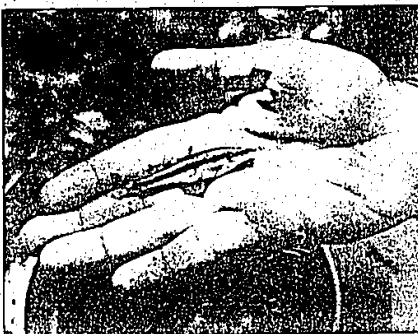




A fish out of water: DNR workers stun the fish momentarily, record the species and then return them to the stream.

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"The fish were a pleasant surprise in the creek, which is a rather tortuous environment," Usher said, referring to the small environment, which he called "ripple and pool."

What's especially surprising is the type of fish living in the two creeks on the property, which is affected by human development upstream.

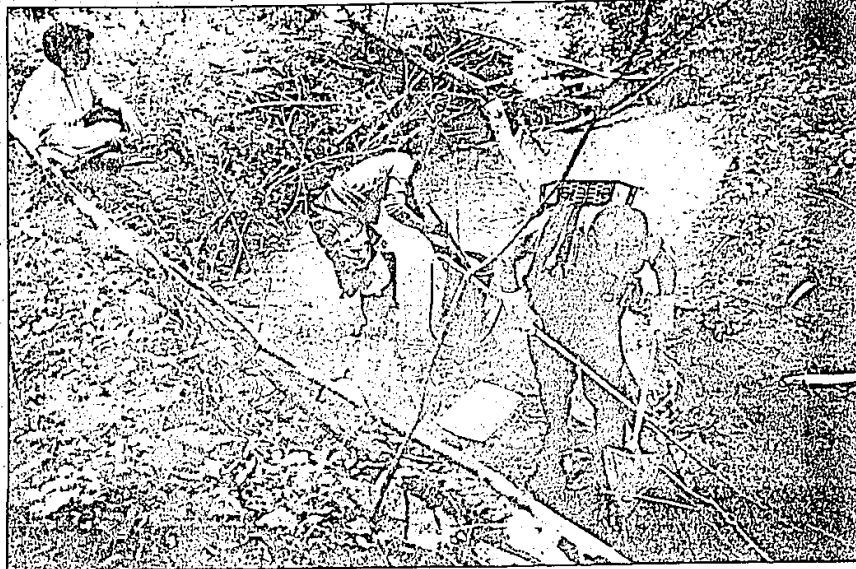
"You get a tremendous amount of chemicals washed down those two creek channels," Usher said. "The

environment is certainly having its toll."

On the other hand, contaminants could be washed away considering there's very little aquatic vegetation in the creeks, Holloway added.

The city's consultant called Usher's findings "significant. The information is lending itself toward outlining the property as an important microclimate in this city."

Meanwhile, construction is continuing on the new wetlands. Concerns recently arose about the possibility of silt running toward the



Staff Photos by SHARON LE MUEX

A rare look: Ron Spiller (right), a district fisheries biologist for the Department of Natural Resources, and col-

leagues Cathy Bean and Jennifer Beam look for signs of life in Peltz-MDOT.

creeks — from the construction project — which would damage them. To avoid that, silt fences were erected to catch any silt that may run toward the creeks.

"They (silt barriers) are in place properly," said Beam, whose office issued permits for the wetlands replacement. "What I have seen so far is good."

Beam and Holloway agree that if done properly the wetland can have a positive effect on the Peltz-MDOT, particularly the water quality and habitat.

"If it's done right and it's not a yucky swamp, it could be good," said Farmington Hills' naturalist Joe Derek, a member of the Peltz-MDOT committee.

ELECTION NOTES

Forty-seventh District Court magistrate Marla Parker will kick off her campaign for a judicial seat in that court at a fund-raiser at Glen Oaks country Club in Farmington Hills on Tuesday, June 16. The reception for Parker is

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Parker is a Hills-based attorney specializing in criminal and family law and has served as magistrate for the past three years.

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