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mgh,

Many spin guys that start to FF often consider fly rods too long.  
A longer rod offers more line control on the water called mending.

As a beginner, I highly recommend that you fish more open water to give yourself a chance to develop your casting skills. If and when you decide to FF small streams, you may want to consider a shorter rod, but I fished a long time with just one fly rod, a 9' 5wt.

As far as rod weight, a 3wt is a specialty rod and limits your casting on windy days, casting weighted flies or split shot, and fishing larger or wind resistant flies. There's not one thing a 3wt can do that a 4wt can't.

Save your money for now, the 8'6" 5wt rod you have is nearly ideal for trout fishing in PA. Good fishing.