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Water withdrawals, contamination and all the other problems we have already seen with Marcellus shale drilling are not in the end the worst. Even if the gas companies do everything right, all the time, an unlikely prospect, they are going to open our forest again after a century of regrowth. This is an inevitable outcome of the drilling that cannot be remediated, except by time, a very long time, a century or more depending how long the drillers will be there.

That is why we need a tax on the gas that is being taken out of the ground. The funds must be used to support purchase of new forest lands to replace the acreage lost and to support restoration efforts. And the notion that the money derived should only go to the areas where drilling is taking place is ridiculous. As you have just shown, these lands are shared by all Pennsylvanians, not just the folks living nearby.