

Lanc. Conservation District lists 1979 goals

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LANCASTER — The Lancaster Conservation District has listed its 1979 objectives, according to Tom Johnston, district administrator. Divided into

several categories, the objectives were chosen to answer the needs of the problems facing the Lancaster County area.

Under erosion and sedimentation control, the

conservation group chose as three year goals to educate landowners regarding the developing and implementing conservation plans; and to try to develop 400 farm conservation plans, depending upon the availability of personnel.

Their 1979 objectives for the erosion and sedimentation problems are manifold. They want to continue inspections, explore group planning as a method of completing more conservation plans with special emphasis in the Millway Road area of Warwick Township and other problem areas, including the Chickies Watershed.

They also want to conduct training sessions for engineers, architects, developers, municipal officials, and equipment operators on erosion and

sedimentation control and stormwater management. They will continue their priority system for new cooperators and notify them of acceptance.

Other objectives include the encouragement of sound road location for logging operations, the revising and reprinting of the erosion and sediment control handbook, and the printing of the stormwater management handbook.

Under the goal of education and youth, the Lancaster Conservation District has two three year goals. The first is to assist in setting up outdoor education laboratories; and the second is to review the methods of youth involvement in other counties to find a method that will work in Lancaster County.

For their 1979 youth and education objectives they

plan to sponsor a conservation public speaking contest for all ninth through 12th grade students in the county; sponsor a conservation photography contest; cosponsor, with the Sportsmen Associations, a week-long youth conservation school; and expand the Conservation Field Day to include public participation contests and demonstrations.

Concerning the district image and its public relations, the three year goals are to continue to emphasize the duties, work, and accomplishments of the Lancaster County Conservation District in the news media; and to publish and distribute a district newsletter.

Their 1979 objectives include holding an annual meeting in conjunction with Conservation District Week; having 12 television programs on WGAL-TV, and also developing a series of public service spots for TV and radio; emphasizing the tree seedling sale; sponsoring a conservation tour for legislators, municipal officials, or civic groups; assigning a liaison director to each cooperating agency in order to maintain and promote cooperation and understanding; and preparing a window exhibit for display at fairs.

With the concept of land use, their three year goals include the continuing to work with the Assessor's office to implement Act 319; continuing to provide input into Pennsylvania's land use planning efforts and supporting the comprehensive plan for Lancaster County; and endorsing the floodplain protection legislation.

For the year 1979, they will promote the Resource Recovery as an alternative to sanitary landfills; work with the Lancaster County Planning Commission and County Committee to preserve agricultural land through deed restrictions and/or the purchase of development rights; and focus more attention on the urban forest resource.

The group wants to hire additional staff or investigate the possibility of engaging a consulting firm to review erosion and sedimentation control and stormwater management plans. In 1979, they will enter the Goodyear contest as a method of evaluating the district programs, will continue their special conservation projects, and investigate the Associate Director program.

Looking at the watersheds and water resources, the three year goals include supporting the Chickies Creek Watershed project and help implement conservation practices; and investigating feasibility of watershed authorities in Lancaster County.

Their 1979 objectives will be to assist in forming and supporting existing watershed associations; and acting as a clearinghouse for stream restoration work.

In the next 12 months the Lancaster Conservation District plans to visit several municipal meetings to explain municipal responsibilities under the erosion and sedimentation control regulations; to give presentations at annual township supervisors meeting on stormwater management and erosion and sedimentation control; provide municipalities with items to consider in the development of stormwater management and erosion and sediment control ordinances, and review prior to final adaptation, and hold a tour for municipal officials to view model stormwater management practices.

For the forestry and fish and wildlife habitat development, the district plans to continue to include the fish and wildlife habitat improvement and forestry practices as a suggestion in the conservation plans, and hold a tree seedling sale.

Finally, under water supply, the 1979 objectives are to educate the public on the value of water and its limitations and develop information on alternate sources of water.

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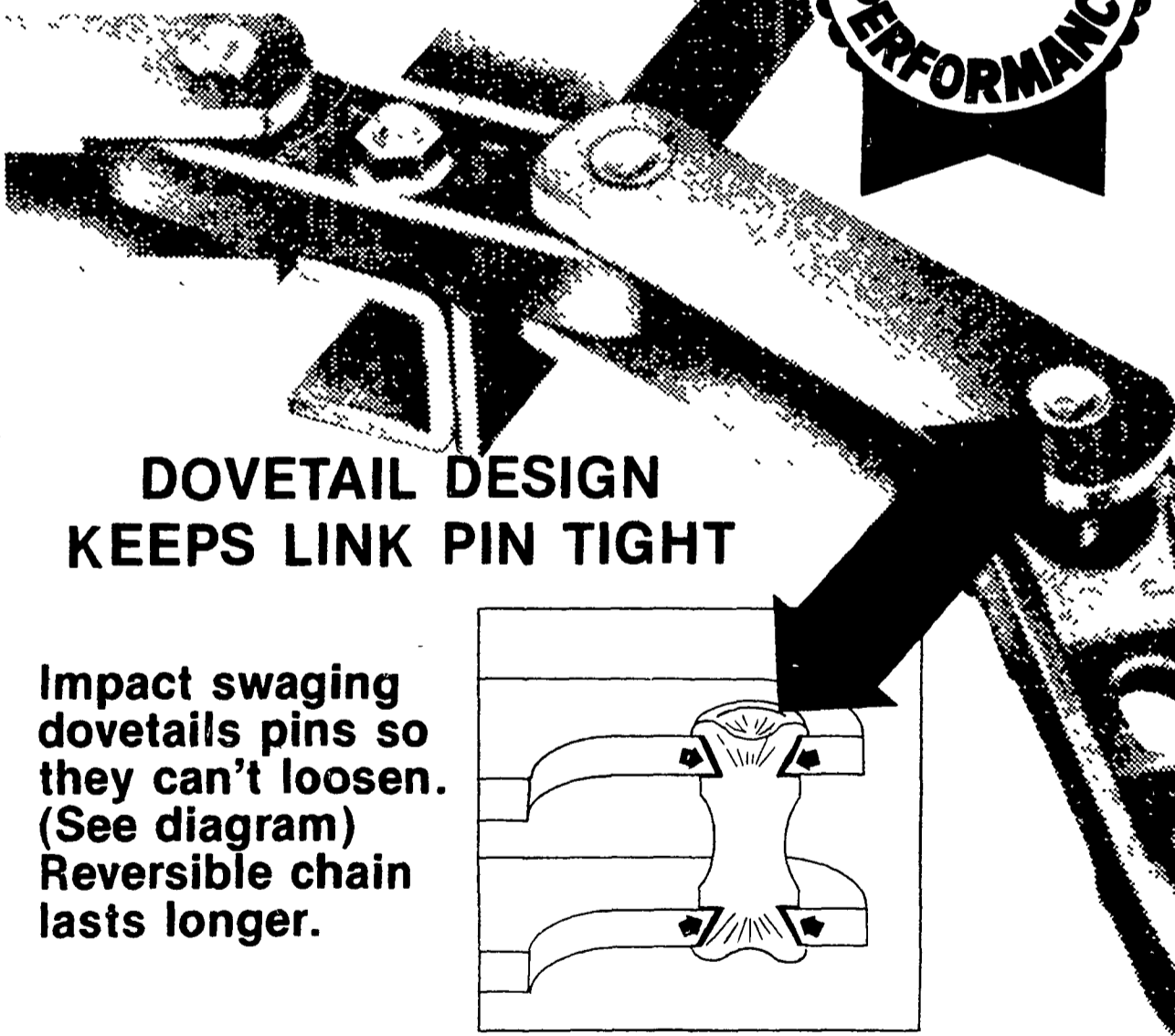
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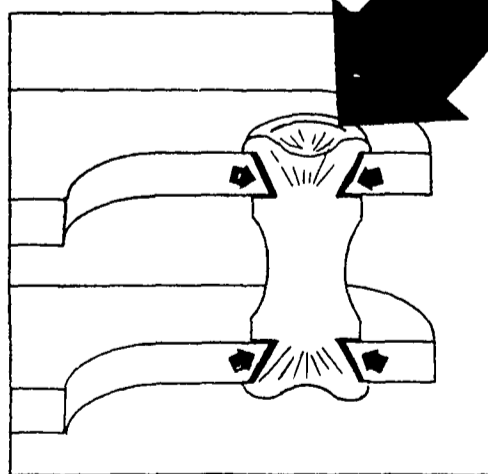
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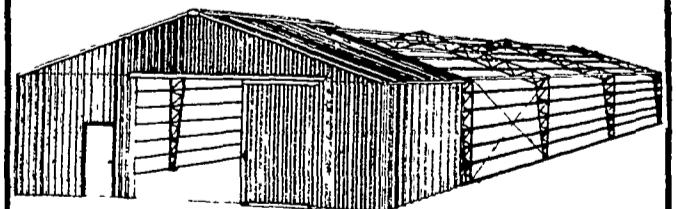
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