

## Hearings on state proposals affecting storm water scheduled

HARRISBURG — Public hearings on the state's proposed index of watersheds designated for storm water management will be conducted by the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Resources and the Environmental Quality Board in DuBois June 24 and in Reading June 26.

Following EQB approval,

DER will use the index to implement provisions of the Storm Water Management Act of 1978.

Both hearings will feature afternoon and evening sessions and will be held at community campuses of Penn State. They will be chaired by Eugene E. Counsel, chief of DER Storm Water Management Division.

Three-hour afternoon sessions will get underway at 1 p.m. and two-hour evening meetings are to begin at 7 p.m.

The June 24 hearing will be in the auditorium of the Study Learning Center on PSU's DuBois Campus. The

June 26 hearing will be in the Student Center Forum of PSU's Berks Campus, Reading.

Persons interested in testifying at the hearings should contact Gilbert E. Kyle, director, DER Bureau of Dams and Waterway

Management, Box 2357, Harrisburg, PA 17120, telephone (717) 783-1384, prior to the hearing date.

Those interested in submitting written comments, suggestions or objections should send them to Kyle prior to or within seven days

after each hearing date.

Single-page summaries of written comments and/or oral testimony also may be sent to Kyle within the same time limit to be considered.

Copies of background information may be obtained from Kyle's office.

## Lancaster's executive Board announces project

YORK — How well are families managing? How can families make their concerns known? Who is listening?

President Jimmy Carter has convened The White House Conference on Families this summer to "examine the strengths of American families, the difficulties they face and the ways in which family life is affected by public policies." He has labeled the state and national activities as a long overdue assessment of how government and the major private institutions help, hurt, or neglect families.

Pennsylvania is preparing for The White House Conference through a series of public forums on families. Four regional hearings will be held in February. Through April, local family forums or meetings will convene across the state. To facilitate discussion, a statewide committee chaired by James E. Van Horn, Extension family sociologist at Penn State, has identified four major issues affecting families.

The issues are:

Strengths of families. What can families do best to meet the needs of their members? What resources and skills do families need to carry out their responsibilities? What can be done to help the family deal with inflation?

Availability and accessibility of services to meet the needs of families. What community services

are available to the single parent; the elderly? What can be done to permit two-earner families to be successful as both parents and as workers?

Impact of government policies on families. What are the social and economical costs of unemployment to families? How do tax or zoning laws affect rural families? The present tax structure places

different tax burdens on different families, the married, nonmarried, small and large families. What can be done to make the tax burden equitable?

Impact of private institutions on families. Should private institutions counsel families on money management? Do religious institutions and groups play a major part in counseling families with problems?

## 45 cows can do work of 96

LITITZ — DHIA records show that 45 high producing cows can return as much money over feed costs as 96 low producers. An analysis of the records in herds on DHIA in 1979 shows that 45 cows producing at the rate of 17,700 pounds of milk yearly nets the same income after feeds costs as 96 cows producing 10,100 pounds per year.

Herbert C. Gilmore, Extension dairy specialist at Penn State, explains that 53 cows producing at a 15,300

level of 12,700 pounds return the same income over feed costs. Cows producing at lower levels require so much additional labor to take care of the added number that this level of production is not profitable.

There are cows at these levels of production in many herds, says Gilmore.

Only by keeping records can the unprofitable ones be culled out and greater returns be realized by dairymen.

Dairymen considering sources of more income

should carefully study the levels of production and ways to improve it before deciding to increase the number of animals in their herds, adds Gilmore.



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