

Fall Conference To Study Nonpoint Source Pollution

HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.) — The Department of Environmental Protection recently announced that it will sponsor a three-day conference in October to showcase public and private efforts in reducing nonpoint source pollution caused by urban runoff, mining, farming, on-lot sewage systems and timber harvesting. "Local Solutions to Pennsylvania's Pollution," to be held October 9-11 at the Nittany Lion Inn.

State College, is geared for citizens, local government officials, educators, watershed organizations, land owners, land use planners, and professional consultants who want to improve water quality in Pennsylvania's waterways. It is a two-part conference designed to 1) educate Pennsylvanians about the state's Chesapeake Bay Program and related local water quality initiatives, and 2) involve Pennsylvanians in discuss-

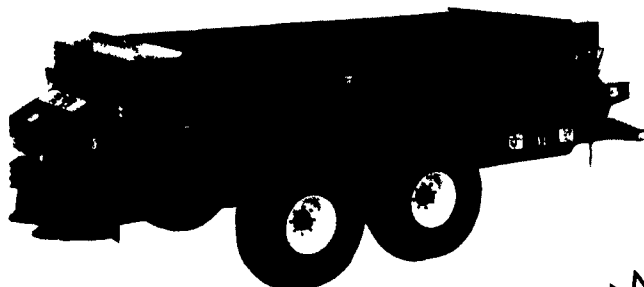
ing issues that are being addressed in a new statewide nonpoint source pollution strategy. Day 1 of the conference will highlight Pennsylvania's Chesapeake Bay Program: its history, its milestones, and new steps that are being planned to meet state water quality goals for the year 2000. That same day, learn about some do-it-yourself tools and techniques for grassroots nonpoint source pollution control. For in-

stance, find out how to form your own watershed organization, how to work with your local government in guiding development with water quality in mind, and how to test the health of a local stream or river using volunteer monitors. Day 1 will also show you how to explore and analyze your own local watershed for its nonpoint source pollution potential. Days 2 and 3 concentrate on Pennsylvania's statewide non-

point source pollution control program. Local approaches to problems caused by on-lot sewage, urban runoff, mining, farming and timber harvesting will be featured. Roundtable discussion groups will help provide input to the DEP in developing the state's nonpoint source strategy. There will be a reception on the evening of Day 1, October 9 for all attendees, followed by an optional dinner. Ann Pesiri Swanson, executive director of the Chesapeake Bay Commission, will be the dinner speaker. Options to attend Day 1 only, Days 2 and 3 only, or all three days are available. Registration fees will reflect these options. The conference is sponsored by the Department of Environmental Protection, its Chesapeake Bay Education Office, and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (Nonpoint Source Program, Section 319 of the Clean Water Act). For more information or to receive a conference brochure with a registration form, contact JACA Corporation, 550 Pinetown Road, Fort Washington, PA 19034, (215) 643-5466 and FAX (215) 643-2772.



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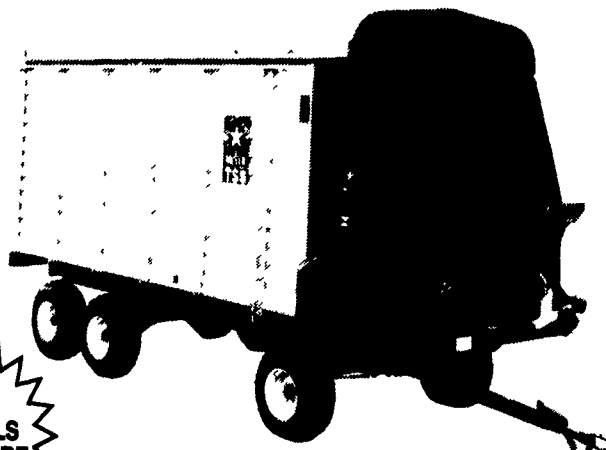
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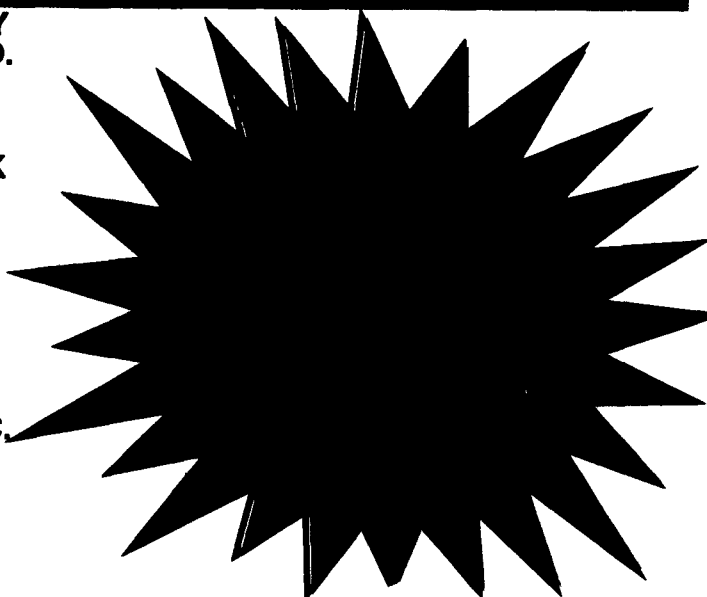
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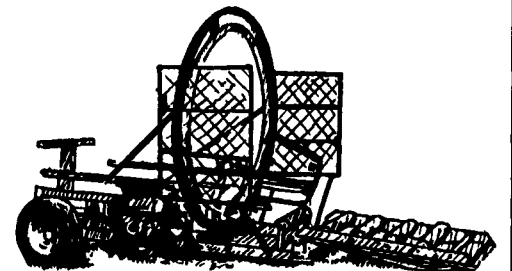
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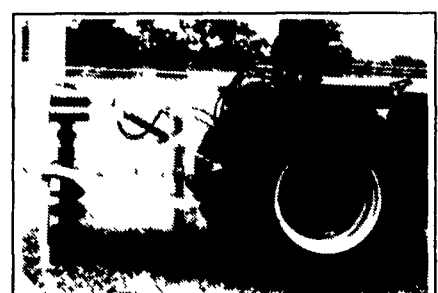
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