TIMBER HARVESTING PERMIT APPLICATION (4090)

1. LOCATION OF PROPERTY

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2. PURPOSE OF PROPOSED OPERATION

3. LAND INFORMATION

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4. REQUIRED FORMS TO BE SUBMITTED WITH APPLICATION: (AS PER CHAPTER 27, SECTION 321)

- Property Owner Authorization Attached
- Erosion & Sedimentation Control regulations
- Narrative
- Stream crossings and wetland protection regulations
- Site plan/Property Survey
- Stormwater Management Plan

5. Applicant:  

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6. Owner (if different from applicant)

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7. Contractor Information

| Contractor/Company name: | |
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8. Workers Compensation certificate provided with this application

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9. Applicant is exempt (no employees) – exemption form completed with this application

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10. I hereby acknowledge the information contained herein is true and correct, and I hereby agree that all provisions of Cranberry Township Codes shall be complied with.

Applicant Signature

Date

Print name

e-mail address (optional)

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PERMIT NUMBER:

CONDITIONS OF ISSUANCE:

FEE: $125.00

Code Administrator Signature

Approval date
# TIMBER HARVESTING PERMIT
## OWNERS AUTHORIZATION

**Authorization for timber harvesting provided to:**

Name:  
Company name:  
Address:  
City:  State:  ZIP Code:  
Telephone number:  Fax number:  

### Location (as noted on the attached site plan/lot survey)

Property owner's name:  
Property address:  
Address: check here if same as above □  
City:  State:  Zip code:  

**Finish and sign this document in the presence of a Notary Public.**

I, ________________, certify that I am the legal owner of the property noted above. I hereby authorize the following individual, (print name) ________________, of (print company name and address) ________________, to harvest timber as noted on the attached site plan/property survey located at (print building information and address) ________________.

Property owner's signature  
Date  
Print property owner's name

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
County of ________________  
SS:  

On this, __________day of ________________, 20___, before me, ________________, a Notary Public, the undersigned officer, personally appeared ________________, known to me (or satisfactorily proven) to be the person whose name is subscribed to within instrument, and acknowledged that she/he executed the same for the purposes therein contained.

In witness whereof, I hereunto set my hand and official seals.

__________________________  
Notary Public

My commission expires:
Chapter 27. Zoning

Part 3. ESTABLISHMENT OF DISTRICTS, MAP AND GENERAL REGULATIONS


1. Purpose. In expansion of the general purposes contained in Part 1, § 27-103 of this chapter, it is hereby declared to be the primary purpose of this section to establish reasonable standards to regulate timber harvesting operations within the Township. Specific objectives are as follows:

A. Preserve environmental and economic benefits associated with proper forest management.

B. Promote proper forest stewardship.

C. Protect the rights of adjoining property owners.

D. Minimize the potential for adverse environmental impacts associated with any timber harvesting operation.

E. Avoid unreasonable and unnecessary restrictions on the right of property owners to harvest timber, which activity is a permitted use in all zoning districts.

2. Permit Required.

A. When a property owner wishes to conduct or permit to be conducted a timber harvesting operation on his property, such owner shall obtain a timber harvesting permit from the Township.

B. A timber harvesting permit shall not be required, and this part shall not apply to the following:

   (1) Work performed on clearing subdivision roads and rights-of-way approved by the Township.

   (2) Work performed in accordance with a land development plan approved by the Township Board of Supervisors.

   (3) Individual lots affected by the timber harvesting operation of less than two acres in size, provided that the entire timber harvesting operation does not exceed a total of two acres.

C. The Township shall be notified in writing before any timber harvesting operation begins so that the Township may determine if other Township permits or approvals are required for the particular operation, the Township shall be notified at the following times:

   (1) Five business days prior to starting the operation.

   (2) Three business days prior to terminating the operation.

3.
Submission Requirements for Permit Application. A timber harvesting application shall be filed with the Township and shall contain the following:

A. A narrative containing the following information:
   (1) Purpose of the proposed operation.
   (2) Total land area involved in the proposed timber harvesting operation.
   (3) Total number of trees selected for harvesting.
   (4) Reforestation narrative outlining the re-vegetation of the landing area, skid trails and harvest area.
   (5) A chart indicating the quantity of trees, the ranges (DBH) and species of the trees selected for harvesting.
   (6) Stormwater control measures to be used.
   (7) Stream crossings and wetland protection measures to be used.
   (8) A statement confirming that each tree to be removed has been designated by the consulting or state forester with paint or other distinctive means at two points so as to be readily visible by the logger. One point shall be low enough on the tree so as to be visible on the stump after the tree is removed.

B. A legibly drawn site plan containing the following information and drawn to the following specifications:
   (1) Be drawn to a scale not to exceed one inch equals 100 feet.
   (2) Be drawn on a sheet size not to exceed 24 x 36 inches. A copy of the site plan shall also be provided in digital format (.DWG or .DXF format on CD-ROM)
   (3) Be prepared in accordance with standard architectural and engineering practices.
   (4) Be sealed by engineer(s) and/or surveyor(s) of record.
   (5) The name(s) and address(es) of the landowner and adjacent property owners.
   (6) Contain a vicinity map, which shows the property(s) proposed for timber harvesting as shown on a current Township map. The vicinity map shall identify all adjacent properties and the name of property owners surrounding the proposed timber harvesting operation.
   (7) The boundary of the site to be timber harvested as indicated by a heavy line with length of course in feet.
   (8) The location and names of streets and roads adjacent to the proposed timber harvesting operation.
   (9) Utility rights-of-way and/or easements.
   (10) Existing watercourses, floodplains, woodlands and wetlands.
   (11) The required fifty-foot buffer along any harvesting area, landing area, public road, and adjacent property.
   (12) Topography of the property, including all slopes of 25% or greater and slide-prone soil areas.
   (13) Earth disturbance locations, including skid trails and landing areas.
C. A narrative, including a copy of all commonwealth permits, indicating that the logging operator shall address and comply with the requirements of all applicable commonwealth laws and regulations including, but not limited to the following:

(1) Erosion and Sedimentation Control Regulations, 25 Pennsylvania Code, Chapter 102, promulgated pursuant to the Clean Streams Law; Subsection 4 timber harvesting operation regulations. Any timber harvesting operation shall meet the following requirements:

(2) Stream crossings and wetland protection regulations issued pursuant to the Stormwater Management Act.

(3) Stormwater management plans and regulations issued pursuant to the Stormwater Management Act and applicable Township stormwater regulations.

4. Timber Harvesting Operation Regulations. Any timber harvesting operation shall meet the following requirements:

A. At least 30% of the forest cover (canopy) shall be preserved and the residual trees shall be well distributed. At least 30% of these residual trees shall be composed of higher value species as determined by a consulting or state forester.

B. Trees selected for harvesting shall be marked at two distinctive locations thereon. The higher of the two marks shall be provided around the entire circumference of the tree. The lower mark must be visible on the stump after the tree is removed.

C. A fifty-foot buffer zone, within no timber harvesting shall occur, shall be required between the boundary of any timber harvesting area or landing area and any public street, road or the boundary of any adjoining property.

D. Timber harvesting is prohibited on areas with slopes greater than 25%.

E. Timber harvesting is prohibited within a floodway or floodplain.

F. As directed by the Township, a soils engineer registered to practice in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania shall monitor all forest activities occurring on or affecting landslide prone soils and/or steep slopes.

G. No timber harvesting operation or removal of products shall take place between the hours of 7:00 p.m. and 8:00 a.m. or any time on Sundays or legal holidays.

H. Trees falling on adjacent properties as a result of a timber harvesting operation shall be returned immediately to the landowner's property, who shall be responsible for any damage, cost or restoration to the affected adjacent property.

I. Falling or skidding on or across any public road or right-of-way is prohibited without the express written consent of the Township or the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation, whichever is responsible for maintenance of such public road or right-of-way.

J. Waste material shall be buried or removed to a point out of sight of any public road or adjacent property. No tops or slash shall be left within 50 feet of any public road, street, adjacent property, or private roadway providing access to adjoining residential property.

K. No tops or slash shall be left on or across the boundary of any property adjoining the timber harvesting operation without the written consent of the owner thereof.

L. No tops or slash shall be left in a floodway or floodplain.

M. 
The Township shall have the authority to order the suspension of any timber harvesting operation if, in the Township’s opinion, conditions created by the spring thaw, adverse weather, or any other cause makes soil erosion likely.

N. Any timber harvesting operation in existence at the time of enactment of this part may continue without interruption, provided that application is made within 30 days of said enactment for a timber harvesting permit under the provisions of this part and that such permit is granted.

O. The maximum term of any permit issued pursuant to this part shall be for four months. However, because the timber harvesting operation may be adversely affected or delayed by unusual circumstances of weather or other occurrences, one additional four-month extension, after payment of a renewal fee equal to the initial permit fee, may be granted by the Township.

P. The Township may require that, prior to completion of the timber harvesting operation, a written report be filed by the consulting or state forester indicating what measures should be taken in order to properly restore the property.

Q. Upon completion of the timber harvesting operation, all disturbed areas including, but not limited to, the landing area(s) and skid trails shall be revegetated pursuant to the Erosion and Sedimentation Control plans and the Stormwater Management Plans as approved by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania’s Department of Environmental Protection.

R. A timber harvesting operation shall not include any on-site processing of harvested trees or manufacturing except as permitted by the code.

5. Road Maintenance.

A. The Township shall have the authority to suspend any timber harvesting operation should the Township determine that conditions of the timber harvesting operation will cause or make likely damage to a Township maintained road.

B. The repair of roads, bridges and culverts damaged as a result of a timber harvesting operation shall be repaired to the satisfaction of the Township.

C. The permittee, logging operator, or a designated representative shall not create a new access or use an existing access onto a state maintained road without first showing proof that the access is permitted by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania’s Department of Transportation.

D. The permittee, logging operator, or a designated representative shall not create a new access or use and existing access onto a Township maintained road without first obtaining permission from the Township for using said access.

E. Any disturbance along a Township maintained street or road to create a new or improve upon an existing access shall be reconstructed back to its original condition as it was prior to the commencement of the timber harvesting operation.

6. Waivers and Enforcement.

A. The Township shall have the right to waive any requirements of this part. The Township shall also have the right to add any additional conditions, including additional bonding or other financial security for the actual restoration of damaged roads, deemed necessary to protect the health, welfare and safety of the residents of the Township.

B. The Township Manager or his/her designee shall be the enforcement officer for this part.

C. The Township Manager or his/her designee may enter the site of any timber harvesting operation before, during, or after active logging to (1) review the timber harvesting plan or any other required
documents for compliance with this part and (2) inspect the operation for compliance with the
timber harvesting plan and other on-site requirements of this part.

7. Violations and Penalties.

A. Upon finding that a timber harvesting operation is in violation of any provision of this part, the
Township shall issue the logging operator and the landowner a written notice of violation in
accordance with the provisions of this chapter regarding enforcement notices, describing each
violation and specifying a date by which corrective action must be taken.

B. The Township may order the immediate suspension of any timber harvesting operation and may
institute any appropriate action to prevent, restrain, correct, or abate the violation of this part upon
finding that (1) corrective action has not been taken by the date specified in a notice of violation;
(2) the operation is proceeding without a timber harvesting plan; or (3) the operation is causing an
immediate environmental risk.

C. Suspension orders shall be in writing, shall be issued to the logging operator and the landowner and
shall remain in effect until the timber harvesting operation is brought into compliance with this Part
or other applicable statutes or regulations.

D. Penalties. Penalties for any violation of this Part shall be enforced in accordance with Part 12 of this
chapter.