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I agree with Jay from a lot of pollution concerns. Things are getting better. From regulation of dirty industry, to acid rain, to cleaning up mine acid sources, etc. Good stuff.

Lately those improvements have outpaced development. But development won't be stopped. And I've always held that a rapid increase in development, not pollution, is the real danger behind Marcellus. Well pads are bad enough, with the mud and resulting siltation that comes with. But there's going to be a lot of roadwork, improving the existing roads as well as building dirt and gravel roads throughout the landscape. New bridges. Money is going to pour into small rural towns. Not everyone will get their payday, but they will see their towns grow quickly around them with new residential districts and especially chain stores, restaurants, hotels, etc. Boomtowns = development. I'm less concerned about the catastrophic "poisoning of waterways", which will happen somewhere, but rarely, and the exception rather than the rule. I'm more concerned about good old fashioned development.