

# Landfill solution wins award for John Smith

YORK — John T. Smith, York County Extension director on The Pennsylvania State University staff, has been named recipient of the first Pennsylvania Cooperative Extension Service Award.

Smith received the award October 30 during ceremonies on the Penn State University Park Campus. It is based on outstanding educational programming at the county or state level.

In presenting the plaque, Dr. Thomas B. King, Penn State associate dean for Extension, said that Smith's efforts in determining the site for a sanitary landfill in York County were instrumental in establishing a unique system of land rental proven successful for both farm landowners and the solid waste authority.

"When York County recognized the need for a sanitary landfill, even before it was required by law, the public reaction to the proposal was inflammatory," Dr. King noted. "No township was willing to allow the landfill to be built within its boundaries. Some townships even passed ordinances against it."

Heated public meetings were held throughout the area, but Smith didn't attend any of them or take sides. His proximity to the



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authority officials and his frequent farm visits to potential condemned sites made it possible for him to understand the positions of both groups.

The agent, whose long-time Extension career has earned him the respect of the community, discussed the issues with both sides. He approached the subject informally after dealing with other issues. Once he became convinced that the one major reason farmers opposed the land fill was the fear of losing the land, he came up with this novel suggestion: instead of acquiring the land through purchase and after using it, restore it so that it could be farmed by its owners.

The proposal was accepted. Rental is far

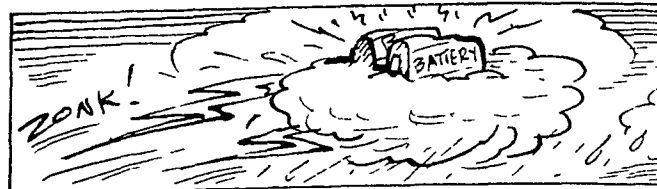
cheaper than purchase and the land remains on the tax rolls. Farmers whose land is being rented receive an annual rent and when the land is completely filled, it is returned to the farmer.

Today, the landfill is operating below the amount needed to meet expenses. Citizens of the township where the landfill is located have noted an additional benefit. The amount of litter along roads and streams, in woods and fields, long a severe problem in the area, has been minimized.

As Smith himself has said, "Even though the community is not happy with the

landfill, it seems to be much more acceptable to them because farmers still own the land."

"John Smith's key role in helping residents of York County achieve a satisfactory resolution to a community problem, is indicative of the type of work Extension is committed to for the welfare of Pennsylvanians," Dr. King emphasized.



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