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Kevin Stephani Testimony

As a newly elected township supervisor intending to take office in January of 2022, I am submitting testimony for the need of small stream maintenance. The past 3 years have been challenging in Bradford and Tioga counties. We have had to deal with multiple severe rainfall events that had stretched local resources beyond their intended purpose, overwhelmed by flood events that damaged and destroyed infrastructure and personal property. Some if not most of the damage was a result of an excessive amount of trash, namely dead trees and rock that had accumulated in our streams, tributaries, and wash gully's over the years. With no maintenance towards cleaning and removing, the result was catastrophic. We would like to have the ability to clean and maintain them on a local level. One small ask; let us have the authority and ability to clean and maintain them in order to help prevent disaster from occurring again.

Thank you,
Kevin Stephani
Columbia Township resident
Supervisor elect, Bradford County