique opportunity to participate in the development of National policy and programs," added Aaron Stauffer. "It also will permit conservation districts to appraise local resources, future needs, and program effectiveness. It should help districts provide services to the residents of Lancaster County. Information will be released as soon as the local meetings are set," he added.

4-H horse club meets

LANCASTER — The June meeting of the Boots and Saddles 4-H Club was held on Friday, June 9 at the home of members Pam and Lori Sammons.

Reports were given on the 4-H Expo at Park City, and the June 4 gymkhana which benefited the children from the March of Dimes Society.

The next gymkhana will be held on June 25 at the Fellenbaums. Those members who wish to show in the County Round-up on July 15 must show their projects in Grooming and Showmanship at this gymkhana. Members were reminded to bring their Coggins test papers to this gymkhana. Also, those members who own ponies can get them measured at the gymkhana.

Demonstrations were presented by Eva Sherlaw and Susy Evans on braiding a horse. Pam Sammons demonstrated clipping while

Lori Sammons explained bathing techniques on her horse.

The next meeting will be held on July 14 at 7:30 at the home of Michael Spahn.

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