



## PLA Shows Support for Darby Farmland Rally

**PLA** vice-president Robert Brace, along with PLA Board member Dale Anderson traveled to London, Ohio, on September 2, to join in support of the Stewards of the Darby. Hundreds of people traveled from as far away as Oregon, New Mexico, Florida, and New York to demonstrate support for the local farmers whose land is threatened by the Fish and Wildlife Service.

With a grant from the federal government, The Nature Conservancy began more than five years ago to quietly survey and inventory the land on which hundreds of families have farmed since the Revolution. Now, the Fish and Wildlife Service has decided that the land should be a wildlife refuge to "protect" it for future generations.

The proposal targets a minimum of 21,000 acres, and a maximum of 223,692 acres to be designated for eventual buy-out. The state already has one federal wildlife refuge, and 72 state-owned wildlife refuges. The Stewards of the Darby say that's enough.

Representative Helen Chenoweth-Hage was one of more than a dozen speakers who told the crowd that America is tiring of the federal government's intrusiveness. She cited the complaints against England spelled out in the Declaration of Independence and compared the actions of the Clinton/Gore administration as the same kind of government abuses that caused the colonists to rebel.

The event was well-covered by local newspapers and television, as well as by FOX news, the same producer who made "Vanishing Freedom" filmed for a segment to be added to his on-going story of government land grabs across the nation.

Ohio's Republican Senator, Mike DeWine, supports the Darby Refuge Plan, as do several

environmental organizations, and the *Columbus Dispatch*, all of whom agree that the Darby Refuge is a "done deal." The Darby proposal would appropriate federal tax dollars to purchase land from only "willing" sellers, the supporters contend.

Darby residents, however, are vitally aware of how quickly a land owner can become a "willing" seller when the federal government destroys the value of property by declaring it to be "critical habitat" for a threatened or endangered species, or by declaring it to be a wetland. Land that cannot be used has no value to anyone except the government.

A major feature of the rally was the arrival of the "Grim Reaper," the 18-wheeler that hauled 8,000 shovels from Elko, Nevada. The shovels were donated by people across America to help activists in a July 4 rally open a road in Nevada which had been closed by the U.S. Forest Service. The truck led a convoy of vehicles across the country which gathered steam and participants as it neared Ohio.

Both events helped elevate awareness that the federal government is on a relentless campaign to acquire, or take control of as much land as possible before the November election.

### WHAT KIND OF PEOPLE ARE WE?

*Representative Helen Chenoweth-Hage shares her speech presented to the participants attending the Darby Farmland Rally, September 2, 2000.*

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# A Message from the President - FOREST LEGACY ALIVE AND WELL



*PLA President,  
Keith Klingler*

In an incredible turn of events, the Pennsylvania Forest Stewardship Committee voted on a scaled down version of the Federal Forest Legacy Program at their recent meeting in State College. If you recall in the Spring issue of the *Landowner*, an expanded version of this program was voted on twice last year and eventually tabled.

Within a month of the second vote, James Grace, head of the Bureau of Forestry, traveled to NW Pennsylvania to meet with industry representatives to try and smooth things over concerning Forest Legacy and sell us on the idea. After a lengthy discussion, he realized we were in no mood to compromise and told us the program would "go away." Apparently, none of this mattered to DCNR secretary John Oliver, as he and Congressman John Murtha's representatives continued to work behind the scenes crafting a plan to introduce in the Spring.

A few weeks before the May meeting, we received an agenda on which one of the items read, Kiski Conamaugh Forest Legacy Plan. I thought this was interesting so I contacted a few friends on the committee to make sure they were going. After arriving at the meeting, I quickly realized this issue was much further along than anyone imagined. We were handed a thirty page document and were told we would discuss it and then vote. Imagine, no notice in the meeting announcement about a vote, and no time to look over the document and discuss it with your organization. As you can guess, after two hours of debate, we lost by a 13-4 count.

I simply could not believe that after everything that happened last year, DCNR would try the same thing all over again – only this time with a new tone of arrogance. Of the thirteen yes votes, eight came from government employees and one from a representative of the National Lands Trust whose organization would directly receive funds through this program for their activities. In my view and many others, all nine of these individuals should have abstained from voting due to clear conflicts of interest. Even without many of the representatives from the timber industry present, we still would have had a much different outcome. It is amazing to me that an employee of the US Forest Service would, in good conscience, vote on a program implemented by his employer.

Immediately after the vote I made a motion that any time a vote is known to be taken at an upcoming meeting, it must be stated on the agenda sent out prior to that meeting. The motion was defeated by an 8-7 margin. Somewhere, two votes were lost – as there were 17 votes a few minutes earlier. By this action it is clear that DCNR wants to keep these things as quiet as possible.

Recently, I spoke to a state representative from the Kiski Conamaugh Watershed region – he quickly pointed out that he and other representatives from the area were not in favor of Forest Legacy. This proposal covers 1.2 million acres in the Cambria County area and will start the timber industry down the road of being subsidized by the taxpayers. This proposal now rests in the hands of DCNR Secretary John Oliver. Let's hope he changes his mind and does the right thing.

# “WHAT KIND OF PEOPLE ARE WE?”

*Transcript of Rep. Helen Chenoweth-Hage speech given at the Darby Farmland Rally 9/2/00*

“I’m chairman of the forestry subcommittee in the House, and right now, this year so far, we have burned more board feet of timber than we have ever logged off the National Forests in the history of this country. And, so when we think about what they have envisioned for the Darby Plains, we don’t want to see that kind of waste, ruin, and destruction come to this most blessed and beautiful and productive farmland, and I join you in fighting to preserve it. Not preserve it by government edict, but preserve it from the ravages of government control.

I do want to tell you I talked to Representative Deborah Pryce before I came out here, and she really cares about this issue and is opposed to the Refuge, and I know she will be working on your behalf, and I would encourage you to stay in touch with her. I know that this is being pushed in the Senate. I think that is exceedingly unfortunate, and it is exceedingly unfortunate that one of my own Party’s members is pushing it, but he’s doing what he feels is right, only there are a number of you who know that it’s not right to take someone off their land and to try to put it in a government status.

But you gotta remember there are two houses in Congress, the Senate and the House, and maybe what is put together in the Senate can be clearly undone in the House. So I would encourage you... I would strongly encourage you to work very closely with Congresswoman Deborah Pryce and Congressman John Boehner. They are really, really concerned about what is going on.

I want to ask if this sounds familiar to you:

*“He has refused his assent to laws the most wholesome and necessary for the public good. He has obstructed the administration of justice. He has erected a multitude of new offices and has sent hither swarms of officers to harass our people, and eat out their substance – for imposing taxes on us without our consent.”*

Does anyone know where that came from? Does it sound familiar today? Yes, you’re right. It came from the Declaration of Independence. And I read that to you to encourage you about the fact that this kind of action by a tyrant, a tyrannical government is not new to America. But what was new to the civilization at that time was that people loved their land so much; they loved their

Constitutional Rights so much, the First Amendment, the Second Amendment, all the amendments. Especially the Fifth Amendment, to protect us from unconstitutional taking of private property, that they took up arms and they fought from tree to tree. And they overturned the most powerful government in the world at that time – Great Britain – and America was born.

Now, here in Darby, at the Darby Plains, we are experiencing a new rebirth of freedom. You say freedom can never be reborn unless the people take up the concern and start fighting themselves. You can never really trust the politicians to pack your water for you. You gotta understand that when the

people will lead, the politicians will follow. And the fact is you’ve got to be armed with such a strong following and such a commitment, that the politicians will have no choice but to follow you.

Now, the fact is that this isn’t just a political exercise. The fact is we’re fighting for our land here on the Darby Plains. It’s very interesting that Ohio was opened up right after the Revolutionary War. In my husband’s book, Wayne Hage’s book, *Storm Over The Rangelands*, my husband goes into the fact that much of the land in Ohio was given as payment to the Revolutionary War leaders, if they would just come out and settle in Ohio. But in that first expansion of settlement, the Darby Plains was bypassed because it was mosquito infested, and, you know, the graveyards here will demonstrate the fact that many families died from malaria and mosquito related diseases, and they had no way to fight it. But yet they continued to fight to reclaim the land from the mosquitoes and put it into this productive farmland.

Now, what does the Fish and Wildlife Service wanna do? They wanna return it to mosquito infested farmland, mosquito infested wetlands. It makes absolutely no sense at all. And the taking of private property only makes sense when you really understand the big picture, which my husband will explain to you a little bit later as to why the government is taking our land. It doesn’t meet the test of common sense, does it, that we would want to take good farmland out of production and give it to the mosquitoes. It doesn’t make sense at all. But the fact is that America will become much weaker. America’s national security is at peril unless we’re able to feed and sustain ourselves. As we know all wealth comes from the land. And we either must mine, mill, or harvest from this land, or we will become a poor and third world nation.

America is the greatest nation in the world simply because we were able to take that God-given creative energy that comes from God the Father and be able to employ it by working the land, and bringing out of the land and off the land, the wealth of this land that made America a nation that has the highest standard of living in the history of civilization. It’s our land that did it and we love

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our land, and we love the opportunity that this land has given us, and that America has given us.

Now, what the Fish and Wildlife Service is doing here is costing us that opportunity, and we're not going to go down without a fight and we're not going to go down. We're gonna save this farmland together.

I'm telling you that your words and your actions must resonate beginning from here all the way to Washington D.C. so that the next president of the United States will hear and understand what the people of the Darby Plains intend for the future of their land. And that George Bush, in governing, his next Interior Department will be able to say to them, "Forget the Darby Plains. We're not gonna go in on that one."

You know, I've gotta say that like my friend J. C. Watts says, let's never get discouraged with the fact that exceedingly unfortunate things happen to good people like you. Let's never forget that there have been other wars like this in America that we have won. We must never give in to the luxury of being discouraged. We must never give in to the luxury of being tired in this battle for our land.

When my husband and I were married, we took our honeymoon in Gettysburg. And we walked Pickett's Charge together, where the Southern Army charged the Northern Army and it was a very, very bloody and difficult battle. We also went to the battlefield of Fredericksburg. And there we stood on Mary's Hill and National Cemetery where many of those Confederate and Union soldiers are buried in death side by side. You know, we couldn't help but remember the price that has been paid for our freedom and our private property rights. We couldn't help but remember what it states in the Declaration of Independence, that "We hold these truths to be self evident."

It doesn't have to be proven in court, folks. These truths don't have to be backed up by rules and regulations. These truths are self evident. That all men are created equal. And they have been endowed by the Creator with certain inalienable rights. And those rights are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. Now within the "pursuit of happiness" is private property.

And our Declaration of Independence goes on to state that "governments are instituted therefore among men deriving their just power from the consent of the governed," and you are the consent of the governed, aren't you? And, you have not willingly given this kind of power to the Fish and Wildlife Service and you are not willingly going to give up your land. The idea that you are a "willing seller" is poppycock.

Having a little bit of trouble with my papers here, but there is something I want to share with you. And when all is said and done,

the fact is, that as this nation was reborn with God's blessing, this nation must once again seek God's blessing for the restoration of our freedoms in this great land, for the recovery of this land. And as God said in the Old Testament many times to the Israelites, you gotta retake the land. Well, the command is here again: we gotta retake our land. We cannot lose the land in the Darby Plains and we must retake the land that the government is already beginning to take over. Don't be fooled by the fact that the Nature Conservancy is in here working with people on a "willing buyer, willing seller" basis. The Nature Conservancy is nothing more than the Federal Government's real estate broker. And don't you forget it!

Now, I want you to remember one thing, that we must employ the blessings of the Creator again on our land. And it seems strange that a politician would be standing up here talking to you about these things, but the two are inseparable, liberty and God's blessing. The fact is, that this year, I'm going to be running out a bill that will ask for not only a National Day of Prayer, but a National Day of Prayer, Fasting and Repentance for our national sins. As a nation, America has strayed from the path that was set forth by our founding fathers. And between the Revolutionary War and the Civil War, there were 200 such proclamations calling for a national day of prayer, fasting, and repentance of our national sins. Since then, there has not been such a proclamation, but, pray for me. I will be bringing another one to the House floor this year.

Now, I care less about what church you go to, or whether you go to church at all, but I do care about the fact that, as a people, we must fall to our knees as George Washington did and other great leaders, in times of peril, and in times of prosperity, and not forget the God who created this great nation. And I do wanna say that back during the Civil War when this nation was torn apart, Abraham Lincoln issued such a proclamation on August 12, 1861. I want to read this proclamation to you, the last proclamation asking for a national day of prayer, fasting, and humiliation. It reads,

*"We have been the recipients of the choicest bounties of heaven. We have been preserved these many years in peace and prosperity. We have grown in numbers, in wealth and power as no other nation has ever grown. But we have forgotten God, and we have forgotten the gracious Hand which preserved us in peace, and multiplied, and enriched, and strengthened us. And we have mainly imagined in the deceitfulness of our hearts that all these blessings were produced by some superior wisdom and virtue of our own. Intoxicated with unbroken success, we have become too self-sufficient to feel the necessity of redeeming and preserving grace and too proud to pray to the God that made us."*

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That was by Abraham Lincoln, a president who was not ashamed to stand up and ask for God's blessing on this nation. And we shouldn't be either.

You know, in closing I do want to say that as my husband and I stood on Mary's hill in Fredericksburg, we could just imagine that cold December day of December 12th, 1861 when the Northern forces were gathered behind the Rappahannock river, and as the Northern forces moved through Fredericksburg, the Southern forces took cover behind a stone wall under the command of not only Robert E. Lee, but Stonewall Jackson. And they ensconced themselves behind the cover of the stone wall. And up a ridge of an open meadow, finally after two days, came the Union forces. And it was rainy, and it was cold as you can imagine it would be in December. But, one by one, the Union soldiers, many of them fifteen, sixteen, seventeen, eighteen, nineteen years old were picked off and killed by the Southern forces ensconced behind the stone wall. But, they kept coming, they didn't turn back. They didn't give up. They kept coming. And through the evening they kept fighting. Finally, at nightfall they stopped and they began to resume the fighting the next day. There was a horrible toll in the Union forces. And the Confederates suffered some losses also. But, between the battle of Fredericksburg, Spotsylvania, and Chancellorsville, there were 100,000 lives lost.

And it was interesting as we walked down Mary's hill, and we looked at the terracing on the National Cemetery, we noted that there were about 14,000 crosses or nameplates that indicated the name of the soldiers who had fallen. And then it dawned on us. Yes, there were 100,000 that were buried there, but they were never identified. So, unknown soldiers by the tens of thousands are buried there at Fredericksburg in the battle for freedom. In the battle to be able to mind and take responsibility for our own destiny. In the battle for property rights. In the battle for raising our children as we saw fit. And we're reaping the bounty of that great cost. Think of it. 100,000 lives were lost. 100,000. Now there were that many families that never knew what happened to their loved ones. They just didn't come home.

But even worse, were those who came home limbless, or sightless, or even worse, mindless because of the horrors of battle. Now, let's always keep that in perspective when we think of the battle that we have in front of us today. We can never, never, never, never give up. This is a test of who we are in this battle.

Now I want to also share with you in World War II, up until that time, during war, it had always been an unwritten policy that nations at war with each other never bombed the seat of government or they didn't bomb the palace. But, during World War II, the Nazis bombed Parliament. And during that very sad time, Winston Churchill was walking through the bombed out Parliament buildings in England with some of his aids. And they stopped. He was very sad. One of his aids said to him, "What kind of people would do this to us?" And Winston Churchill looked at his aide and he said, "You know, it doesn't matter what kind of people would do this to us. What really matters is, what kind of people are we? Can we sustain the battle?"

And after that, Winston Churchill took to the airwaves during World War II. Some of us old-timers will remember the fact that he did that. And he kept encouraging the Brits to never, never, never, never give up. He would go on the air and talk about what happened during the day, but he would always caution his Brits never, never, never give up. He said, "this may be our darkest hour, but this may be our finest hour, because it will show what we are really made of. So, never, never, never give up."

Well, he kept that up. Finally the Allied forces joined the Brits and you know the last of the story. We won World War II. But, after World War II, Winston Churchill was called to one of the Ivy League schools over here in America. And at great expense he came over. After a long and flourishing introduction, Winston Churchill took to the podium, a tired, old warrior. And he stood in front of that podium and this is what he said:

"Never, never, give up. Never give up. Never quit. In the face of duty, honor, and country, we can never, never quit." And then after one minute of speech, he turned around and sat down.

I don't think we can say any more than that. Let's never give up. Together, we will fight and win this. May God richly bless you and may God bring us a victory.

Thank you."

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AND DON'T YOU FORGET IT!**

# Eminent domain -

a right of a government to take private property for public use by virtue of the superior dominion of the sovereign power over all lands within its jurisdiction.

— Webster's (1973)

## What justifies public use?

How about a new municipal golf course? A new driving range? Or how about a bowling alley, restaurant, ice rink, theater, or a hotel with accompanying supporting businesses?

Surely this would be an expression of the government's superior dominion of the sovereign power over the lands in its jurisdiction, right? In Coatesville, Pennsylvania, that is exactly the mentality of the local government.

Dick and Nancy Saha stand to lose their 48 acre farm along with their restored historic home of 30 years to this mentality.

The City of Coatesville located in the southeastern part of Pennsylvania in Chester County, is using eminent domain to build a golf course and other businesses outside the city limits in surrounding townships (Valley and West Caln).

Project plans show the Saha property being used for a driving range. It has been hinted that the property is being taken so the Insignia/ESG Corporation can develop a hotel on the site. Insignia representatives recommended to the City to take as much of the Saha property as they could. As of August 28, 2000, the City will not release the latest plans proving the need for the Saha property.

The Saha property was not needed for the golf course on the original feasibility study, but City Manager Paul Janssen (who is the main proponent of the project), "penciled" the Saha property into the plan before the council voted on the ordinance. The City has used eminent domain as a bargaining tactic from the beginning, instead of as a last resort.

In April, 1999, the City tried to exercise eminent domain of homes and property for the golf course but tabled the issue after the outrage it created. However, on June 26, 2000, the Coatesville City council voted - and passed - 6 to 1 an ordinance to acquire property via eminent domain for the golf course. On July 22, 2000, Dick and Nancy received court papers from John Carnes, City Solicitor, informing them that Coatesville had filed a "Declaration of Taking to Condemn" with the Chester County Courthouse.

### What you can do!

If you are a resident of Coatesville (and one of the 571 registered voters that signed a petition against condemnation for golf), you can contact your City Council member and express your displeasure with the project. (*The Council rejected the petition on the grounds of wording.*)

If you are a resident of the surrounding Coatesville area (and one of the 1800 people that signed a petition against the condemnation), contact your local State Representative or Senator and express your concern over eminent domain laws.

Pennsylvania State law allows eminent domain for "recreational" purposes. That is why Coatesville calls their golf/business project the "Regional Family Recreation Complex." By using "recreation" in the project name, Coatesville bends the eminent domain laws to suit their situation and not for the public good (roads, highways, watersheds, schools, ect).

The Saha's, who are of retirement age, are spending their savings to fight City Hall while trying to maintain a family business located in the center of Coatesville.

If you would like to contact the Saha's:

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## Chronology: The Battle Lines are Drawn

- 7/24 - Dick and Nancy Saha received papers on 7/22 from John Carnes, City Solicitor informing them that Coatesville filed a "Declaration of Taking to Condemn." The Sahas fight against the abuse of eminent domain begins.
- 8/22 - At a Coatesville meeting on Redevelopment, City Manager Paul Janssen gave a presentation on how a redevelopment authority could benefit Coatesville. One topic was regarding eminent domain. He said the redevelopment authority would not have the same "red tape" as the City when exercising eminent domain. He referred to people's personal property rights as "red tape."
- 8/28 - At the same meeting where the City refused to release the latest plans showing the need for the Sahas property, a \$30 million bond intended to finance the project was discussed. The City was reluctant to discuss the topic or give out any information or answer questions regarding the cost of the project.
- 9/3 - Pennsylvania Senator Robert Thompson and PA Representative Tim Hennessey, both support Coatesville in their action to use eminent domain against the Sahas, even though Coatesville already has enough property to build the golf course. Thompson says, "Well, it's legal." Hennessey says, "Coatesville should be allowed to take your property for their golf course." Both are up for re-election in 2000.
- 9/3 - The court battle has begun. The Sahas are filing "Preliminary Objections" to Coatesville's "Declaration of Taking" on the grounds that golf is not a public good, and that the other businesses associated with the project do not qualify under eminent domain.

# How's Your Health ?

By Hank Ingram, Esq.

**M**ine is pretty good. I watch my diet, avoid fatty foods, take my medications and keep an eye on my blood pressure. My stress level is down a little bit because I no longer confront, on a day to day basis, the bureaucratic inertia of the big law firms where I have toiled over the years. These firms are moving toward "modern" business management techniques to adapt to the keen competition to grab for that seemingly finite pool of those almighty bucks available in the so-called legal market. What has fallen off along the way is the collegiality and mutual respect and loyalty among professional colleagues and long standing relationships with clients and loyalty to particular industries. These qualities are what made law practice in "old fashioned" times so appealing and attractive. You were engaged in a profession and even though you couldn't get rich - not like a second string short stop batting .241, a porn website operator or some lucky IPO investor in a flimsy, thrown together, start-up company with no prospects for ever making money. But you did OK and there was job satisfaction and a quality of life because you knew you were using whatever professional skills you had for a client's cause who, at least, recognized your efforts. Back in those days, your partners appreciated your clients and your contributions and even said so occasionally.

I am out of that rat race because I couldn't adjust to the distasteful, (to me) demands and business objectives of these "big-time" law firms. One of the problems I confronted was that many of my clients were engaged in what these legal "Kings of the World" perceived as declining and low-tech, maybe even politically incorrect, activities. You know: farming, mining and logging and real estate. Many of those were ordinary

citizens doing nothing more than trying to avoid being steamrolled over by some regulatory bureaucracy or elitist environmental group which always claim to know far more about what's good for you and your land than you do yourself.

I made this career course change somewhat late in the game and my health is OK but I am suffering from a couple of maladies that I picked up along the way but never recognized before.

One is Shortness of Hours. The other is Braying Jackass Syndrome or BJS.

The first one is incurable. I don't have enough hours left to practice all the law I want to and do all the things necessary to

**Ask your legislator if  
Pennsylvania's stream  
protection program - DEP's  
dreaded High Quality and EV  
stream designation process - is  
more stringent than required by  
federal law.**

see the goals and aspirations of organizations like PLA achieved. Obviously, the aging process plays a big part in this Shortness of Hours but there's more to it than just getting older. The other part is that now it takes more and more hours to just defend your own goal line, let alone to make a couple of first downs going in the other direction. It simply takes more time to make your point. For example, when Senators look dumbfounded and even annoyed at you when you tell them that the smaller landowners you're speaking for really want less government regulation and laws, not more. You can tell that the Senators just don't get it and you have to take the time to explain something that should be

simple and obvious before you start making your main point at all.

It may be symptomatic of these times and maybe they are good times. It seems that everyone is making out OK and so why worry about things like property rights and over-regulation.

Reform of wetlands regulation is a joke. The eight other agencies involved in wetlands won't "accept" DEP's de minimis standard and now the boys and girls in Harrisburg have added another player to the merry band of wetlands regulators - the local zoning and planning code enforcement guy. A Federal Court of Appeals, in more than just a casual slap on the wrist, told EPA and the Corps of Engineers that the expansion of their jurisdiction over wetlands by declaring incidental fallback in plowing or ditching (the Tulloch Rule) to be a discharge of fill in waters of the United States was unlawful. But on August 16, the EPA proposed a grossly self-serving regulation which guts and clearly violates the spirit of the Court's ruling and, for all practical purposes, reinstates the Tulloch Rule.

Some progress, huh?

When is the last time you heard political leaders talking seriously about having the government compensate you when the application of some environmental regulation destroys your intended use of your own property? It's been a long time.

And, remember, not too long ago Senator Santorum said "I support property rights protection legislation *but* the United States government simply can't afford to pay compensation to the individuals devastated by regulatory takings." That excuse was particularly disturbing because it was premised on the notions that there were in fact an awful lot of regulatory takings going on (he was right on that one) and that all good legislators solve such problems by throwing money at them (he was wrong on that one). Say the legislators: "We'll let EPA impose the excessive or stupid regulatory program but we would pay you to keep your mouth shut (or, to you cynics out there, keep your chains on), if the government has the money." "But," say the legislators, "We can't pay you today because we're trying to keep the budget under control."

That rationalization (I'm not singling out Rick Santorum, who is a good friend of PLA, virtually all legislators do it)

conveniently ignores the other part of the Fifth Amendment – if it's a taking and the government doesn't pay for it, the government isn't allowed to implement the regulation that causes the taking. This is the part they get wrong. The Constitution is supposed to protect the individual and private property from the government, not authorize the destruction of private property....and those landowners who stand up for their rights along the way. The fact is that the good old boys in the Senate and the House blow all our money on other stuff and then claim there's no money left for constitutionally required compensation. However, when you look around, it's obvious that there is plenty of taxpayer dough floating around. Can you imagine seeing, in your own backyard, a \$340,000,000 project to build a tunnel under the Allegheny River to take people a few hundred feet from downtown Pittsburgh to the two, brand new, taxpayer financed, professional sports stadiums (\$250,000,000 apiece) and then remembering that you told a bunch of supporters out in the sticks that the government could not afford a few million to compensate for takings? It would make me cringe just a little bit.

But it doesn't seem to bother politicians. They think "That was then, this is now and we'll give you prescription drugs or fiddle around with the farm economy and you'll all go back to checking the stock market quotes on CNN or play around on the Internet."

That is when I began to understand that I was suffering from Braying Jackass Syndrome. The symptoms are easy to identify but the cause is hard to explain – but let me try. The constant braying you hear from elected officials, regulators and environmental zealots begins to take its toll and you begin to think things that your common sense and entire value system should tell you are just plain wrong, are OK. All you have to do is look at the newspapers or T.V. to find evidence of BJS. For example, a substantial percentage of the population is going to vote for Al Gore. But many of these voters love their cars (maybe even their SUVs), houses in the suburbs and an occasional steak. Some would even like "risky" tax cuts. They don't like crime and drugs in their neighborhood or anywhere else, for that matter. These people have BJS because it is clear that they aren't trying to or simply can't

connect the dots. Maybe they haven't read "Earth in the Balance," Mr. Gore's environmental manifesto or one of his more recent books - "What I Learned in the Buddhist Temple in L.A.," but they ought to know that people like Carol Browner, Bruce Babbitt, George Miller and Henry Waxman will be running the show in a Gore Administration. If Mr. Gore is elected, we're in for the regulatory roller coaster ride of our lives. All

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because of BJS and failure to connect the dots. And remember, BJS leads to Shortness of Hours.

You can't avoid BJS by staying outside the Beltway. You can catch it in Harrisburg just as easily. Pennsylvania is dishing out serious, so-called "Growing Greener" money to local governments and watershed protection and preservation groups and funding all sorts of projects through the DCNR and DEP. Do you have any idea how much? I doubt it.

Planners are planning, consultants are consulting, conservancies are conserving and public lands are being "augmented," all on your dime. In the old days and on a smaller scale, this was called "Walking Around Money" or "WAMs." – a little grease spread around to make the wheels of elective politics spin. "Growing Greener" handouts are more subtle (like most all white shoe – in this case Republican-elitist initiatives) but it doesn't alter their fundamental characteristic – taxpayer money being spread around to advance a political agenda. It's green all right – giving the green so your legislator gets the green light on his reelection.

But look at what we do – we stand around with a dumb smile on our faces when some local politician announces that DCNR just "gave" some township or conservancy some big bucks for conservation planning or land purchases to protect you from development. If you feel yourself start to applaud and think how wonderful it all is, you've got it! BJS strikes again. You can no longer connect the dots. This is a progressive disease and in its later stages your common sense is destroyed and your inherent need for the comfort of knowing that the Constitution protects from government diminishes to a vague memory of something you read in a civics textbook. Your sense of "whose money is whose?" evaporates. You no longer even try to connect the dots. Stuff that is counter-intuitive slips right on by you.

Another example. Nobody seems to worry or even care that there has been a radical change in land use law in Pennsylvania and your right to use your own property as you choose in one township can be eviscerated by what goes on in another township and, with all the braying going on, you haven't even heard about. If BJS hasn't got you yet, go ahead and ask your legislators what Acts 67 and 68 do. See what they say. See if they even know. It is a simple diagnosis for BJS. If they explain it and you buy it, you've got it.

There are other simple tests. Ask your legislator if Pennsylvania's stream protection program – DEP's dreaded High Quality and EV stream designation process – is more stringent than required by federal law. Ask your Congressman how they're coming along with reform of the Endangered Species Act. Ask him what would happen to you if your property was located in the critical habitat of an endangered species.

If you get an answer to any of those questions that makes you feel comfortable, you're terminal with Braying Jackass Syndrome. You won't have to worry about Shortness of Hours or connecting the dots.

***If you get an answer to any of those questions that makes you feel comfortable, you're terminal with Braying Jackass Syndrome.***

## News from Bluestone Country

The Pennsylvania Bluestone Association, led by PLA Board member Norm Clark, has had a busy summer putting together the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Bluestone Expo which was held on September 15 and 16 at the Harford Fairgrounds, Harford, Pennsylvania.

This year, the Expo had more exhibitors for the attendees to learn and share with, which, over the years has grown steadily.

Congratulations to the Pennsylvania Bluestone Association for another great Expo.

This has also been a busy time for the Bluestone Association on the

regulatory front. The federal Mine Health and Safety Administration (MHSA) is implementing complex new training regulations and the Association has been conducting informational and educational meetings for its members and working to assure that implementation of these regulations (patterned after regulations developed for large coal mining operations) and other initiatives are implemented by MHSA in a manner tailored to and appropriate for Bluestone operations.

The Association also continues to work with DEP to assure reasonable environmental regulation suited to the unique nature of Bluestone quarrying.

Bluestone Association supporter and member, Congressman Don Sherwood is in the midst of his re-election campaign but has always been available for advice and assistance to the Association and its members when the need arises.

The Bluestone Association now publishes a newsletter which has been well received by its growing membership and continues to advocate PLA principles and provide its members with a PLA membership.

## A River Runs Through It

### Opinion –

By Jan Jarrett,  
Director of outreach for Penn Future

Nothing refreshes the soul and restores the spirit like time spent on the banks of a clear, cool, sparkling stream. The dance of light on the water, the darting shadows of native trout, the soft sound of the water breaking gently over smooth cobbles as it spills its inexorable way toward the sea level reverberate something deep and comfortable in the human psyche.

High quality streams provide more than beauty and solace. They are an irreplaceable source for drinking water.

Because Pennsylvania has precious few streams left that fit the above description, it has a program, administered by the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), designed to protect our best streams. The Special Protection Waters Program lays out strict scientific criteria to determine whether or not a stream qualifies for special protection. The very best streams with excellent water quality and diverse aquatic life can achieve the highest legal designation – Exceptional Value (EV) status. Only two percent of

Pennsylvania's river miles qualify for EV status.

The Special Protection Waters Program provides real safeguards to these EV streams by strictly regulating activities in their watersheds that might degrade them. The "no degradation" policy for EV streams is not optional; the federal Clean Water Act requires it.

Since EV streams receive real protection, the Special Protection Waters Program has been a political hot potato for about a decade. **The perennial issue in contention is the ability of the Commonwealth to impose restrictions on development in watersheds of these rare resources if they happen to flow through private land. Developers, loggers,**

**The *Landowner* is reprinting in its entirety, a recent letter "editorial" by Jan Jarrett, Director of public outreach for Penn Future, a self-styled watchdog and elitist advocate of aggressive environmentalism and preservation. It is reprinted here to focus our readers' attention on the attitude and rhetoric of such organizations.**

**mining companies and agribusinesses vehemently disagree that a stream's inherent quality should determine its level of protection.**

**Instead, these interests would have the decision to provide extra protection to pristine streams turn on economics. From their point of view, the state has no right to cut into their profit margins by requiring them to spend money to implement measures that are necessary to avoid degrading EV streams.**

The Senate Environmental Resources and Energy Committee under the leadership of Sen. Mary Jo White (R-

Venango), recently upheld the Independent Regulatory Review Commission's disapproval of EV status for Trout Run, a pristine stream that serves as a water supply for the small community of Blairsville, Westmoreland County. Now Senator White is holding hearings around the state to review the entire Special Protection Waters Program.

**These hearings will provide a forum where a fundamental philosophical disagreement, which pits private rights to maximize profit against the public's right to clean water, will be on vivid display. The polluters claim that any government interference that reduces bottom line profits is inappropriate. They claim that private owners have an inherent right to pollute.**

The environmental community, however, believes that private interests bear a responsibility to be good stewards of special natural resources, like exceptional value streams, even if they flow through land that they own. We think that those who would make a profit should bear the costs of making sure those profits do not come at the expense of the public's right to clean water.

As Senator White and the members of the committee consider these opposing points of view, they should keep two things in mind. First, if a river runs through one's property, the property owner has a responsibility to care for it so that downstream citizens do not suffer harm to their property rights or drinking water supplies.

**And the Pennsylvania Constitution has already decided who owns the Commonwealth's natural resources – the people.**

## OUR THOUGHT –

**PLA** has never argued that state waters should be unprotected, as Jan Jarrett suggests in her "editorial." This suggestion is characteristic of the overblown rhetoric of semi-hysterical advocacy groups. To generalize so grossly by characterizing anyone who seeks a permit for development as a "polluter," as Ms. Jarrett does, is absurd and reveals an unhealthy bias which should have no place in genuine public discourse on important environmental issues. Penn Future's view that the Commonwealth "owns" all natural resources, based on Article I, Section 27, mischaracterizes both the letter and the spirit of the "environmental" amendment to the Pennsylvania Constitution. The fact is that streams are protected – by the Clean Streams Law, the permitting process and the requirement that discharges not be allowed to impair the actual use of the waters receiving the discharges. The question is "what level of protection, at what cost?" By linking the protection of resources of state and local significance to the federal law, DEP has enormously expanded the scope of a federal requirement, in a way that is not required by federal law, but which shifts the weight of federal oversight and the attendant costs and burdens onto the people of this state. This radical departure from the federal standard is unwarranted and should be eliminated. All you have to see is their view of the Constitution. The Fifth Amendment (and Pennsylvania's equivalent) doesn't seem to cross their minds.

## GOOD NEWS

**PLA** has been asked to testify at two very important legislative hearings. PLA Legislator of the Year, Senator Mary Jo White, and the Senate Environmental and Energy Resources Committee is holding three hearings on Pennsylvania's new anti-degradation program, better known as the HQ and EV Watershed Designation Process. PLA plans to testify at Hazelton, Pennsylvania on September 20 and will urge comprehensive reform to protect private property interests in watersheds that will be subject to the new program.

Representative Sam Roher of Berks County, and PLA supporter, is Chairman of the House Select Committee on House Resolution 495, dealing with proposed academic standards by the Ridge Administration. PLA will present testimony to the Committee to identify issues relating to the standards for the Environment and Ecology. It is significant, as PLA will point out, that the concepts of "private property," "ownership" and "Constitutional protection against takings" are not discussed anywhere in these standards.

## Counties Held

# HOSTAGE

## To CARA for PILT Payments

*By Chuck Cushman,  
American Land Rights Association*

### A Methodology for Analyzing the Long-Term Impacts of CARA on County Revenues

*Every American in every state should be concerned with the  
Federal Government's Land Acquisition plan.  
No property is safe — "private property" will soon be — Federally regulated,  
Government Owned Land*

One of the more nefarious provisions of CARA is a plan to fully fund "Payment in Lieu of Taxes" (PILT). Many counties have struggled for the last twenty years to gain full funding of PILT.

When the key sponsors of the CARA legislation suggested they could add a provision to fully fund the program, the National Association of Counties (NACO), and many counties jumped to support the legislation. This full funding of PILT is fixed in formula at a constant, year 2000 level. It cannot appreciate to cover inflation or increasing costs.

Counties may not have completely considered the long-term implications of their support for CARA. One of the other major provisions of CARA is that a significant amount of funding (\$450 million per year) could be spent for land acquisition within the boundaries and adjacent land to existing National Forests, National Parks and Fish & Wildlife Preserves and National Monuments or any new areas that may be created.

Environmental groups have a large laundry list of expansion plans for existing federal areas. In addition, CARA provides an extra \$100 million per year for conservation easements which will further erode the local tax base. PILT payments frozen in time cannot compensate counties for these losses.

CARA also includes provisions that could allow States and local governments to purchase land. It is estimated that the total potential funding for land acquisition could be as high as \$2.5 billion per year. Before jumping to support CARA, Counties should:

1. Examine the private lands within and adjacent to the political boundaries of the federal land, State land, and areas of interest to environmental groups in their county and consider what economic activity will be lost or gained if more lands are made part of various federal or State land designation and ownership systems. The long-term consequences of fire and the costs associated to protection as well as the total effect on county budgets should also be considered.
2. The effect on economic activities on the lands likely to be acquired is a most critical consideration. Given federal land management over the last several years, and the objections to economic and recreation activity in federal areas by environmental groups, it is safe to assume there would be little or no economic activity generated if private lands are federalized by CARA through land acquisition.

So, if the private lands within or adjacent to the boundaries of your national forest or other public land system are acquired, which businesses and how much employment activity will be lost? For example, the entire North Woods of Maine and the Northern Forests of New York, Vermont and New Hampshire are land acquisition targets for the environmental community.

These groups have set their sights on 26 million acres for new Federal parks, refuges and national forests. The North Woods is almost all private land at this time. How many jobs will be lost in the timber and recreation communities if even a small portion of these lands are turned into new federal and state designations or National Monuments?

There is no simple way to get this data or perform this analysis. Each county should make their best estimate understand the potential impacts of CARA on their tax base and the economic future of their county.

3. Examine the tax revenues and fees (property taxes, assessments, ect.) that are generated from the private lands within the political boundaries of the federal lands within their county.

Between 1993 and 1998, the Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management studied property tax revenues in counties that receive PILT. That study was aimed at attempting to understand how the combination of PILT and % Payments (logging and other multiple-use revenue sharing) would compare to property tax payments if the federal lands were privatized and managed in a manner similar to current federal management prescriptions. The results are dramatic and have broad application to how counties should think about CARA. The results are summarized later in this article.

4. Examine the costs and savings of federalizing the private lands within their county. The following questions must also be examined:

- Will more federal land increase our costs of providing fire and safety services?
- Will more federal land increase peak visitor use and over-tax our existing infrastructure?
- Will increased unemployment and poverty result from these land transfers?
- Will the jobs that may be generated through the addition of new federal lands pay similar wages to the existing jobs in the county?
- Will the new jobs and economy have similar economic multiplier effects when compared to the jobs that are likely to be lost? For example, will any seasonal recreation, fast food or motel service jobs contribute in a way to equal lost resource based jobs such as farming, mining, grazing or forestry?
- What have been the promises verses actual results in terms of visitor use days to counties made by federal agencies and environmental advocates promoting new parks and other federal designations? For example, at Redwood National Park in California, local officials were promised 2.4 million visitor use days and got only 400,000. At Canyonlands National Park in Utah, the promise was 1 million use days against only 100,000 actually received. At Voyageurs National Park in Minnesota, they received only 200,000 after being promised 1.2 million visitor use days. The economic benefits and tourism delivered was a disaster in each case compared to the lost jobs and economic activity.
- Will environmental groups allow the new roads and infrastructure necessary to encourage broad-based family recreation and tourism in new or expanded federal or state areas?
- Will applying Federal management to the "new" federal lands lead to increased fire risk to all adjacent federal and private lands and adjacent communities?

To protect your county's economic and social future, these and other questions must be examined carefully. Consider the following information from a Forest Service and BLM study on what would happen to County Property taxes if federal lands were privatized.

#### Property Tax vs. PILT Dollars Per Acre

*(Does not include the impacts from reductions in economic activity.)*

Property Tax & Harvest Tax Rates Region -	Full PILT Funding & Current Revenue Sharing	Current PILT Funding (1997) and Revenue Sharing
East	\$6.61	\$1.20
Interior	\$0.78	\$0.37
Pacific West	\$3.49	\$1.87
Alaska	\$0.72	\$0.12
United States	\$1.48	\$0.54

To understand how this data relates to CARA and counties: (1) the reader must first understand how much private land there is within and adjacent to political boundaries of the federal lands in their County; (2) which lands might be added to Federal or State systems; (3) what federal areas could be expanded if the federal agencies and environmental groups get their wishes; and (4) that PILT may not compensate counties for their losses due to the purchase of conservation easements.

Counties should also acquire data for other federal land management agencies. County plans might contain this information in some cases. Then examine the real tax value of these lands and compare whether or not federalization makes sense.

The table above shows that private lands in forest counties would generate 2.17 times the property taxes that the combination of fully funded PILT and 25% Payments. As time goes on, counties who sucker for the CARA model will forgo any increases in property taxes and economic activity that will occur. In some parts of the country, the property tax value is nearly 4 times that generated by PILT and 25% Payments. None of this considers the removal of the tax base due to conservation easements.

Consider the following:

#### Private Lands Within Forest Service Boundaries vs. Average Property Taxes Paid

Non-Federal Acres Within National Forests*	Estimated Annual Property Tax**
East	\$146,930,636.00
Interior	\$ 7,173,924.00
Pacific West	\$ 22,341,521.00
Alaska	\$ 1,714,389.00
United States	\$178,160,467.00

(\* Private land acres within forest boundaries by region)

(\*\* Approximate annual tax revenue value that is generated from property taxes on those private lands)

Based on this analysis, CARA, through PILT, will produce approximately \$300 million per year in payments to counties. PILT currently produces about \$145 million per year in payments to counties. Thus, counties should see a gain of approximately \$155 million per year from PILT as a result of CARA.

If you believe the proponents of CARA, only \$450 million per year will be spent on federal land acquisition. That is assuming Congress does not attempt to increase the funding from the new CARA Land and Water Conservation (LWCF) Trust Fund each election cycle as they have in the past with LWCF land acquisition funding. The sum \$450 million is likely just the starting point. Imagine the impact of the \$1 billion per year in federal acquisition money some in the environmental movement are shooting for. Over time, it will get worse than that.

#### Using just the national forests as an example

Beyond federal land acquisition, as much as \$2 billion per year could be spent, should States and local governments decide to focus on private lands within the current Forest Service estate. Most of CARA is available for land acquisition. If that happened, virtually all private lands within the boundaries of the National Forests could be acquired within the next 15 to 18 years. Counties could lose up to \$170 million per year in private property taxes if the Federal, State and local governments choose to concentrate on private lands within the Forest Service estate.

#### Adding even more federal lands

This estimate does not include the acreage in areas proposed for expansion around existing federal areas or those areas proposed for huge new parks, national forests, refuges, monuments and other Federal areas that are bound to be added to the Federal land system simply because CARA provides such a large incentive to environmental groups to create new ones.

Thus, the PILT payments from CARA are likely to be vastly outweighed by the loss of local tax base alone. This does not include the impact of conservation easements on the tax base. It also does not include the forfeiture of the even larger current and future economic activity on any private lands acquired that becomes part of the public system.

## Lost Jobs

County Commissioners and Supervisors will also have to consider the cost of lost jobs and economic activity. In FY 1996, the Forest Service produced over \$3.5 billion worth of direct, indirect, and induced employment activity by harvesting a little over 473,000 acres, or, approximately \$7,400 per acre harvested. If all lands acquired as a result of CARA are timbered and were being harvested by the private landowner, the potential impact could be as low as \$3.3 billion per year and as high as \$18.5 billion per year. In all likelihood, the potential economic impact will fall in the middle of this range, because private landowners harvest more volume per acre and complete those harvests in a much more efficient manner.

## Fires and Entitlements Cost Counties

Commissioners and Supervisors should also consider the fire season of 2000 to understand how private lands could be treated by future federal land managers. This year, we have seen federal land managers stand back and allow cataclysmic fires to devastate our federal forests. More than 6 million acres have been charred. Federal fire fighters have been directed to build only hand lines in confronting these fires where private land managers would have utilized bulldozers to construct firebreaks.

## Alice in Wonderland

Federal land managers have restricted the use of air dropped fire retardants in drainages where salmon and trout are found, despite the reality that the fires are destroying the very shade and forest habitat these fish need to survive. Private land managers are not encumbered by the current Administration's "Alice in Wonderland" approach to forest management. Counties will be giving up many of the commercially valuable private forests, the economic activity they produce, and quite possibly, the very forests themselves.

We've only discussed the costs of CARA using Forest Service lands. When counties examine the BLM, Wildlife Refuge, national park and other federal lands, they should quickly realize that CARA is a bum deal. When they start to add up the economic impact and other consequences of converting the private lands within their county to the CARA federal land anchors they will inherit, there is no question that most Counties will conclude - Congress should kick CARA to the curb!

Counties should demand what they are entitled to by law, not trade Manhattan Island for more beads. Congress should fund its obligation to the counties. It should not allow CARA advocates to use PILT payments to extort county support for CARA.

Speak to your County Commissioners - tell them the entitlement mentality is not acceptable in your county. Tell them, working private lands generate 2 to 6 times the property tax value that a fully funded CARA entitlement and "Aid to Dependent Counties county welfare scheme" will through a locked in time PILT payments program. Tell them that adding private lands to mismanaged federal systems does not make sense.

Tell them November 8<sup>th</sup> is looming, and you are watching!

**BAD NEWS**

## MORE GOOD NEWS...

### Updated Wetlands Video Now Available

If you have been following the case of Robert Brace, PLA vice president and Erie County farmer, you will not want to miss the latest "updated" video in his ongoing battle to protect his land.

*This is a "must see" video for all landowners and resource providers and is available through the PLA office. Call and order your tape today, or use the form on the back page of this issue of the Landowner.*

### FOX Video - "Vanishing Freedom: Who Owns America?"

As seen on the FOX Network in July, and after a huge response, re-aired in August, this expose' shows what the Clinton administration is doing in the name of environmental conservation.

The video is provided by **American Land Rights Association (ALRA)**, for \$19.95\* (\$4.00 s/h). P.O. Box 400, Battle Ground, WA 98604, or you may call 360-687-3087.

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# Show Your Commitment to Property Rights!

The membership categories below were initiated with the presumption that those owning higher acreage were, in all probability, relying more on their land as a source of livelihood and therefore, had a much higher stake in the property rights debate. Since PLA relies solely on individual membership dues and contributions to meet its financial needs, we hope you will join under the appropriate category. If however, finances preclude you from meeting the suggested guidelines, your education on private property rights issues is more important than the amount of your membership, therefore, you may enroll in a more affordable classification.

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Please Indicate:  New Member  Renewal

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- Individual II** ..... 35.00  
(owning 16 to 100 acres)
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(owning over 500 acres)
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and the principle of private ownership (local businesses in  
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private property rights)
- Associate III** ..... 300.00  
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construction, agriculture)
- Affiliate** ..... 50.00  
Local or regional grass roots, non-profit organizations
- Business I** ..... 750.00  
Corporations or entities whose activities involve ownership,  
use and/or development of acreage in excess of 100 acres  
but less than 500 acres
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*Membership dues and contributions may be deductible as a "Business" expense. Please consult your tax advisor regarding your particular situation.*

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