

Willig, Robert A.

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, April 23, 2025 3:24 PM
To: ACRE Shared Mailbox
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Acre Act Violation
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To whom it may concern,

I am reaching out to you in regards to a township in Beaver County, PA. This Township is Big Beaver Township. It has come to my attention that this township has ordinances that violate the ACRE act. I am attaching the township's ordinances pertaining to timber harvesting, the permits and plans that are required to be submitted no less than 30 days ahead, and especially the requirement to have a neighbor sign off, in order to cut the trees on your own property. The current ordinance requires you to stay 50' away from your own property line. In the case that was brought to my attention, that 50' buffer encompasses over 8 acres of property and would require the landowner to seek written permission from 9 separate neighbors. in order to cut the trees on that 8 acres of property.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

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Willig, Robert A.

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, May 27, 2025 9:20 AM
To: Willig, Robert A.
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Re: Big Beaver Township ACRE Case

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Mr Willig,

Thank you for your response. I am a timber company owner [REDACTED] as well as the owner of a trucking company. I have been in the timber industry for 30 years.

This issue was brought to my attention through a member of the [REDACTED] They apparently had purchased timber within the township and upon going to the township to secure road bonds were informed of the regulations that I previously spoke of pertaining to harvesting timber within the Township. My interest in this case is in regards to what I believe to be regulations that are burdensome, if not illegal that affect our industry.

I found out about the regulations thru assisting and advising one of our members. I believe it is a clear case of infringement on our industry and the private landowners that understand the importance of timber products and by-products to our society and their right to harvest the timber on all of their property if they so choose.

I reached out to you because what I have seen as a trend within many municipalities is that they get a lawyer to draft up a regulation because of a single issue and vote to pass it, making it a legal law or ordinance. Once a township does this in a particular area, other municipalities begin to pass similar ordinances or laws until they are challenged. Requiring a landowner to get written permission from their neighbor to cut timber on their own property is ludicrous at best in my opinion. I feel it is a complete infringement on a property owner's rights. After spending 30 years in the timber industry, I can assure you that it would be impossible to do in many cases. There are too many neighbors that don't know each other, whose estates are in probate, who don't get along, non resident landowners, properties owned by huge corporations, and others that because they have no financial gain, would never sign off to allow someone to harvest trees if they held that power to control their neighbors property, etc.. Sometimes, particularly in higher densely populated areas a development goes in along a large tract and there may be 50 neighbors to have to contact and convince to sign off to allow you to cut timber from the property that you invested in and paid taxes on. It simply sounds good in theory but in reality, it is a huge infringement on rights as well an assault on an industry that every one of us uses products from every day of our lives.

You can mail any correspondence thru email but my physical address is:

[REDACTED]
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Sincerely,

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