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To: Act 250 Comments

Subject: Weak Outreach

I'm a land use professional who has been working on Act 250 applications for 15 years and attended workshops in past years. I have a ton of working knowledge about the topic and not once did I come across information about this commission. It may be ignorance on my part, but it seems like weak outreach on your part.

I have and always have been eager to take part in a process such as this. Very disappointing not to be included, but probably typical of the way State addresses these issues and emblematic of the inherently bureaucratic nature of Act 250.

Did you know that there are 36 different Agencies, Departments, Divisions, Offices and Programs that any given project might need to coordinate with?

Did you know there are more than 140 criteria, not 10?

There is significant overlap, conflicting goals, and lack of mutual consideration with each of these silos. There is also a lack of understanding and respect for the burden on the applicant to meet the requirements, whims and obligations that exist within each silo. And to get a coordinated timeline to reach an approval is far more difficult than the inhabitant of each silo cares to understand.

Please stop citing that 95% of Act 250 applications are approved, and average 60 days for approval. That willfully ignores the facts.

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