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The effects of excessive Gov. land ownership.

1. Permanent loss of transfer tax revenue to our public schools, townships and state.
2. Unfair competition with the private sector.
3. How much is enough? If 10% of a counties land base is owned by Government, and / or Conservancies, Foundations and Land Trusts, [who receive taxpayer funding], and the lands are well dispersed within the county, every county resident will have access to public land within 10 minutes of their home. Why is that not enough?
4. Permanent loss of economic growth and development. New construction brings in additional revenue for public schools, townships, counties and area businesses. These opportunities are lost forever with Gov. and nonprofit land ownership.
5. The problems with Gov. controlling more and more of our natural resources, [oil,gas,timber and minerals].
6. The P.G.C. is the only Gov. agency that does not have to appraise property prior to acquisition, this creates multiple problems.
7. Hunters prefer private property.
8. P.G.C. accepting land in lieu of dollars when selling or leasing oil, gas, minerals, and timber, then claiming the land was gifted, to avoid transfer taxes.
9. Why is P.I.L.T. subsidized?
10. Who should decide the percentage of public in a county, local elected officials, or unelected Harrisburg bureaucrats. Ask yourself, what is the end result of never ending expanding Gov. land boundaries?