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I am a consulting forester in Warren County, NJ and have over 350 landowners that I assist in managing their properties for its forest resources. One of the most common complaints that I hear regarding the Highlands Preservation Area is the 1/4 acre impervious coverage limitation. There are landowners that have well over 50 acres that would like to build a home near the center of the property but due to the 1/4 acre impervious coverage limitation they are required to build near the paved road. If gravel driveways were not included in the impervious coverage calculation then these landowners could build where they want on the property. 1/4 acre on a 50 acre property is 0.5 percent impervious coverage for the entire parcel. The impervious coverage restriction needs to be addressed.

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