

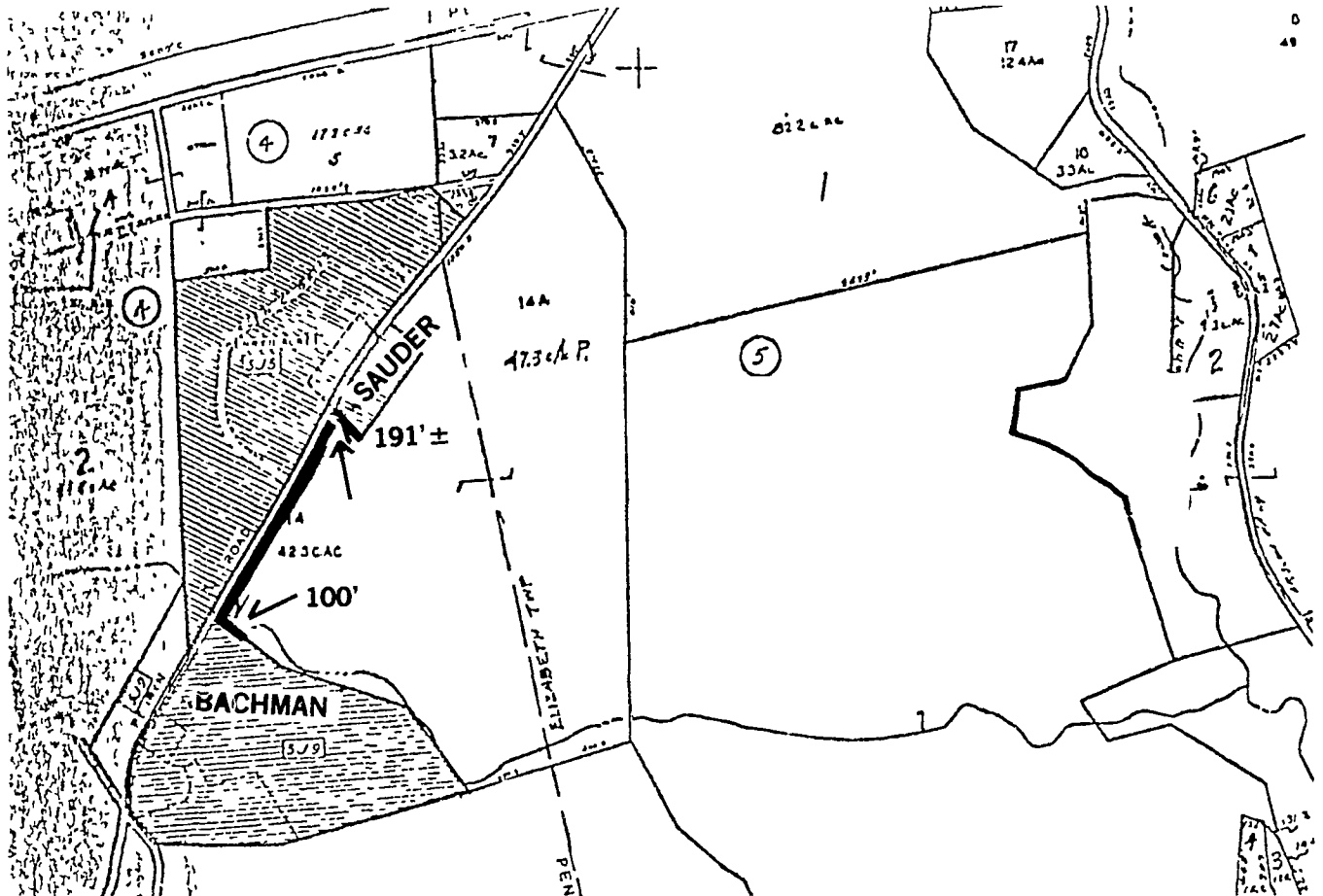
Penryn landfill 'green belt' ordered

PENRYN — In a public zoning meeting Monday, 45 conditions were attached to special exception granted owners of a proposed landfill near here.

Elizabeth and Penn township hearing boards attached the conditions to a

special exception granted R.E. Wright Associates, Inc., to establish and operate a sanitary landfill approximately one and one half miles northeast of Penryn on the east side of Penryn Road.

After presentation of 45



The area indicated shows the "green belt" area under discussion in item 23 of the proposed

restrictions to the special exception for the Penryn Landfill.

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tentative conditions, R.E. Wright and a spokesman for the protesting party presented comments and suggestions.

The only condition among the 45 to fall under mutual disagreement was item 23 which concerned the green belt which would mask operations within the landfill from the view of Penryn Road residents.

Both parties argued the wording of the item and Wright accepted the restriction as reasonable after modification. Shank

and the group he represented left after discussion of these items even though there were three other items under discussion concerning rights-of-way and invoices.

Item 23 now reads, "The landfill operator shall provide a visual buffer zone between the eastern right of way line of Penryn Road and the fence which is to be erected along Penryn Road pursuant to Condition No. 20 above prior to accepting the first refuse at the landfill sight.

"Said screening shall include uninterrupted evergreen plantings which together with seeded topsoil storage area within the landfill shall be of sufficient height and density to give maximum screening so as to block the landfill operations from the view of residents along Penryn Road.

"Such screening shall be permanently maintained and replaced when and where necessary to present an attractive appearance at all times.

"As the landfill operators shift to other portions of the landfill site, additional screening of the same type shall be provided in order to always block those operations from the view of residents along Penryn Road. Before any seeded topsoil storage area is removed, the evergreens shall be of sufficient height and density so as to block the landfill operations from view of residents of Penryn Road in the area previously screened by topsoil."

In August of 1976, R.E.

Wright Associates applied for a special exception under the Zoning Ordinances of Penn and Elizabeth Townships to operate the sanitary landfill, totaling about 92 acres, 48 in Penn Township and 44 in Elizabeth Township.

In September of that year both townships denied the request.

The following year, July 18, 1977, Judge Paul A. Mueller, Jr. reversed the decision in the Court of Common Pleas and reminded the township zoning hearing boards to impose "reasonable conditions" to the special exception for the landfill.

Appealed by a citizens' group opposing the landfill, the Lower Court's decision was affirmed by Commonwealth Court on April 19, 1979. The Supreme Court denied Petition for Allowance of Appeal on August 20, 1979.

Wright Associates requested in December 1979

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