Source Water Protection Loan Fund

II. Permitted / Non-Permitted Uses

The borrower is prohibited from the following activities on the acquired land or easement:

- New Commercial and Industrial Activity.
- Storage of chemicals.
- Extractive use / mining for soil, sand & gravel, rock, or other materials.
- Application of fertilizers or pesticides.
- Application, disposal, or dumping discharge of wastes, manure, refuse, rubble, or wastewater.
- Alteration of any designated or delineated wetlands.
- Livestock grazing or raising of livestock or poultry in confined areas.
- Hiking, biking, or equestrian activities in areas where the slope of the land exceeds 15%.
- Clear cutting of woodlands.
- Road construction or paving.
- Motorized vehicle use of any kind, except for emergencies, or repairs to the source structure, or protecting the supply.
- Building of facilities or other structures on the property after the signing of the agreement, unless approved by the Water Supply Section of the Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control (DNREC).
- Any activity, as deemed by DNREC, that will endanger the safety of the water supply source.

The following activities and uses are permitted by DNREC on all easements and/or acquired lands:

- Planting of trees or vegetation, except as prohibited.
- Public education activities (ie. guided tours, workshops, etc).
- Improvement, repairs, or replacement of existing water system infrastructure such as surface water intakes, pipelines, manholes, valves, pump stations, etc. All work must be done with approved plans and specifications, and approved by DNREC before starting.
- Installation of fences and/or barricades around water supply sources for protection.
- Maintenance of existing trails, fire roads, or forestry roads.
- Creation of open space, which may include low impact recreational activities, biking, or hiking in areas where these activities are not prohibited by steep slopes.

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