

# Partnership

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ducers there is nothing good for the cows in the stream or the ponds.

Wise noted that the effective and simple techniques of stream bank installation work well to prevent herd health problems. "Veterinarians are big allies for us," he said.

If all goes as planned, according to John Plowman, public relations, Pennsylvania Game Commission, "there will be fly fishing here and on some of the other streams."

Once all the restoration is done, agencies believe that fly fishing will be a reality on the Muddy Run. Plowman helped release 55 trout

donated by the Paradise Valley Sportsmen's Association at the tour.

Plowman agreed with the assessment of the agencies present that, within a few years, perhaps even by next year, the site will be a place for anglers to do some "first-class, cold water fishing."

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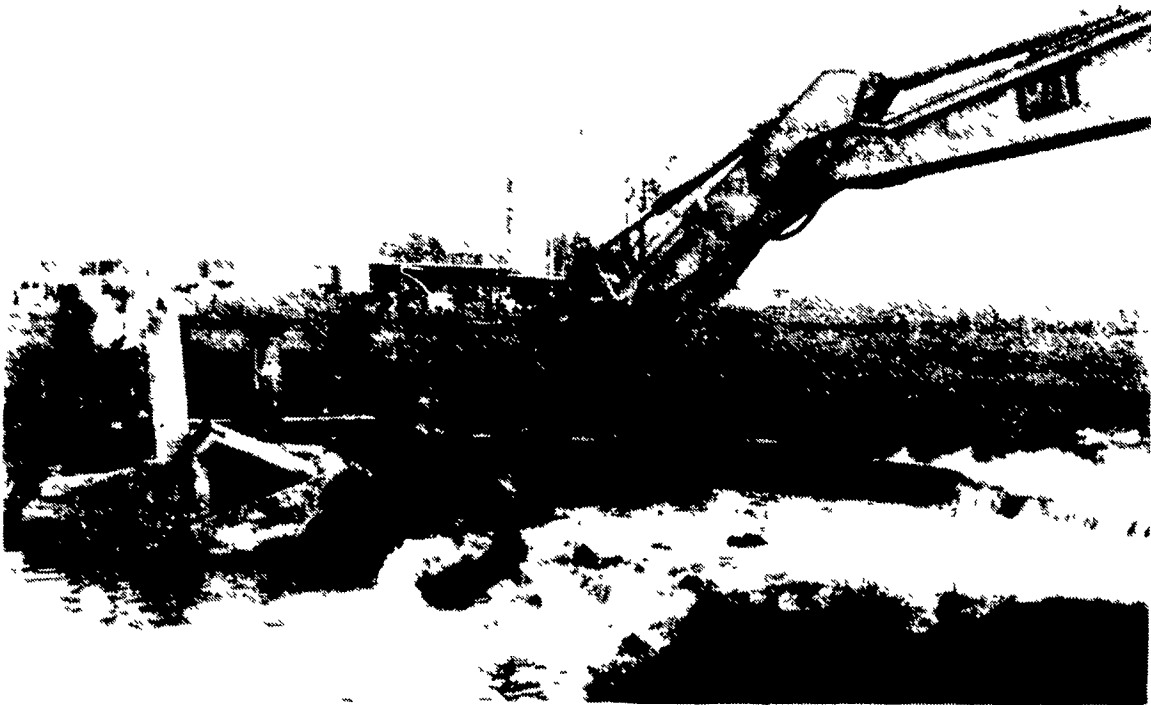
Through the work of the Hans Herr FFA at Lancaster Mennonite High School, stream bank fence crossings, or stiles, were constructed and drilled in place along the stream. Attending the tour and installing the stiles were Jason Rohrer, Jason Breneman, James Mast, Jeff Smoker, and FFA adviser Lem Metzler.

The stiles, paid for with a \$1,000 grant from Trout Unlimited, would allow public fishing and trout stocking programs to take place at the Miller farm, on Muddy Run, noted Mike Kauffman, fishery biologist, Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission. Metzler noted that the stiles cost \$46.50 a piece for materials.

A duck box, pointed toward the house, was also installed Thursday



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Tour group members watched as a track hoe with a ram hammer, a jackhammer to break up large pieces of rock, was used to take down a two-tier dam system on the tributary.

at the farm. The house can also draw bluebirds and other avian life, noted Lucas. Helping install the box were Larry Zuschlag, NRCS technician and Charles Ackley, Penn State extension water quality project assistant.

Kauffman called on legislators to take a look at ways to help protect farms from liability, if opening up farms for fishing to the general public.

But the good news, Kauffman noted, was that farmers have "embraced the idea of stocking and public fishing," he said.

The commission is hoping to stock the stream next spring with trout over a two-mile stretch of the stream before the trout season opens in mid-May.

Mike Hollins of Ecosystem Recovery Enterprises of New Freedom directed a group of volunteers and young people on probation, together with probation

officers, to install stream bank plantings. The live stakes include dormant hardwood cuttings of willows, dogwoods, and elderberries.

Hollins, whose nonprofit company helps restore stream banks, helped direct the installation of 600 plantings on each side of the bank. A total of 1,500 feet each side were planted, donated from private nurseries and the game commission, and some from the company.

About 15 people were out. Tony Woods, probation officer, said the volunteers and kids help out all over the county, doing stream restoration work. In the group were 13 kids, six young adults, and seven adults.

Robert D. Hoffman, director of conservation programs with Ducks Unlimited Inc., Ann Arbor, Mich., noted the cooperative work of many agencies and industries to

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