

# Watershed project involves woodland work

By KENDACE BORRY  
LANCASTER — Healthy trees just don't happen, according to Tim Breneisen, superintendent of the Watershed Reclamation Project in Lancaster County. He stated that manmade watersheds of conifer or evergreen trees need care and work to do the job they're supposed to do.

Such a project will be underway until the end of February of 1979. Sponsored by the Lancaster Con-

servation District and funded by CETA, the project will have run for one year, with work being done in different parts of the county.

Breneisen, a forester, explained that basically what his two crews of workers are doing is thinning out the conifer plantations at different watersheds throughout the county.

The basic idea in the thinning is to remove about one third of the trees, in order to give the other trees

light at least on one side and at the top. The more surface of the tree that is exposed to the light means more growth for the tree. Removing some of its competition also gives it more growing space on the ground area.

Every third row of the trees are removed, plus any hardwood trees, which hamper the growth of the conifers.

The branches and brush from the work are spread on the floor of the forest to help protect the land. The trees that are cut down are removed from the area, cut up into logs and utilized by the Denver Wood Products, New Holland.

Basically, Breneisen related, the project is a small logging operation. His

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Tim Breneisen, superintendent of the project, stands at the entrance of the Chester Water Authority project. The project is sponsored by the Lancaster Conservation District and funded by CETA.



Creeping vines, such as honeysuckle, can wind around a tree and choke it to death. By removing the lower branches and the vines, the men are giving the conifer trees a better chance at survival.



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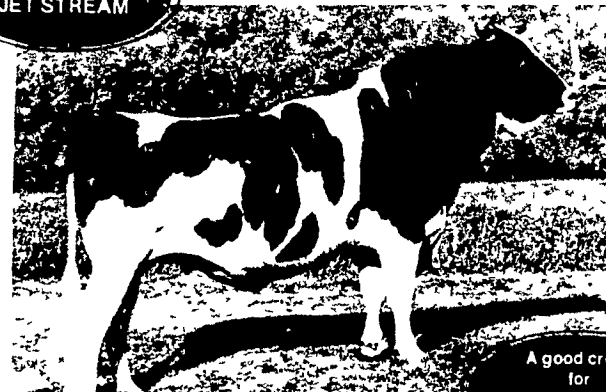
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