

**THORNBURY TOWNSHIP
FORESTRY PERMIT APPLICATION**



Location of Work: _____

Property Owner Name & Address

Contractor Name & Address

eMail _____

eMail _____

Phone _____

Phone _____

Pursuant to the Thornbury Township Code Chapter 27-2206 legitimate forestry activities shall be permitted by right within every zoning district within the Township while at the same time, protecting and preserving the natural resources of the Township and health, safety, welfare and morals of its residents and the community.

Applicant shall provide documentation, satisfactory to the Township, detailing the forestry activity to be conducted by the applicant, which shall include, but not be limited to:

- environmental impact assessment report ("EIA").

The EIA shall include,

- photographs of the affected tract
- a site plan showing existing conditions and limits of activity
- number and types and calipers of trees to be removed
- management techniques being employed
- silviculture principles being implemented
- method of restoration and replenishment to be implemented
- proof of liability and worker's compensation insurance
- anticipated time-frame for the proposed activity, and such other information as may be required by the Township.
- Applicant shall detail what measures shall be taken to preserve and protect the safety of persons and property of the Township, its residents and the community during and after the proposed activity.
- Applicant shall also verify, under oath, that the contemplated activity shall not be a part of or in contemplation of a land development of the subject property.
- The Township shall review each application and issue a permit or a written denial within 45 days after the application has been received by the Township.

Chapter 22 Subdivision and Land Development defines Forestry as:

The management of forest and timberlands when practiced in accordance with accepted silvicultural principles, through developing, cultivating, harvesting, transporting and selling trees for commercial purposes, which does not involve any land development. Timber or tree harvesting shall be considered the removal of more than four trees of six inches or greater DBH per acre from any lot of more than three acres for the purpose of allowing the natural regeneration or preservation of a woodland and undertaken in compliance with an approved timber harvesting plan.

Forestry requires that in the event of the submission of a subdivision and/or land development application which includes any part or portion of a property upon which tree removal has occurred at any time within three (3) years of the date of the issuance of a Forestry permit, shall be considered to have been done in contemplation of subdivision/land development of the property. In such case, tree replacement shall be required in accordance with Chapter 27, Zoning and Planned Residential Development of the Township Code. Tree replacement requirements shall be based on the property in the state in which it existed prior to the commencement of the tree removal activity. This permit application requires approval by the Board of Supervisors. Please see the meeting schedule on the township website: www.thornbury.org.

All items below must be completed:

- Property Plot Plan
The plot plan must include the property boundaries, accessory structures, roads, proposed 'skid roads' septic tank(s), drainage field(s) well, wetlands, steep and very steep slopes, construction entrance, trees proposed to be removed and trees to be planted.
- Provide the number, caliper, condition and species (if known) of each tree to be removed.
Total number of trees to be removed: _____
- Provide the number, caliper, condition and species (if known) of each tree to be planted.
Total number of trees to be planted: _____
- A narrative outlining the timber harvest details including the following:
Timeline for the project, hours of operation, stabilization and replanting schedule
- If this project is taking place at a property located on a Township Road a Road Encroachment Permit is required and must be submitted with this application.
- If the total area of disturbance exceeds 5000 sf, a grading permit is required and must be submitted with this application.
- Total area to be disturbed: _____square feet
Areas of disturbance to be calculated: Parking and loading areas, skid trails, stump grinding, clearing etc.

If the area of disturbance exceeds one acre, a Phase II NPDES Small Construction Permit (PAG14) is required. Contact the Delaware County Conservation District www.delcocd.org Office address: 1521 N. Providence Rd. Media, PA 19063 phone: 610-892-9484. Documentation evidencing submission to the County is required. County approval is required before the Grading Permit from the township can be issued.

- Which watershed does the property drain to? circle one. Chester Creek Goose Creek or Ridley Creek
- Anticipated Start Date: _____ Anticipated Completion Date: _____

Forestry Permit Application Fee: \$_____

I declare, under the penalties of perjury, that this application (including any accompanying plans and specification) has been examine by me, and to the best of my knowledge, is true, correct and complete. I have review and agree to comply with the Thornbury Township Code. I understand the requirements for tree replacement, per the Thornbury Township Code Chapter 27. Forestry should the property be subdivided within the nest three (3) years of the date of this application. This application will be reviewed against the Thornbury Township Code and polices only. Additional approvals may be required (i.e.: Homeowners Associations) The acceptance of this permit requires me as the applicant, property owner of both to follow the inspection schedule on the permit as well as the obligation to have a final inspection and close out the permit properly.

Signature of property owner

Date

Signature of applicant (if not the property owner)

Date

OFFICE USE ONLY:

Date Received: _____

Received by: _____

Permit Number: _____

Township Zoning Officer

Reviewed – Signature: _____

Date: _____

Board of Supervisors

Reviewed – Signature: _____

Date: _____

Approved by the BOS_____

Rejected by the BOS_____

Reason for Rejection: