

Issue Date \_\_\_\_\_

Zoning District \_\_\_\_\_

Tax Parcel No. \_\_\_\_\_

Permit Fee \_\_\_\_\_

Permit No. \_\_\_\_\_

## WEST COCALICO TOWNSHIP ZONING PERMIT APPLICATION

**Timber Harvesting**

**\$50 App. fee \_\_\_\_\_**

Property Owner \_\_\_\_\_ Forester Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone No \_\_\_\_\_ Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Cell No. \_\_\_\_\_

Acreage of property \_\_\_\_\_ Estimated Cost \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### **Timber Harvesting Plan**

In accordance with Section 27-2107.10.B of the West Cocalico Township Zoning Ordinance, the following must be provided as part of a Timber Harvesting Plan. Such Plan shall be consistent with the Timber Harvesting Guidelines of the Pennsylvania Model Forestry Regulations of the Penn State School of Forest Resources. The Plan shall indicate the following:

1. Site location and boundaries of both the entirety of the property upon which the timber harvesting operation shall occur and the specific area proposed for timber harvesting.
2. Significant natural features on the property including steep slopes, wetlands, floodplains, and riparian buffer zones.
3. Identification of the classification of the woodland or woodlands where the timber harvesting operation is proposed to occur.
4. The general location of the proposed operation in relation to municipal and state highways and any proposed accesses to those highways.
5. Design, construction, maintenance, and retirement of the access system, including haul roads, skid roads, skid trails, and landings.
6. Design, construction, and maintenance of water control measures and structures such as culverts, broad-based dips, filters strips, and water bars.
7. Design, construction, and maintenance of proposed stream and wetland crossings.

## Maintenance and Timber Harvesting Restrictions

1. This application is submitted a minimum of 45 days prior to commencement of the timber harvesting activity.
2. Any permits required by any other agency (i.e. DEP, CCCD, NRCS, FWS, etc.) under any applicable regulation shall be the responsibility of the landowner or timber harvesting operator as applicable. Copy of all required permits shall be submitted to West Cocalico Township at least 20 days prior to commencement of the timber harvesting activity.
3. The following management practices shall apply to all timber harvesting activities:
  - a. Felling and skidding of trees shall be undertaken in a manner which minimizes damage to trees or other vegetation not intended to be harvested (e.g., successive limbing up the tree rather than felling in its entirety).
  - b. Felling or skidding across any public thoroughfare is prohibited without the express written consent of the Township or PennDOT, whichever is responsible for the maintenance of said thoroughfare.
  - c. No timber loads weighing more than 60,000 pounds shall be permitted on Township roads. The applicant shall review with the Township Director of Public Works the condition of any Township road that will be used to transport log loads or that may otherwise be impacted by the timbering operation.
  - d. Slash, tops or litter resulting from a timber harvesting operation shall either be cut to a height of 3 feet or less and left on-site, or chipped and recycled on-site. The burning of slash shall be prohibited.
  - e. No tops, slash or litter shall be left within 25 feet of any public thoroughfare or private roadway.
  - f. Litter resulting from a timber harvesting operation shall be removed from the site or otherwise dealt with as approved by the Township (e.g. chipped and recycled on-site).
  - g. The operation shall not cause harm to the environment or any other property.
4. Where a timber harvesting activity is deemed to be in violation of these regulations, each day where any violation occurs shall constitute a separate violation subject to the provisions of the West Cocalico Township Zoning Ordinance.

**Fee:** \$50

-----TOWNSHIP OFFICE USE ONLY -----

Total received by: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Paid by: Check \_\_\_\_\_  
Cash \_\_\_\_\_

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Zoning Officer