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Hello, my name is Doug Hancock

My wife and I purchased our 4.7 acre property at 35225 Dale Rd approximately 1-1/2 years ago. Our intentions where and are to start a Christmas tree farm using approximately 3 acres.

Unfortunately we didn't know at the time of purchase that the east side of our property floods thru the fall and winter making it impossible to grow trees as the tree plugs would become submerged under water. We have spent close to \$30,000.00 in hiring surveyors, an Agrologist and an engineering firm (Associated Engineering). We picked Associated Engineering to prepare and submit our permit because of there extensive knowledge of the valley and the water ways in it.

We have met all of the requirements and then some so we could make our land farmable with the least amount of impact to our area as the water moving across our land at a 1% slope would be absolutely minimal to water entering the slough and would actually help our neighbour as the water currently pools on our property then flow onto there's.

I know there has been a lot of illegal dumping going on in this valley and that the majority of fill permits are property owners asking or looking for forgiveness.

My question is why do we have to be punished by denying our permit when we've done everything the correct way?

We are looking for permission not forgiveness!

P.S. I do realize that there is a concern with an accumulative impact on the valley over time but also want to reiterate that this is why we hired Associated Engineering as they understand this valley and the water in it probably better than anyone else!

Regards  
Doug Hancock