

PLAN SEEN BAR TO POLLUTION OF ROLAND RUN

Sewage-Treating Plant Near Lutherville Is Manned

Baltimore county's plan to treat sewage near Lutherville will prevent some of the present pollution of Roland Run and Lake Roland, George A. Carter, deputy public works director, said yesterday.

Considerable raw sewage is draining into Roland Run now, he said, "and any treatment will be an improvement over that."

The proposed treatment plant is being protested by the Board of Recreation and Parks and the L'Hirondelle Club of Ruxton because the effluent will flow into Lake Roland, a city recreation area.

Fears Odors

The board fears it will create offensive odors and kill the fish in the lake.

Mr. Carter said the city and the county are in general agreement on the need for the Lutherville plant.

It is part of the sanitation plan for the Lutherville-Timonium-Towson area, and is expected to be in operation for from two to five years, Nathan L. Smith, chief of the county Public Works Department, said last January.

To replace it the county proposes a main sewer along Roland Run.

Long-Range Plan

This main is part of the county's long-range program to connect its sanitation system to the city sewer system. The county then is to pay the city for disposal at Back River.

Temporary treatment is necessary, Mr. Carter said, because Roland Run is now being polluted by raw sewage.

When a watershed is so heavily populated, he explained, pollution is almost inevitable due to overflowing septic tanks and other sources of waste.

The treatment plant is to be erected as soon as the site is obtained.

Sludge produced by the process will be hauled to a Towson treatment plant to be made into fertilizer. It is liquid effluent that will be discharged into Roland Run.