

Plan Creek Dredging In Mosquito Attack

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WESTVILLE — The Gloucester County Extermination Commission plans dredging of Mantua Creek to prevent the breeding of mosquitoes.

According to Otto Bock, secretary of the commission, after setting traps in this area, mosquitoes known to be vectors of sleeping sickness (encephalitis) have been found.

Mantua Creek between Wenonah and Mantua Townships has been under investigation by the commission with approval of the state.

At the informal meeting Wednesday night seven residents of

the Wenonah side of the creek, led by William R. Middleton, questioned the move and stated they feared it would do away with the wild life in the area.

Bock explained similar work had been done on the Alcyon Lake and the people in that area were pleased with the results.

Damage to trees or property would be the responsibility of the commission, Thomas Jackson, superintendent of the project for mosquito control, reported.

Bock also commented the state had already appropriated \$19,000 for the first year of the two-year project.

Plan Dredging Mantua Creek to Attack Mosquitos in 1963

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