

Streambank stabilization is temporary procedure

WEST CHESTER — "Three bedroom colonial overlooking meandering stream. Ideal setting...everyone's dream home."

Unfortunately, even a babbling brook can become a raging torrent following spring snow melt and summer's heavy rains. And, eroding streambanks can be a nuisance or a nightmare.

According to Tim Smail, soil conservationist with the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Soil Conservation Service in West Chester, streambank erosion is a natural phenomenon and therefore, virtually impossible to stop.

Smail says, "Our office gets about 50 calls a year concerning streambank erosion problems. I generally tell people that stabilization is costly and at best, temporary. And, I'm not trying to discourage them. I'm just trying to be realistic. All but the smallest brooks will require some machine time and a lot of hand labor. And, there are many different practices

which can be applied—each with a varying degree of permanence. Generally speaking, the more permanent, the more machine and labor time involved and the more the materials cost. Most projects require permission from the Fish Commission and the PA Department of Environmental Resources. Some larger projects may even require permits from the Army Corps of Engineers.

"Even after measures are installed, they require almost constant inspection and maintenance," says Smail. "I like to tell people, 'You go to work during the day and to sleep at night. That stream never takes a rest. It's out there 24 hours a day, 7 days a week just picking and hammering away at the bank. You've got to check it every spring and fall and after

WASHINGTON, D.C. — A petition charging China with deliberately expanding its mushroom production to increase imports to the U.S. was filed June 30, with the International Trade Commission on behalf of the American Mushroom Institute.

The petition, filed by Lewie Martin, special trade counsel for the AMI, states that China increased its mushroom production despite full awareness of the U.S. mushroom industry's sensitivity to

imports. The petition was filed pursuant to Section 406 of the Trade Act of 1974 which provides the president with the power to impose quotas on imports from communist countries if those imports increase rapidly and cause injury to the domestic industry.

The ITC will report its recommendations on the petition to the president by Sept. 30. In the petition, AMI urges that a quota be placed on Chinese imports to keep them at a level that would cause no

further injury to the domestic mushroom industry.

Two months ago, in a report to the president, the ITC said, "It is our view that the domestic mushroom industry continues to suffer serious harm from import competition."

Rapidly increasing imports from China are evident from government statistics. Imports of canned mushrooms from China increased from 17 thousand pounds in 1978 to 14.8 million pounds in 1980, principally because China was granted lower duties under a trade agreement effective Feb. 1, 1980.

In 1981, China doubled its exports to 27.4 million pounds by pricing its exports to the U.S. 17 to 37 percent lower than prices charge by Korea and Taiwan and underselling domestic mushrooms by 17 cents per pound.

Because the AMI believes that these prices constitute an unfair trade practice under the antidumping duty section of the Trade Agreement Act of 1979, it also will file a petition that could lead to dumping duties being assessed on imports from China.

every storm, and repair whatever damage has been done. If you do less than a full job you're only fooling yourself. And, if you don't maintain the work to protect your investment, it may not be worth

doing in the first place. You won't fool the stream. If there is a weakness, the stream will find it and break through your protective measures."

Grange asks

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pavilion onto the lake waters they were told that the study on Raystown Lake has been conducted over the past three years and was submitted to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission last September. They are still waiting for a license.

When a license is secured the work continues. Osborne estimated a year for engineering and designing of the plant, followed by a 3-year construction period.

In the case of Raystown, \$600,000 worth of work has gone into applying for a license. It will probably cost \$36,000,000 to put the project in operation.

Raystown will eventually have the potential to produce 77 million kilowatt-hours per year. That would supply 8,000 homes with average electricity use.

Pennsylvania Senate Majority leader Robert Jubelirer and House Majority Leader Sam Hayes

wrapped up the day-long outing by expressing the Thornburgh Administration's support for hydroelectric power development.

House Bill 682 was passed in June. If it receives Senate approval, "hydro" projects would be exempt from the 3 percent Public Utility Reality Tax Act, during construction periods and the first 10 years of operation.

Two other hydro-related bills will be acted upon following the legislature's summer recess. House Bill 2006 would establish a financing authority to make funding possible. If House Bill 2055 is approved, the state would be land owned by the Commonwealth.

The Grange concluded the seminar by restating their position that the state's hydroelectric potential continue to be studied and developed.

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announced Bureau of Markets chief Jim Sumner.

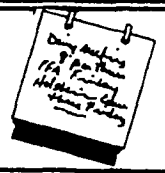
He explained that one committee will be looking into the mechanics of upgrading the minimum standards in milk. Sumner mentioned the possible development of a 10 percent solids milk but added, "We're open for suggestions."

A second committee will begin exploring a voluntary promotion program with a matching dealers fund.

"This will offer those farmers not in a federal order the opportunity to participate," Sumner explained.

Sumner said he expects at least a dozen people to fill each committee, with a first meeting anticipated next month. — DT

Farm Calendar



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County, continues through Saturday.
Annual Holstein Association of America staff conference, Nittany Lion Inn, State College.
Thursday, Aug. 19
Middletown Grange Fair, Wrightstown, Bucks County, continues through Saturday.

Mount Nebo Grange Fair, Ohio Twp., Allegheny County, continues through Saturday.
Garrett County Holstein Sale, Garrett County Fairgrounds.
Friday, Aug. 20
Northeast Pa. Championship Black & White Show, 9 a.m., Troy Fairgrounds.
Saturday, Aug. 12
Central Pa. Holstein Championship Show, Huntingdon Fairgrounds.



PUBLIC ALL DAY AUCTION

Small grocery store & ice cream store equip. & inventory, household goods, antiques, some garage equip., tools, 2 classic cars, etc. (Owners discontinuing business)

Sat. Aug. 21
At 9 a.m.

Location — 9 miles N. of Williamsport, Pa., 1½ mile N. of Loyalsockville, along Rt. 87 near last chance saloon. Lycoming Co.

Brief listing follows:

Jordan SS refrig. meat case; 2 chest ice cream freezers; 2 Tokheim gas pumps (full price); cash registers; toledo scales; SS comm. sinks; counters tops, bar, stools, shelving, etc. glass showcases; store inventory; household goods; used CB items; Coats air tire changer' bubble balancer; sgl. cyl. 30 gal. air compressor; spark plug cleaner; 5 guns inc. JM Smythe 12 ga. 32" full choke sgl barrel hammer gun S/N 120; some sporting goods; 56 Fackard Farfician car load, only 18000 miles; 63 Pontiac convertible, nice; 63 Corvair Greenbrair van; Trains, Inc. Berkshire 736 engine; 1955 trolley; 1688 Lionel torpedo; other cars; old broad axe signed J. underhill; old odd unusual hand adz marked Wm. Greaves & Sons, #7; many other antique items, glassware, etc. much more.

Auct. Note: Cars sold at 2 p.m. subject to owner confirmation, everything else sells to highest bidder. Guns 1:30 p.m. Owners, Richard & Susan Bird. Lunch-tent. Fraley Auction Co. 546-6907.



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