

Timber Harvest Road Bond
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To: ACRE Shared Mailbox <acre@attorneygeneral.gov>
Subject: Timber Harvest Road Bond

Mr. Willig,

I am sending you a complaint under the ACRE law. Hellam Township, York County has a timber harvest permit. In order to obtain this permit they are requiring my company or one of my customers to post a road bond as stated in section H page 7 of ordinance. \$39,396.50 is the amount for a area of 100' each direction from entrance point by 20' wide. The amount is far beyond the pacode value of \$12,500 per paved road mile. There is no signage on this township road and they cannot present a road study. When I explained my side of the law to them they responded by saying that this is in the township timber harvest ordinance. Other sections of ordinance that I feel are unlawful are "Regulations" section D3 page 6. Township should not be able to ask for a "bond or other security to guarantee reseeding and restoration". Page 6 section G #2 states no tops or slash shall be left in filter strip along any streams designated as type A or B streams. DEP regulations state no requirement for this. However, this is considered a best management practice. Section G #3 states no cutting within 50 feet each side of a stream. DEP law has no restriction against this. Again, this is a best management practice. Section G 3 A&B need to be addressed also. Finally, the violations and penalties section states consequences of ordinance violation. It is my opinion that a township may only come out and issue a "work stop" order. Not be able to imprison for unpaid violation charges. DEP which is a state run organization is the regulating authority on timber harvesting. It is illegal for a township to go over state law. Please contact me to discuss this matter further [REDACTED].

Respectfully Submitted,
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