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Comments: My town's planning commission exemplifies the carelessness and lack of curiosity for understanding the holistic benefits forests bring to our country. They continue to approve waivers for combining parcels for oversized distribution warehouses that require clear cutting in areas right above our Winooski River and and one of our county identified transportation corridors. Our state of Vermont's forests have been steadily decreasing over the past decade as we watch the cost of climate change (flooding) steadily increasing at the same time. Part of our transportation corridor we rely on for goods and services continues to see increases in impasses due to more frequent flooding as well as flooding the local farmer out two years running. This is happening over our country and costing us millions if not billions. We have zero ecological expertise serving on our planning commission and zoning board. Death by 1000's cuts. We are so so frustrated by our local control governance making uneducated decisions that drive up impacts and costs to our self sufficiency and self reliance. We need robust Federal oversight ramped up now to stop this poorly constructed system of local decision making that now costs folks their homes and their lives.