

Harrison Ford Endorses Lancaster Farmland Trust

LANCASTER (Lancaster Co.) — Harrison Ford, the number one male, box-office draw in the nation, has not forgotten the special experience of living in Lancaster County.

The star, who resided in the county during the filming of the movie "Witness," has enthusiastically given his endorsement to the Lancaster Farmland Trust, a non-profit, farmland preservation group, located at 128 E. Marion Street, Lancaster, that is working to help preserve Lancaster County's best agricultural lands and unique way of life.

To date the Trust has preserved more than 1,200 acres of farmland in the county.

Ford, who reportedly rode his bicycle through the countryside each day to his film location in rural Strasburg Township, made the following statement in support of the Lancaster Farmland Trust:

"I have had the firsthand opportunity to experience a special place and an extraordinary community in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. An important part of America's heritage, this area of exceptional resources is home to a culture of wholeness and productivity that must be preserved."

"It is under enormous pressure. Farms, countryside communities and cultures are threatened with being overwhelmed by suburbanization, highway and commercialization. This is too important a part

of America to lose by default. "Please join with me in supporting the Lancaster Farmland Trust in our mission to preserve Lancaster County farmland resources and to move toward a more sustainable and agricultural community. Together we can save an important part of America's heritage."

Alan Musselman, executive director of the Trust, was thrilled to hear of Ford's endorsement and said, "We are excited and grateful for Mr. Ford's backing. As a small non-profit land trust, it is gratifying to have our work acknowledged by a star of his magnitude. Apparently his stay in Lancaster County was much more than a job assignment to him - Mr. Ford is a man who travels worldwide yet he recognizes Lancaster County for the natural treasure that it is and wishes to help protect it."

The Lancaster Farmland Trust was founded in 1984 as a support arm of the County Agricultural Preserve Board, known as "Friends of Agricultural Land Preservation."

In 1988 the group was reformed as an independent, private, non-profit land trust and since then has been successful in preserving over 1,200 acres of farmland using a unique mix of flexible and specially tailored methods including the purchase of conservation easements.

The Trust has also gained an increasing and loyal following

that helps to support its efforts through membership dues and contributions. Dan Herr, Trust president, said, "We are here to encourage and assist the farmer in a variety of ways and help him pass his land on to the next generation."

"However, it is only through the

invaluable support of people like Mr. Ford and our members that we are able to pursue our mission of preserving this beautiful countryside and way of life. The Trust thanks Harrison Ford and all those who enable us to continue our important work," Herr said.

The Lancaster Farmland Trust

is located at the Lancaster Conservation Center, home of the Lancaster Heritage & Environment Alliance.

For membership or preservation information please contact the Trust at 128 East Marion Street, Lancaster, 17602, or call (717) 293-0707.



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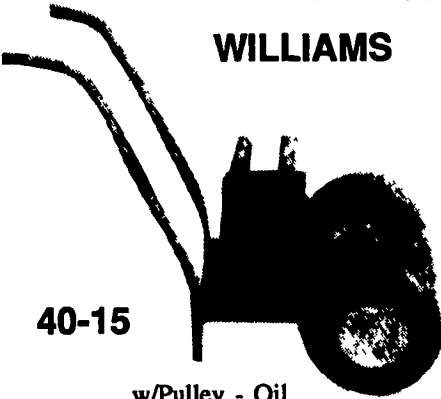
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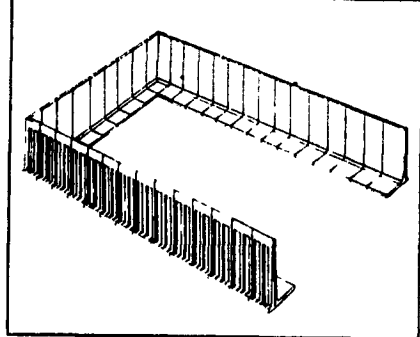
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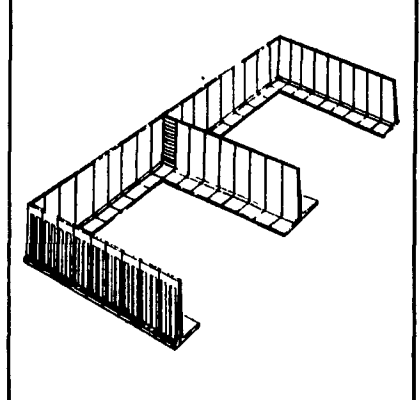
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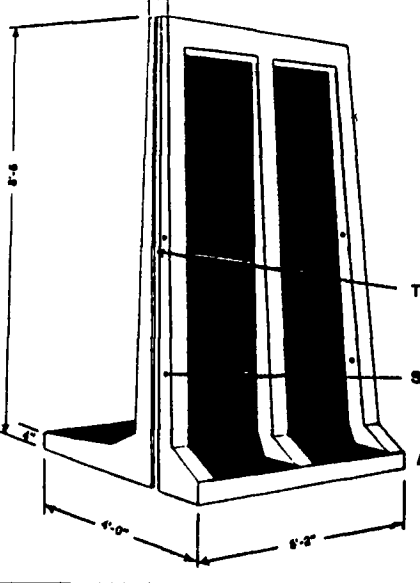
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