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BUREAU OF RECREATION AND CONSERVATION

March 25, 2021

Mr. Milton Lady, Manager  
White Township  
950 Indian Springs Road  
Indiana, PA 15701

RE: Whites Woods (Project 70)  
White Township Stewardship Plan

Dear Mr. Lady,

The Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (Department) has completed its review of the Whites Woods Stewardship Plan (Stewardship Plan) submitted May 4, 2020. Attached are the results and observations from the technical review which includes observations from a field visit conducted on June 4, 2020 by a Department Service Forester. The review contains recommendations for your consideration.

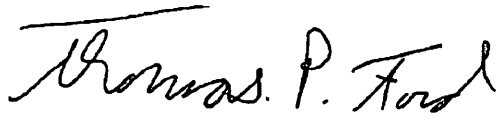
In 1970, the Department provided a grant to White Township for the permanent protection of Whites Woods under the Project 70 Act. Project 70 (a \$70,000,000 bond issue) was approved by Pennsylvania voters in 1963 to provide funds to acquire land and water sites for recreation, conservation and historical purposes. The objective of this significant program was to preserve the state's scenic and recreation areas before they were permanently lost to competing land uses.

While forest management is permitted on Project 70 funded sites, a forest stewardship plan must be completed by the grant recipient and reviewed by the Department. This plan must set the long-term, holistic goals to guide management of the property in a way to help sustain and enhance the recreation, economic and ecologic values on site. Timber harvesting cannot reduce the recreation opportunities, detract from the recreational experience, nor disrupt the ecological function of the site.

The Township's decisions and consequent actions relating to site management may or may not result in a conversion of use. We respectfully request to be informed of what decision the Township makes within 30 days of any decision made. If actions are deemed to constitute a conversion of use, they will need to be addressed via the Project 70 conversion provisions.

Thank you for your continued coordination with the Department on the development of this important Stewardship Plan.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Thomas P. Ford". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal line above the first few letters.

Thomas P. Ford, Director  
Bureau of Recreation and Conservation

cc: Kathy Frankel, Regional Supervisor, BRC  
Ashley Rebert, Chief, Land Conservation and Stewardship, BRC  
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