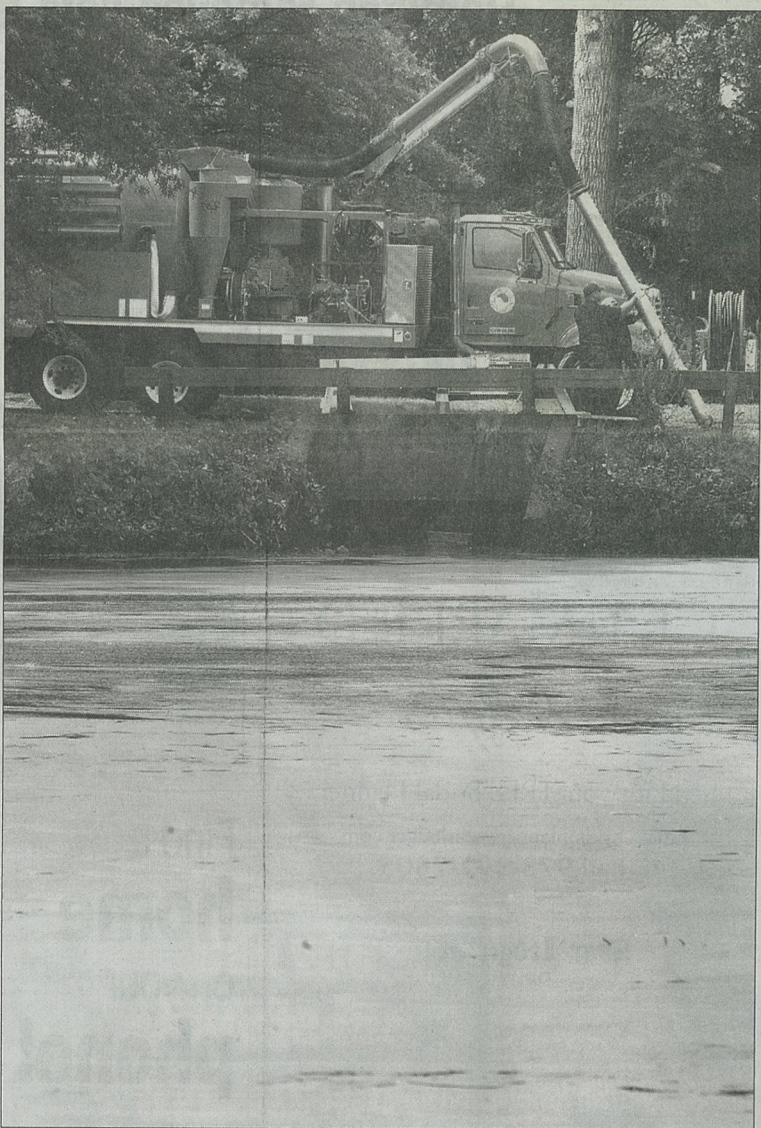


GO WITH THE FLOW



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Workers from the Passaic Valley Sewerage Commission, including Alex Hernandez, below left, and George Krusznis use a vacuum truck, above, to clean out a dam in the north pond of Branch Brook Park. The blockage of the dam and drainage system has prevented water in the pond from going in and out of the main lake and the water has become stagnant and covered with algae and duckweed. Essex County parks workers also have begun skimming the surface of the pond to clean it.

