

## Agricultural Preservation Board Approves Farmland

**HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.)** — The Agricultural Land Preservation Board has approved easement purchases for 24 farms, including the first easement purchase in Beaver County.

"Gov. Tom Ridge is committed to the future of agriculture in Pennsylvania," Agriculture Secretary Samuel E. Hayes Jr. said. "By protecting prime farmland, we are securing the strength of Pennsylvania agriculture and the food supply both here at home and around the world."

Created in 1989, the Pennsylvania Agricultural Land Preservation Board is responsible for oversight of the state Farmland Preservation Program. The program allows the state and counties to purchase development rights, referred to as easements, to guarantee that farms remain as agricultural land.

The Farmland Preservation Program has protected 903 farms in 39 counties encompassing 115,604 acres.

The following list of the 24

properties includes the owner, township, acreage, and purchase cost:

- Adams County:**
- Robert L. and Judith A. Hay, Highland Township, 230 acres, \$298,403.
- Beaver County:**
- Mildred M. Milligan, New Sewickley Township, 70 acres, \$104,778.
- Berks County:**
- David E. Kurtz, Ruth S. Troutman, Jane Steiner and Mary Ann

Ruth, Marion Township, 100 acres, \$201,000.

- Alan M. and Andrew M. Peifer, Oley Township, 135 acres, \$230,180.

- Linford R. and Florence G. Weber, Maiden Creek Township, 72 acres, \$144,800.

- Mark A. and Nancy A. Wolfskill, Heidelberg Township, 242 acres, \$484,000.

**Bucks County:**

- Kenneth and Janet Beer, Hilltown Township, 75 acres, \$473,960.

- David A. and Sharon K. Bishop, Plumstead Township, 64 acres, \$560,000.

**Butler County:**

- Edward Goldscheitter, Buffalo and Clinton townships, 217 acres, \$446,026.

**Centre County:**

- Leroy E. and Geraldine I. Dreibelbis, Ferguson Township, 173 acres, \$224,503.

- Lynn L., Ella and Irene Illingworth, Ferguson Township, 152 acres, \$187,200.

**Chester County:**

- Estate of Marguerite MacFarlan, East Brandywine Township, 79 acres, \$494,931.

- Thomas and Fannie Yoder, West Nantmeal Township, 98 acres, \$341,438.

**Lancaster County:**

- J. Kenneth and Lois M. Hof-

fer, Rapho Township, 94 acres, \$176,297.

- Donald and Carol Ann Trimble, Fulton Township, 136 acres, \$133,751.

**Lawrence County:**

- Michael and Mary Lou Lehman, Wilmington Township, 73 acres, \$114,620.

**Lebanon County:**

- Eugene W. and Kathleen S. Martin, North Cornwall Township, 154 acres, \$230,550.

- Dennis E. and Sharon L. Wampler, South Annville Township, 117 acres, \$175,500.

**Lehigh County:**

- Russell and Elaine Dietrich, Lynn Township, 127 acres, \$222,981.

- Samuel P. and Ruth J. Getter, Lynn Township, 76 acres, \$132,854.

**Montgomery County:**

- Earl M. Kline, Douglass Township, 46 acres, \$195,006.

**Northumberland County:**

- Edward T. Rocereta, Delaware Township, 100 acres, \$80,056.

**York County:**

- George Scott and Mary Scott Bowser, Lower Chanceford Township, 99 acres, \$120,847.

- Harold and Nancy Miller, Hopewell and East Hopewell townships, and Crossroad Borough, 458 acres, \$523,669.

## Conservation Leadership School Offers Unique Opportunities

**UNIVERSITY PARK (Centre Co.)** — Instead of desks and blackboards, the classrooms at Penn State's Conservation Leadership School this summer will include an underground cave, canoes, and kayaks on a 72-acre lake and green leaves and shade on 700 acres of forested land.

In this unique setting at the University's Stone Valley Recreation Area near State College, secondary students between the ages of 15 and 18 will learn about conservation during two-week programs that emphasize field-based, hands-on learning, group problem solving, and environmental manage-

ment planning.

The curriculum involves active participation in environmental management, resource assessment, and regenerative conservation methods. Topics include watershed management, citizen action, basic ecology, land-use planning, alternative energy supplies, environmental risk assessment, and forest management.

Students provide their own transportation to the Stone Valley Recreation Area, where they will stay in four-person platform tents with cots, heated shower and restroom facilities, complete meal service, and all educational needs.

The \$495 tuition (\$545 for non-Pennsylvania residents) covers tuition and all other costs for the student's two-week stay.

The 1998 Conservation Leadership Schools dates are Session I, June 28-July 11; Session II, July 12-25; and Advanced Session, July 30-August 8. Please note: The Advanced Session is open only to students who previously attended a regular session or an equivalent program.

To register by phone or for more information, call 1-800-PSU-TODAY (1-800-778-8632), or visit <http://www.outreach.psu.edu/ConservationLeadership/> or <http://www.cas.psu.edu>.

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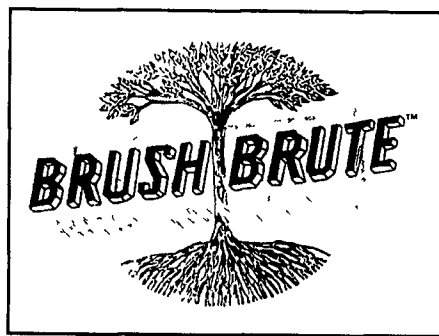
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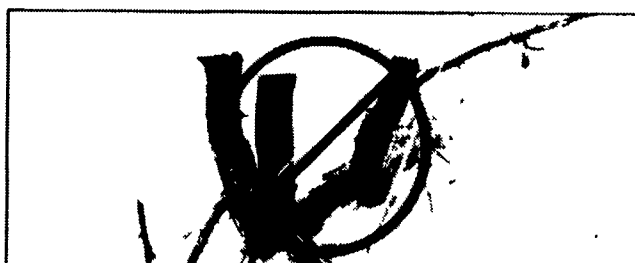


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