



Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources

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Mr. Larry Garner, Township Manager  
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Dear Mr. Garner:

This letter is in response to your request for input on the maintenance and care of the White's Woods property in White Township, Pennsylvania. We understand you are interested in managing the forested property to provide a safe quality experience for the visiting public. To that end you have taken a good first step in practicing good stewardship of the land by having a written forest management plan. However we feel this plan has a few shortcomings and does not meet the minimum requirements to be considered a Forest Stewardship Plan. These requirements are set forth in the PA Forest Stewardship Program by the State Stewardship Committee. We would be available to sit down with you to discuss your objectives and suggest how you could improve the plan to meet the minimum requirements of the program.

I have been advised by the Department's counsel that because the Department has not exercised its authority under Section 2207 of the Second Class Township Code, this section does not apply to the matter of the forest management plan for White's Woods.

Please feel free to contact me at our Ebensburg office at 814-472-1862 to arrange a meeting time at your convenience.

Sincerely,

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