

Maintenance agreement provides for continued upkeep of terraces

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Nancy Anderson, chairman of the soil and water conservation district, sent a letter to the city on Sept. 14 regarding terrace removal at three sites which each have 20-year maintenance agreements.

She told the council in the letter that the terraces were constructed with cost-sharing funds provided by the state. The terraces are still under 20-year maintenance agreement (from the time of construction) and are to be maintained in the as-constructed condition.

Provisions of the maintenance agreement require that if a landowner wants to

alter or remove a terrace the landowner must receive prior permission from the county soil and water conservation district.

If the board allows the terraces to be removed or altered, the state cost-sharing funds for the affected terraces must be reimbursed to the state, Anderson said.

Project sites are Killeas Industrial Park, 2,300 removed terraces constructed in June 1996, total cost \$1,695, cost share \$847.50; 18th Street Southeast, Wayne Toel property, 100 removed terraces constructed in December 1992, total cost \$75, cost share \$37.50; and 18th Street Southeast, Lloyd Kolker property, 100

removed terraces constructed in November 1987, total cost \$76, cost share \$38.

Flannery said the amount may be less because of a prorating provision in conservation district information.

City Engineer Scott Langel told council members that at the time properties were purchased for city projects the city was not informed about the 20-year maintenance agreement and that the information is apparently not included as part of the property abstracts.

Flannery told council members this week that he has reviewed the maintenance agreements.