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5. Warren's TerraBond 1120 was used to line the entire bank of the pond, from the bottom, to the trench. The TerraBond (which comes delivered on a roll 12.5 feet by 300 feet), was positioned near the trench and held in position by two men. Two other men then pulled the TerraBond down the bank until they reached the bottom. It was similar to pulling down a window shade in your kitchen. The liner was then cut from the remaining roll near the trench, allowing enough slack so the TerraBond could be tucked into the trench.
6. As the sheets of TerraBond were put into position around the bank, they were overlapped six inches to eight inches and held in place with steel hooks. The "U" shaped hooks were made of one-eighth inch steel and had sharpened tips so they could be easily pushed through the liner and into place. As we moved along, the extra liner we had left ourselves was folded into the trench. The trench was then backfilled with soil, which was carefully tapped into place.
7. After all the TerraBond had been secured and the trench had been backfilled, the banks of the pond were lined with rip-rap from the pond bottom to the desired water line.
8. Area around pond was sodded.

Since construction was completed, we have had several more floods, and our new pond has performed beautifully. Erosion control has been 100% effective, and a once troublesome pond, is now a beautiful water hazard.

Pawpaw: The Forgotten American Fruit

—Agricultural Research, April 1983

Nutritional studies indicate that the American pawpaw (*Asimina triloba*), a long-neglected American native that bears excellent-tasting fruit, may emerge as one of our most valuable fruit trees.

Chemist John P. Cherry of the U.S.D.A Eastern Regional Research Center in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania analyzed the nutritional value of pawpaws and found that their fruit, which is unusually low in moisture content, is actually higher in unsaturated fats, proteins and carbohydrates than three other more common fruits — apples, peaches and grapes. In addition, the pawpaw has exceptionally high levels of the amino acids that are essential to the human diet — over six times the amounts found in the three other fruits tested.

According to Cherry, pawpaws also have high vitamin A and C content. For example, their vitamin A content is about the same as in apples and grapes, and although pawpaws have less vitamin C than do citrus fruits, they have more than twice the amount found in apples, peaches or grapes. Finally, pawpaws are higher in potassium, phosphorus, magnesium, sulfur and iron than the three other fruits tested.

Despite its sweet, pearlike fruit, which has the texture of a banana and a fragrant aroma, pawpaws have not been cultivated widely; they are only found growing in a few home gardens. Pawpaws are shade tolerant, have attractive foliage, and are relatively disease and insect free. Unfortunately, little has been done to improve the species through breeding and selection.