Township of Penn, PA
Monday, September 29, 2025

Chapter 190. Zoning

Article VI. Supplemental Regulations

§ 190-638. Timber harvesting and reforestation.

Subject to the following:

A. The minimum site shall be five acres.

B. All operations shall be located at least 300 feet from any existing dwelling.

C. All operations shall be discontinued between 7:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m., provided, further, that such operations shall not take place during any hours on Sundays or legal bank holidays.

D. The use shall be subject to the performance standards of § **190-635** of this chapter.

E. Routes to be used by the hauling trucks shall be approved by the Township, and the operator shall demonstrate that there shall be no negative impact on local roads from the proposed operation.

F. A performance bond shall be posted in favor of and in the amount required by the Township to guarantee restoration of local roads used as hauling routes.

G. Permits.

(1) The application shall show compliance with the following laws and regulations of the commonwealth, and all necessary permits shall be maintained during the operation:

(a) Erosion and sedimentation control regulations contained in Chapter 102, issued pursuant to the Pennsylvania Clean Streams Law.[1]

[1] *Editor's Note: See 35 P.S. § 691.1 et seq.*

(b) Stream-crossing and wetlands protection regulations contained in Chapter 105, issued pursuant to the Pennsylvania Dam Safety and Encroachments Act.

(c) Stormwater management plans and regulations issued pursuant to the Pennsylvania Stormwater Management Act.

(2) Any suspension or revocation of a commonwealth permit shall constitute revocation of zoning approval, and the operator shall be subject to the enforcement provisions of § **190-903** of this chapter.

H. A logging plan shall be submitted which shows, as a minimum:

(1) The design, construction, maintenance and retirement of the access system, including haul roads, skid roads, skid trails and landings;

(2) The design, construction and maintenance of water-control measures and structures such as culverts, broad-based dips, filter strips and water bars;

(3) The design, construction and maintenance of stream and wetland crossings, if any;

(4) The general boundaries of proposed operation in relation to Township and state roads, including any accesses to those roads;

(5) The site location, including boundaries of the property and boundaries of the proposed harvest area;

(6) Significant topographic features;

(7) The location of all earth-disturbance activities, such as roads, landings and water-control measures and structures; and

(8) The location of all crossings of waters of the commonwealth.

I. Felling or skidding on or across any public street is prohibited without the express written consent of the Township or the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT), whichever is responsible for the maintenance of the street.

J. No tops of trees or debris shall be left within 25 feet of any public street or any private road providing access to adjoining residential property.

K. All tops of trees and debris within 50 feet of a public street or residential property line shall be cut to a maximum of four feet above the adjacent ground level.

L. No tops of trees or debris shall be left on any adjoining property or across any property line without the consent of the adjoining owner.