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Environmental Quality Board
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Dear Friends,

I am writing to request that any new water regulations will *require* that all streams in Pennsylvania have 100 foot forested buffers on all sides.

Forested buffers are good for the environment, as they reduce pollution and flooding. They are also good for the economy – cleaner water eliminates clean-up costs, and the open spaces around streams increases the property values in the entire area.

Research strongly indicates that the water quality in our country is deteriorating rapidly, due to lax enforcement of water regulations and the introduction of new chemicals into manufacturing processes. Our water is in danger! Anything we can do to protect it will reap huge benefits – it's much, much harder to clean polluted water than it is to keep it clean in the first place. Water is essential to life. Let's treat it like the treasure that it is.

Sincerely,



Mary M. Kaminstein