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**TIMBER HARVESTING, SILVICULTURAL PRACTICE
 OR SOIL DISTURBANCE (CIRCLE ONE)**

PERMIT APPLICATION

DATE: _____

PERMIT No.: _____

SITE LOCATION: _____

TAX MAP #: _____ ZONING DISTRICT: _____ ACREAGE: _____

PROPERTY OWNER: _____ FORESTER: _____ CONTRACTOR _____

ADDRESS: _____ ADDRESS: _____ ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____ PHONE: _____ PHONE: _____

CELL PHONE: _____ CELL PHONE: _____ CELL PHONE: _____

START DATE: _____ PROJECTED END DATE: _____

Amount of land being disturbed: _____ Will fill be transported from this site? YES OR NO

Please provide property location where fill will be transported: _____

Are there protected water bodies that will be crossed or disturbed? YES OR NO

If yes, please list: _____

Please provide copies of the state permits required for crossing/disturbance.

Topographic sketch map showing approximate boundaries, harvest and buffer areas, landings, main skid trails and stream crossings must accompany this application.

General Requirements:

- *Work shall be performed between the hours of 7:00 am and 9:00 pm.*
- *Submit Certificate of Liability Insurance/Worker's Compensation*
- *All access to Town roadways must be approved by the Wilton Highway Superintendent.*
- *Any permit extensions, changes or alterations must be reviewed and approved by the Town Building Department and/or Planning Board.*
- *Applicant is responsible for obtaining any and all other permits that may be required for this project.*
- *For further clarification and requirements please consult the Wilton Zoning Ordinance Article XXVII Timber, Soil and Stream Regulations and Required Guidelines for Timber Harvesting (attached).*

DATE: _____

APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE: _____

PLEASE CHECK ONE: CERTIFIED FORESTER CONTRACTOR

DATE: _____

OWNER'S SIGNATURE: _____



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Required Guidelines for Timber Harvesting

- A. Keep stream crossing to a minimum and plan them carefully.
1. Check with NYS DEC about special regulations that apply to logging along wild, scenic and recreational rivers.
 2. Check with the NYS DEC for advice and approval about crossing classified streams.
 3. Cross streams by the most direct route and avoid crossing at bends and through pools.
 4. Find crossing sites that have low stable banks, a firm stream bottom and gentle slopes along the approaches.
 5. Cross at a few carefully chosen places, rather than any place that seems convenient.
 6. Use temporary culverts, bridges or runways where stream bottoms or banks would be otherwise damaged, and remove them after use.
- B. Protect stream banks by controlling skidding and felling close to the stream.
1. Avoid cutting trees growing within one hundred feet of the stream bank.
 2. Do not skid up and down the stream channel.
 3. Keep skidders back at least one hundred feet from the water and winch off any logs that lie closer to the bank so they do not stir up the soil and start erosion.
 4. Directionally fell trees so the tops land away from streams.
 5. Remove any logging debris that gets into the water so stream flow is not affected.
 6. When clear-cutting, leave a fifty-foot-wide uncut strip along both sides of flowing streams, ponds and marshes.
- C. Plan carefully the protection of slopes exceeding thirty percent.
1. On steep slopes set back roads and trails at least one hundred fifty feet from streams, ponds and marshes.
 2. Winch logs off steep slopes where possible and minimize the number of skid trails and the amount of skidder traffic.

3. Log Steep slopes during dry weather when soils are dry, or log when the ground is frozen and snow covered.
4. After logging, re-grade roads and primary skid trails and install diversion devices as needed.

D. Properly locate, design and build all roads and skid trails.

1. Keep roads and skid trails out of wet and poorly drained spots and off tops and toes of banks and slopes.
2. Provide ways to divert running water off roads and primary skid trails when slopes exceed ten percent. Figure out where streams of water will run off during a rain or snow melt and put in diversion devices to channel surface water off the road or trail.
3. Keep roads back from streams, ponds and marshes. On slopes less than thirty percent, set back roads one hundred feet. On slopes steeper than thirty percent, set back roads one hundred fifty.
4. Do not run ditch water directly into a stream.

E. Select landing locations that avoid erosion problems.

1. Keep Landing out of low spots and poorly drained places.
2. Put landing on gently sloping ground that will give good drainage.
3. Set back landings at least two hundred feet from streams, ponds, lakes and marshes.
4. Grade and level landings after use and reseed if needed.

F. Comply with New York State fire laws

1. Keep logging debris off the right-of-way of public roads and back twenty feet from the right-of-way.
2. Lop all conifer tops.
3. Keep log piles back at least twenty feet from the right-of-way.

G. If logging along major travel corridors is not screened by a hill, high bank or other topography, maintain a one hundred foot wide scenic buffer strip along the roadside.

1. Directionally fell trees so the tops land away from the road
2. Use all merchantable products in each tree.
3. Pull down hung or partly fallen trees; fell bent over and broken trees and use merchantable material in them.
4. Use care in skidding to protect under story vegetation.
5. Keep skidders back in the woods and off the right-of-way.

6. Cut lightly within one hundred feet of the forest edge by keeping at least fifty square feet per acre of basal area in residual trees, including some big ones.
 7. Keep in mind that trees standing directly at the edge of the woods provides the best screening.
 8. Keep stumps low.
- H. Whenever possible, keep landing out of sight and dress up landing and access roads after use.
1. Put landing behind a hill, bank or land form that hides them from the road, or set landing back into the woods as far as practical, using a setback of at least two hundred feet whenever possible.
 2. Build access roads somewhat curved.
 3. Lay out landing so the long axis lies perpendicular to the road.
 4. Keep entrances from the road narrow to reduce visibility from the roadside.
 5. Clear landing after use by burying debris or dragging waste material back into the forest.
 6. Back blade landing and access roads so they are smooth, level, and free of ruts and mud holes.
 7. Put in diversion devices at places where water might run down the roads and wash off soil into roadside ditches.
 8. Re-grade and clean ditches along the roadside and close temporary roads.
 9. Where needed, seed access roads, landing and ditches.
 10. Pick up oil can, lunch wrappers, broken cables and other junk.