

Land Planning Workshop Held

LITITZ (Lancaster Co.) — Preserving and restoring natural resources was the theme of a workshop held at the Millport Conservancy in Lititz today. More than 40 land planning firms, and municipal, county and state personnel attended the daylong workshop entitled "Where Urban Meets Rural in Lancaster County." Nine experts addressed topics that included the need for sustainable development, the cost of community services, agriculture, and the benefits of watershed-based planning.

"Our goal was to create a forum to discuss the need for flexible local zoning ordinances and to look at alternatives to the uncontrolled development and sprawl we've seen," said Mark Gutshall, of Landstudies, Inc., one of the organizers of the workshop. "Through effective open space management, cluster develop-

ment, and stormwater runoff planning, the benefits of cohesive planning for the community are clear. And the presentations showed that sensible land use can be economically feasible."

The workshop included a presentation and analysis by Dr. Timothy W. Kelsey of Penn State University about the costs associated with different land uses for residential, commercial and industrial development; agriculture; and open space. His research indicated that residential land generally costs local taxpayers, while open space as well as commercial, industrial and farm land help taxpayers by paying more than they require back in services.

The workshops was co-sponsored by the Chesapeake Bay Foundation, David Miller/Associates, Inc., Donegal Chapter of Trout Unlimited, Gehringer-

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District, Millport Conservancy, RGS Associates, Pennsylvania Environmental Council, Rettew Associates, Valley Forge Chapter Society of American Foresters,

and Waterfowl USA.

Proceeds from the workshop registrations will benefit the Lititz Run Watershed Planning and Implementation project.



Greg Wilson, president of Donegal Chapter of Trout Unlimited, demonstrates a tree planting, stream improvement, and habitat restoration along Lititz Run at the Millport Conservancy. This is one of the projects associated with the Lititz Run Watershed Plan.

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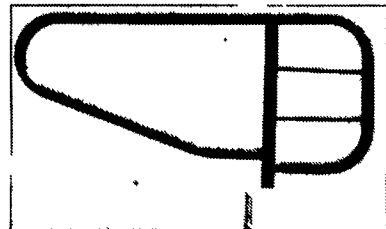
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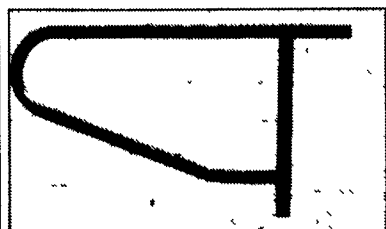
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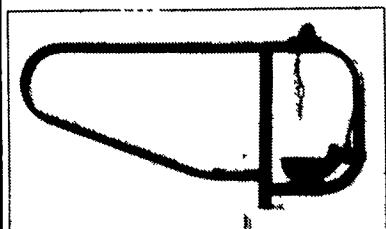
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