

Ridge Addresses Wetland Reform

WATERFORD — About 700 Pennsylvania landowners' Association, Inc. members and their

guests attended the 5th annual membership meeting held in Waterford. The meeting on Febru-

ary 17, attracted members statewide including guests, several state and federal legislators.



Representative Tom Ridge explains the 1992 Wetland Reform and H.R. 1330 at the annual Pennsylvania Landowner's meeting.

The central theme focused on land use issues such as wetlands, endangered species and scenic river designations, all environmental policies seeking "preservation" of private land as opposed to "conservation" of natural resources. Guest speaker for the evening was Congressman Tom Ridge (R-21), co-sponsor of the Comprehensive Wetlands Conservation and Management Act, his presentation focused on the progress made to date surrounding the wetland controversy, but also stressed the critical importance of 1992. "Time is of the essence," Ridge stated, "this is the year to complete the task."

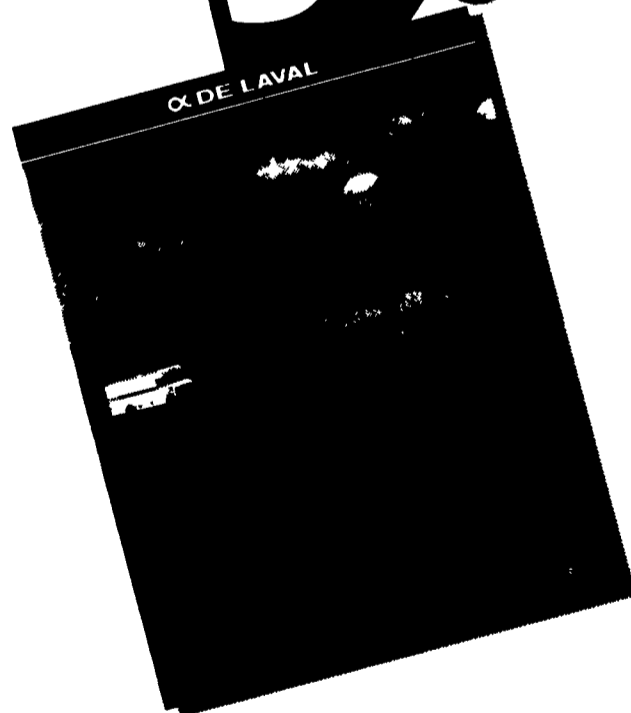
The Clean Water Act, which regulates wetlands, is up for reauthorization in Congress. Therefore, changes to wetland policy will occur this year and it is imperative that property owners' concerns are addressed. It is likely

that what is not achieved in 1992 will have to wait another five

years before the Act is again up for reauthorization.

Members were also updated on the Endangered Species Act, also up for reauthorization in 1992, as well as the current status of rivers targeted for inclusion in to the national Wild and Scenic Rivers bill. A new video presentation was also shown entitled "Wetlands: Our Environment, Whose Property?" (Part 2)... "A Call to Action." The film presented status updates on wetland victims depicted in the first film, as well as new wetland stories and important messages from Representative Jimmy Hayes (D-LA), sponsor of H.R. 1330 and Representative Tom Ridge (R-PA). Copies of the new video will be available for educational purposes sometime near mid March. Interested individuals may contact the PLA office for further information, or to order a videotape copy.

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Grain Marketing Seminar

LEESPORT (Berks Co.) — Grain farmers who want to do a better job marketing their crops can get the direction they need at a meeting sponsored by Penn State Cooperative Extension.

A Grain Marketing Seminar will take place on Monday, March 30, at the Berks County Agricultural Center near Leesport, from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Cost is \$15 for the first attender from a farm and \$8 for others from that same farm.

Dr. James Russell, marketing specialist with Maryland Cooperative Extension, will explain more profitable ways to market corn, soybeans, and wheat.

The seminar will end before 3 p.m. with an outlook on the 1992 regional grain market.

As part of this seminar, each farm unit will get a complimentary copy of the comprehensive "Maryland Grain Marketing Notebook" (an \$8 value). Attenders should arrive at 9 a.m. to register, view a satellite demonstration unit, and enjoy coffee and doughnuts.

Request a registration brochure from the Berks County Extension Office at (215) 378-1327 or other county cooperative extension offices in southeastern Pennsylvania.

If you have questions about the seminar, contact the organizer, Jeff Patton, extension marketing agent, at the Lehigh County Extension Office at (215) 391-9840. Reservations are requested by Thursday, March 26.

