

Urban Forestry Grant Awards Total \$34,100

WILMINGTON, Del. — Several communities, schools, and volunteer organizations will soon begin spring planting projects funded through the Delaware Urban and Community Forestry Program. These plantings will help beautify recreational areas, establish wooded buffers, and expand forested areas.

Each year, the Delaware Department of Agriculture Forest Service offers grants to towns, communities and volunteer organizations for tree planting, tree management, and ecosystem-based management projects on publicly-owned lands through its Urban and Community Forestry Program. This year, \$34,100 was awarded to 15 recipients. Grant recipients use the funds to purchase plant materials to obtain technical assistance for their projects, conduct street trees inventories, and develop community forest management plans.

The City of Wilmington received a \$2,000 grant to help fund

an Arbor Day project which will involve the planting of trees at local parks, schools, and community centers. Teachers will incorporate the tree planting project into their science lesson plans and their students will help maintenance crews plant and care for the trees.

Kent County Parks and Recreation received a \$4,000 grant to continue tree planting at Brecknock Park. The plantings will enhance and expand the forested areas and create hedgerows for sound and wind control.

Grant funds totaling \$3,500 were awarded to the Village of Arden to assist with the development of a landscape plan for the historic community. The Village of Arden is working with landscape architects to develop a four-step program outlining long range plans for its communal grounds to preserve and maintain its Garden City Design. The project focuses on 12 acres of open space in the center of the Village. Last year, the Village of Arden received at \$4,500

grant to begin this process.

The Delaware Ornithological Society will use their \$3,807 grant to reforest several tracts of land around Fort DuPont State Park. Society members will plant approximately 100 trees on a 5.5-acre site to increase forest dwelling for avian species.

Other grant recipients were Hockessin Library, \$3,995; Kent Apartments, \$1,134; Schutte Park, \$3,500; Woodbridge Elementary PTA, \$1,685; Blades Economic Development Co., \$385; Selbyville Middle School, \$2,400; City of Lewes, \$1,500; New Castle County Special Services, \$2,000;

Town of Delmar, \$3,000; Town of Smyrna, \$1,384; and the City of Newark Parks and Recreation, \$850.

For more information, contact the Delaware Department of Agriculture at (800) 282-8685 (Del. Only) or (302) 739-4811.

Dairy Leaders Sought For World Dairy Expo's Annual Awards

- Dairyman of the Year
- International Person of the Year

The Industry Person of the Year is presented to an individual in recognition for excellence in research, development, education, marketing or other fields which are part of the dairy industry.

The Dairyman and Dairy Woman of the Year awards are presented to individuals who are active dairy producers and whose primary source of income is derived from their dairy operation. His/her farming operation needs to demonstrate and excel in efficient production and breeding of quality animals. Progressive management practices, along with involvement in community, govern-

ment activities, breed organizations and other aspects of the dairy industry, will also be considered.

The International Person of the Year will be recognized for significantly contributing to international relations, business development, trade or cooperation in the dairy industry.

Individuals will be honored at the Dinner With the Stars during World Dairy Expo, September 30 - October 4, 1998, in Madison, Wisconsin, USA. Nominations are due April 1, 1998. Official applications are available through the World Dairy Expo office by calling 608-224-6455.

World Dairy Expo is an international dairy cattle and trade show that draws more than 68,000 visitors annually.

MADISON, Wis. — Outstanding leaders from across the international dairy industry are being sought for World Dairy Expo's annual recognition awards. "We're encouraging people to nominate someone who has demonstrated exceptional leadership," says general manager, Tom McKittrick. "Recognizing these individuals during World Dairy Expo showcases the leadership present in the dairy industry and adds to the excitement of Expo."

Nominations will be accepted through April 1, 1998 and will be accepted in the four following categories:

- Industry Person of the Year
- Dairy Woman of the Year

Farm Credit Names New Retail Loan Administrator

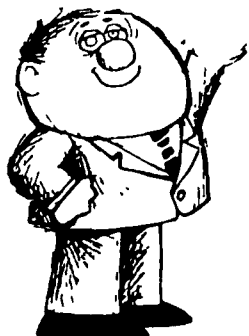
LEWISBURG (Union Co.) — Northeastern Farm Credit, ACA named a new retail loan administrator in its Coudersport Branch Office.

Peg Rotello, former customer service representative for Northeastern, has been named retail loan administrator.

Rotello has been with Northeastern since March 1997. She had been previously employed as the county executive director for the Potter County Farm Service Agency, USDA for 26 years.

Cathy Ransom, former retail loan administrator for the Coudersport Branch Office, will be taking on the duties of the customer service representative position. She is well-known to her customers during her 15 years of service to Coudersport and the surrounding areas. Prior to Rotello's hire, Ransom was the customer service representative for the Coudersport Branch Office.

Executive Vice President Bobby R. Jones said, "Peg's work in the community and knowledge of the ag community will work to her benefit in her new position as retail loan administrator."



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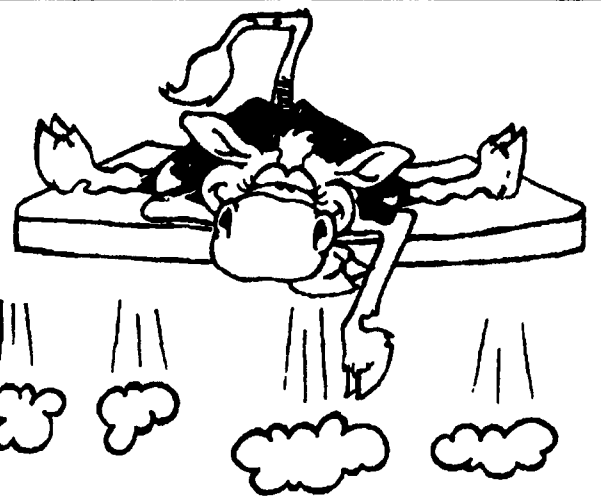
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