

homesite in those directions without a very expensive reroute of the mains, likely \$10,000 or more. The road is on the south side, and the farmer's access to the east field is immediately east of the home and is one of only two access points the State allowed us when they widened Fremont Pike and put in drainage ditches.

- We will need to sell the home on the existing one-acre homesite plus an extra 1.5 acres of what is now crops to make the required 2.5 acres. We will try to restrict the use of that extra 1.5 acres of farmland so no one can build a barn or something that would limit our access for tile repairs, or damage the 8" main or the 4" perforated tile, which is less than 3' deep. We would even need to prohibit trees there, since tree roots clog perforated pipe, making much of the tile system worthless. See this link for more: <https://www.clintonco.com/downloads/surveyor/treeroots.pdf>
- It's bad enough explaining to potential buyers that they can't do what they want on half of the land they are paying for. Imagine if they had those restrictions on nine acres.
- Sellers can't expect a buyer to pay full value for the restricted acreage, so sellers are out a lot of money, especially if the proposed 10-acre minimum is passed.

**Requiring a large amount of acreage doesn't solve the problem of losing farmland, but rather creates a new set of problems for buyers and sellers, especially for people like us who need to sell the old family farmhouse but want to keep the farmed field intact.**

We will be forced to sell more farmland than we want, plus, either spend a small fortune to redo the drainage system or sell that extra acreage with severe restrictions and therefore at a big discount.

Please rethink large acreage lot split requirements, and at a minimum, provide an automatic exemption for existing homes.

Thank you for your careful consideration of this important decision,

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