

8.11 Clearing of Land

A. Lumber or Timber Harvesting

Purpose: Forest industry and production of forest products is an important component of the local economy. Forestry and cutting or management of forests is a temporary commercial use of land. As a commercial use, and the potential for temporary and permanent off-site impacts including visual, water-quality, road damage, and therefore it is necessary to regulate forest harvesting.

A1. Levels of Forestry

Level 1- Cutting of trees on one or more acres

- Project must complete a no fee registration with the zoning administrator.
- Log landing must be 100 feet set back from the paved roadway
- Log land should be screened from view.
- Follow New York State Department of Environmental conservation timber harvesting guidelines.
- No lumbered land that has been clear-cut shall be considered for residential development for at least five years after completion of lumbering activities on that section of land.
- A harvesting plan must be submitted and filed with the zoning administrator.

A2. Clear Cutting of 10 or more acres

- Above regulations
- A thinning plan must be submitted to show that the land will not be completely clear cut.