

Legislators Hear District Concerns

HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.) — Directors and staff of conservation districts throughout Pennsylvania traveled to the state capitol recently to meet with legislators on current issues affecting their operations in the conservation of Pennsylvania's natural resources.

The annual Capitol Day is sponsored by the Pennsylvania Association of Conservation District Directors, Inc. (PACD), the non-profit organization representing Pennsylvania's 66 conservation districts in Harrisburg.

The priority issue for conservation districts this year is funding. State funding is allocated to conservation districts through the

State Conservation Commission for the employment of professional staff, administrative expenses, and special conservation projects.

The annual budget appropriation has remained the same since Fiscal Year 1988-1989 and is proposed at the same level for the 1993-1994 Fiscal Year.

"Conservation districts must have a significant funding increase in order to catch up with rising costs and current needs in manpower and special projects," said Kurt Leitholf, executive director of the PACD. "While conservation districts are being asked to do more by state and federal agencies, budget appropria-

tions are not keeping pace. The result is our inability to maintain staff levels, let alone increase them to handle the added workload."

The Capitol Day participants also presented their views on relevant bills currently under consideration. Conservation districts support the environmental education goals of Senate Bill 181. They also encourage the passage of House Bill 100 which mandates that farms with excessive animal density be required to prepare nutrient management plans.

On the subject of management of Pennsylvania's surface and groundwater resources, Senate

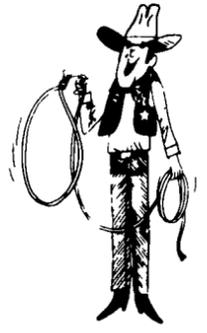
Bill 351 proposes to establish within the Department of Environmental Resources a comprehensive program of water management, thus placing the development of water resources and water

emergency management plans in the hands of the state. Conservation districts believe that this authority should rest with regional resource boards.

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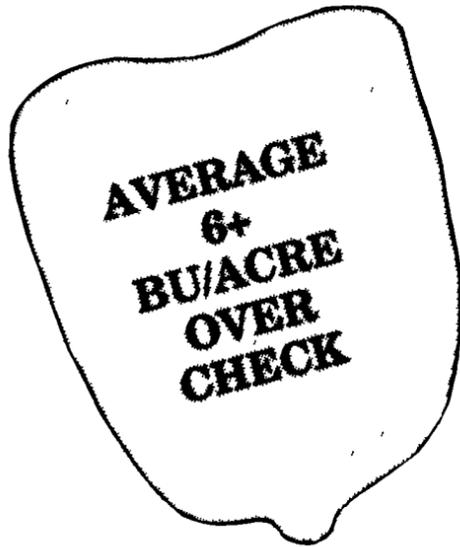
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