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## **Conservation & Recreation**

Philadelphia Inquirer: Nearly 75 percent of Pennsylvania's forests are privately owned. That's bad for preservation

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