

\$350,000 grant starts Rouge cleanup

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The cleanup of the polluted Rouge River will inch ahead this year with \$350,000 worth of planning and engineering work.

First target: the "combined" sewers that carry both stormwater and sanitary sewage, and which overflow into the river during heavy rains.

"We'll start with engineering studies of combined sewer overflows," said Jim Rogers, a senior environmental planner with the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments. SEMCOG will administer much of the \$350,000 state grant, taking its cues from a state Water Resources Commission advisory committee. SEMCOG will be a "pass-through" agency, accepting the money and letting the engineering contracts, Rogers said.

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STATE SEN. Patrick McCollough, D-Deborn, took credit for preserving the Rouge money as the Legislature passed the natural resources budget.

The money is for fiscal 1987, which starts Oct. 1.

"As one involved in the Rouge River cleanup," McCollough said, in a statement from Lansing, "I was extremely concerned that the (appropriations) subcommittee was eliminating money for the Rouge River cleanup project."

"We shifted into high gear and

convinced members of the Senate appropriations subcommittee on natural resources to keep the Rouge cleanup grant in the bill.

"The subcommittee reinstated the \$350,000 appropriation, which was endorsed by the full Senate Appropriations Committee and passed the Senate as part of the Department of Natural Resources budget this week," he said.

It will be one of McCollough's last major acts because he will not seek re-election this year after a total of 12 years in the Senate.

ROGERS, OF SEMCOG, said first priority would be engineering studies of combined sewer overflows.

Generally, older urban areas have combined sewers, he said, citing Detroit, Dearborn, Redford Township, Birmingham, Farmington and portions of Livonia, Grosse Pointe, Westland, Bloomfield Township and the village of Beverly Hills.

Other studies will be conducted of:

- Sediments.
- Non-point pollution — runoff from roads, parking lots, lawns, farms and illegal connections.
- Logjams. "Saturday's (volunteer cleanup) effort will be a little nibble out of that," Rogers said.
- Downriver odors. "It's quite possible we'll take a look at interim remedial measures. One method could be to 'perfume' the river at times. Did you know they do that in

Dearborn at certain times, during a festival?"

The Rouge, which drops very little in the western Wayne County flatlands, falls to flush itself out, particularly in warm weather. Polluted water just stands, giving off odors.

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WAIVER EXAMS for the accounting assistant diploma program, offered by OU's Division of Continuing Education, will be conducted at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 17 on campus.

Advance registration and payment of \$10 per exam are required. Call 370-3120 between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m., weekdays.

The waiver exams allow enrollees sufficiently experienced in accounting to be excused from taking two courses in principles of practical accounting required in the 15-month accounting assistant paraprofessional program that begins June 23.

A **SPECIAL SUMMER** term offering the first four courses in the 10-course certificate program in personal financial planning will begin the week of June 23 at Oakland University.

Courses offered are Survey of Personal Financial Planning, Risk Management, Investments and Income Taxes. All courses will meet 6-8 p.m. one evening a week for 10 weeks. To

MSU offers area courses

Michigan State University will offer 81 graduate and undergraduate courses this summer at its Birmingham-area location. New course offerings will include introductory economics courses and six journalism courses.

Students need not be formally admitted to MSU to take courses. MSU Birmingham Center is located in Groves High School at 20500 Thirteenth Mile, Beverly Hills. For more information and free brochure, call MSU at 645-5410.

Courses begin the week of June 16. Other offerings include courses from the colleges of Arts and Letters, Business, Communication Arts and Sciences, Education, Engineering, Human Ecology, Natural Science and Social Science.

Talk on AIDS given Friday

A public information program on AIDS (Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome) will be presented 1-3 p.m. Friday, June 6, by the Oakland County Health Division.

The free program will be in the North Office Auditorium of the county service complex at 1200 N. Telegraph, Pontiac.

Representatives of the Michigan Organization for Human Rights, a statewide gay/lesbian group, and Wellness Networks, will join the presentation.

"AIDS, which is caused by a virus, is characterized by a defect in the immune system," said Dr. Carolyn Bird of the county health division. "As a result of this impairment of the immune system, the body no longer is able to fight off certain infections by other microorganisms."

High-risk AIDS groups are homosexual and bisexual men with multiple partners and intravenous drug users. National, state and county statistics will be presented.