

Landuse inventory in Franklin Co. runs ahead of schedule

CHAMBERSBURG - "The Natural Resources Inventory presently underway in Franklin County is progressing better than expected" says Charles Worrilow, soil conservationist for the Chambersburg Field Office of the USDA Soil Conservation Service.

"If things continue as well as they have been, we will finish the field work in August", he reports.

The Inventory is being conducted as part of a national effort on the part of the Soil Conservation Service to quantify present land use, urban sprawl, soil limitations, soil erosion, and sediment damages.

The data is being collected by traveling to 303 sites within the

county. Each site is 108 acres in size and has three points which will be checked. The points and sites have been randomly selected by computer to eliminate bias in the selection process.

When the field work is completed, the data will be processed in order to provide guidelines for long-range planning of soil and water resources. The information will then be made available to the people who make decisions which involve our resource base.

For more information concerning the Natural Resources Inventory, contact USDA Soil Conservation Service, 550 Cleveland Avenue, Chambersburg, PA 17201, phone 717/264-7013.

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