

# Berks County Gets Water Quality Funds

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LEESPORT (Berks Co.) — Funds totaling \$140,350 have been made available under the 1993 Agricultural Conservation Program (ACP) to implement conservation management practices in the Tulpehocken Watershed, according to Richard Troutman, chairman of the Berks County

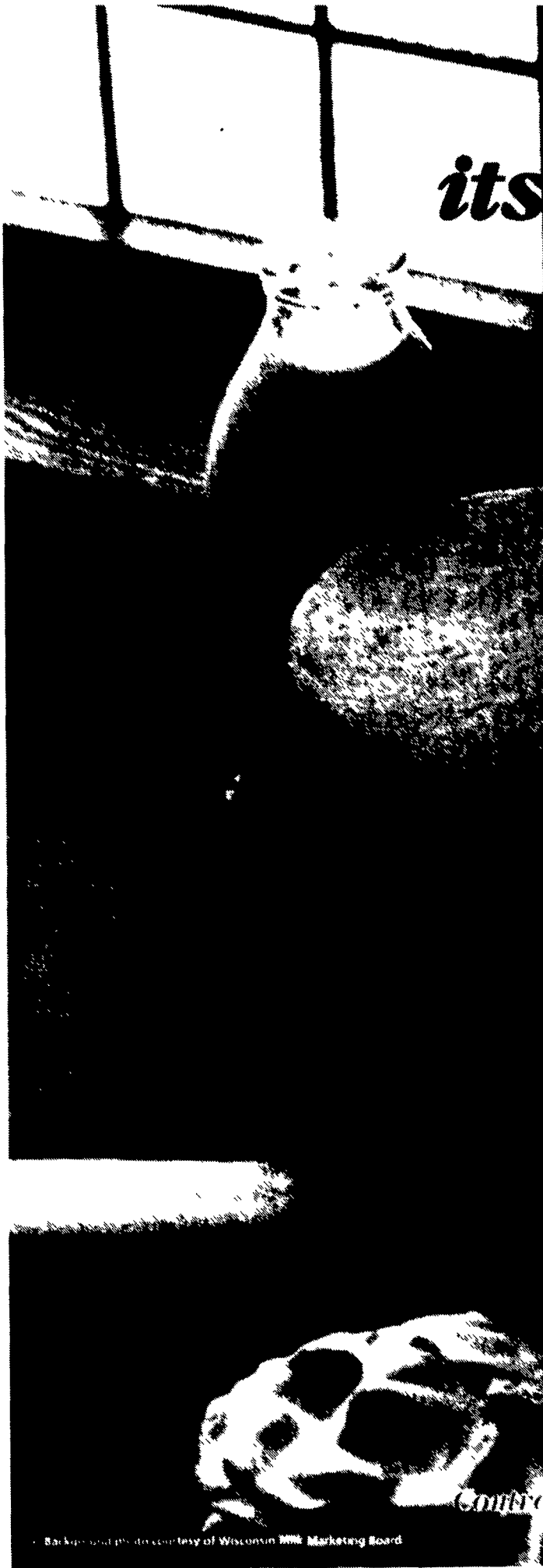
ASC Committee. "The Water Quality Incentive Project (WQIP) provides both technical and financial assistance for producers to change management systems to help solve resource problems associated with agricultural non-point source pollution adversely affecting water

quality," he said. To participate, farming operations must be contributing — or have the potential to contribute — through their current management system, agricultural non-point source pollutants such as agricultural chemicals, animal washes, or sediments to surface or groundwa-

ter. "Incentive payments will only be available for management practices," Troutman said.

The Tulpehocken Watershed covers a two-county area of about 43,300 acres.

"Agricultural producers in Berks and Lebanon Counties should be alert to this project," said Troutman. "It is a good way to help solve a larger, community-wide problem and the incentive payments gives producers a good opportunity to participate."



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