

Riverdale Mobile Home Park
Jersey Shore PA
Eviction Protest March 28,2012

I've seen the landscape ripped apart by drillers and pipelines and frack ponds. I've seen politicians protect the gas industry with lax regulations, lack of enforcement of existing regulations, free access to the peoples' water and public lands, and late application of an exit fee which is standard in other states, and a very low rate when it finally came to be. I've seen the gas industry obfuscate contents of fracking fluid injected below our aquifers, and politicians supporting this at the peoples' peril. I've seen roads crumble from frack tanker traffic, stress to air from extra diesel activity from the trucks and frack ponds and plants. I've heard compressing stations blaring loudly in the wild areas and next to friends' country dwellings. I've seen unsuspecting geese floating on toxic frack ponds. All this has affected me deeply, but nothing has had the emotional content of this story. It is ten miles from my home on Bastress Mountain, and across the river from the water loading station in Antes Fort where my 'Taking Water from the River' photographs were made.

These are poor people being evicted from a mobile home park which has been sold to become a water extraction facility for the gas industry. They can't afford to move their homes to a new location. Some have lived there for decades. Most have difficult circumstance. Here they are asking for help with profound dignity and honesty.

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Marcellus Shale Reality Tour Part 6 Eviction Notice
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=21-s2cNF14I&feature=youtu.be>

Original Story, Williamsport Sun-Gazette:
<http://sungazette.com/page/content.detail/id/575944/32-unit-village-no-more.html?nav=5011>