

Forestry practices.

- (a) Felling or skidding on or across any public street is prohibited without the express written consent of the Township or PennDOT, whichever is responsible for maintenance of the street.
- (b) No tops or slash shall be left within 25 feet of any public street, property line or private roadway providing access to adjoining property.
- (c) All tops and slash between 25 feet and 50 feet from a public street right-of-way or private road providing access to adjoining property or within 50 feet of adjoining property shall be lopped so that they do not extend more than four feet above the surface of the ground.
- (d) Streams are an important natural resource that provide for water quality, flood control, bank stabilization and other ecological benefits. To insure their adequate protection, logging is prohibited within 25 feet, plus one foot per percent of slope to the edge of bank on each side of all perennial waterways; this setback is doubled for streams rated "high quality" to 50 feet, plus one foot per percent of slope to the edge of the stream bank.
- (e) All earthmoving within this area shall be minimized or fully avoided.
- (f) No tops or slash shall be left within a stream channel or floodway. Unless fully delineated, a floodplain shall be assumed to be all that area within 50 feet of the center of a waterway.

## Logging plan.

- (a) The applicant shall specify, in writing, the land on which harvesting will occur, the expected size of the harvest area and the anticipated starting and completion date of the operation. The zoning permit shall be valid for up to two years from the date of issuance.
- (b) The logging plan shall include, at a minimum, the following information:
  - [1] A narrative of proposed cutting practices and/or stand prescription(s) for each stand in the proposed harvest area and the construction, maintenance and retirement of the access system, including haul roads, skid roads, skid trails and landings.
  - [2] An erosion and sedimentation control plan approved by the County Conservation District if over one acre will be disturbed.
  - [3] All timbering activities shall use best management practices which shall be shown on the plan.
  - [4] A narrative of all stream and road crossings, including required permits from the appropriate agency.
  - [5] All Township and/or PennDOT highway occupancy permits, if applicable.

The use of clear-cutting must be fully justified by a forestry plan prepared by a qualified professional. Clear-cutting shall be prohibited on slopes greater than 25%.

- (h)** A twenty-foot minimum setback shall be maintained for forestry operations from a public street right-of-way and from any lot line of property, except that such lot line setback shall not apply if the adjoining property owner provides a written, notarized and signed waiver of the setback to the Zoning Officer.
- (i)** If forestry operations involve more than two acres, a minimum of 30% of the forest cover (canopy) shall be kept and the residual trees shall be well distributed to promote reforestation