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As a property owner in Tioga County, Gaines Township I would caution anyone who has property in the Delaware Basin to beware of promises of "BIG BUCKS ", environmental consciousness and promises to repair property and highway damage, better then before, to look careful before you leap. You can't get back what is lost. Our property contains the headwaters of Mill Run, which is a trib of Pine Creek. Remember that for every well drilled there will be the need for transmission lines that will remove acres of timber and prohibit the use of that land for anything but growing grass. A well pad takes acres of land as does the access roads. Tributaries to the Delaware, wetlands and riparian buffer zones are all at risk. We lost 2 acres of timber for an expansion of a transmission line, another acre for a staging area, none of which were ever used by the gas company. All this only 25 yards from an exiting wetlands and 50 yards from the springs that feed the headwaters of Mill Run. A silt fence was the only protection. Against our protest, the project went ahead despite concerns for the watershed, the bats and rattlesnakes that frequent our area.