

# THE GOVERNOR

## Title 4—ADMINISTRATION

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### Pennsylvania Greenways Partnership Commission

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*Whereas*, under Article I, Section 27 of The Pennsylvania Constitution, the people have the right to the preservation of the natural, scenic, historic, and aesthetic value of the environment; and

*Whereas*, Pennsylvania is blessed with a scenic beauty, a rich cultural heritage, and an environment of waterways, forests, farms, natural areas, and open space lands; and

*Whereas*, a network of greenways across the State will help to preserve environmental values and protect these natural, cultural, historic, and scenic assets for future generations; and

*Whereas*, a network of greenways across the State will enhance outdoor recreation opportunities; provide wildlife corridors and habitat; provide intermodal transportation options; stimulate our tourism industry; contribute to environmentally sensitive growth strategies; and improve the quality of life and livability of our neighborhoods, communities, and regions; and

*Whereas*, developing a network of greenways requires the formulation of partnerships which include government agencies, nonprofit organizations, business interests, and property owners; and

*Whereas*, the concept of creating greenway connections through public and private partnerships was addressed at the Governor's Conference on Greenways and Trails in April 1997 and creation of a Greenways Commission was a high priority of conference attendees.

*Now, Therefore*, I, Thomas J. Ridge, Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and other laws of the Commonwealth, do hereby establish The Pennsylvania Greenways Partnership Commission (hereafter referred to as "Commission") as hereinafter set forth:

#### Annex A

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#### CHAPTER 5. COUNCILS AND COMMITTEES

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#### § 5.981. Purpose.

The purpose of the Pennsylvania Greenways Partnership Commission is to promote the development of greenways throughout this Commonwealth.

#### § 5.982. Composition and appointments.

(a) The Pennsylvania Greenways Partnership Commission (Commission) consists of 21 individuals who are appointed by and serve at the pleasure of the Governor. The membership of the Commission reflects a cross section of greenway interests and the geographic diversity of this Commonwealth.

(1) The existing Executive Committee of the Greenways Partnership Advisory Committee comprised of the Secretary of the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR), the Secretary of the Department of Transportation (PennDOT) and one representative from each of the following organizations will serve on the Commission:

- (i) The Pennsylvania Environmental Council.
- (ii) The Conservation Fund.
- (iii) The Pennsylvania Rails-to-Trails Conservancy.
- (iv) The Pennsylvania Recreation and Parks Society.
- (v) The Pennsylvania Planning Association.
- (vi) The Pennsylvania Chamber of Business and Industry.
- (vii) The Pennsylvania Land Trust Association.
- (viii) The Pennsylvania Heritage Parks Association.
- (ix) The Pennsylvania Recreational Trails Advisory Board.
- (x) The National Park Service.

(2) The remaining nine members of the Commission are selected from a diversity of greenway interests.

(b) The Secretary of DCNR and the Secretary of PennDOT will serve as the Commission's chairpersons for 1 year, after which time, the Commission will select chairpersons or cochairpersons or extend the term of the existing cochairpersons.

(c) The DCNR and PennDOT are the primary State agencies for the planning and coordination of the Commission and will provide administrative support services.

(d) Each Commission member may designate an alternate to represent him on the Commission.

**§ 5.983. Functions and scope.**

The Pennsylvania Greenways Partnership Commission (Commission) will advise and assist the Secretaries of the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources and the Department of Transportation in carrying out the following responsibilities:

(1) Developing an action plan for advancing a Pennsylvania greenways partnership program into the 21st century. This action plan will include related recommendations from the 21st Century Environment Commission.

(2) Pursuing the creation of partnership opportunities to plan, implement, maintain and fund a greenways network for this Commonwealth.

(3) Maintaining an inventory, catalog and map of the network of greenways and trails in this Commonwealth.

(4) Exploring creative financial and technical assistance programs and strategies to benefit the creation and sustainability of State and local greenway efforts.

(5) Researching and identifying "best practices" of existing greenways efforts within this Commonwealth and other states.

(6) Creating a Statewide clearinghouse system for collecting, maintaining and disseminating materials on greenways and trails legal, design and mapping information.

(7) Developing a public education, outreach and coalition building strategy (including local government) for greenways and trails.

(8) Developing strategies for incorporating greenways opportunities into Federal, State and local planning efforts dealing with issues such as:

- (i) Land use/smart growth.
- (ii) Open space preservation.
- (iii) Watershed protection.

- (iv) Natural areas protection.
- (v) Heritage conservation.
- (vi) Recreation.
- (vii) Tourism development.
- (viii) Intermodal transportation systems.

(9) Coordinating existing State agency initiatives dealing with the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission, disposition of crossing structures and existing funding programs.

**§ 5.984. State agency coordination.**

All State agencies shall cooperate with and provide assistance as needed to the Pennsylvania Greenways Partnership Commission (Commission) in performing its mission and functions. The following State agencies will designate a liaison to the Commission who will serve as the coordinator of greenway-related activities and primary contact for the Commission:

- (1) The Department of Agriculture.
- (2) The Department of Community and Economic Development.
- (3) The Department of Education.
- (4) The Department of Environmental Protection.
- (5) The Fish and Boat Commission.
- (6) The Game Commission.
- (7) The Historical and Museum Commission.

**§ 5.985. Meetings and communication.**

The Pennsylvania Greenways Partnership Commission (Commission) members will meet at least twice a year during the life of the Commission. In addition, the Commission will inform the public of its activities and solicit advice and direction by holding forums around this Commonwealth and through the use of a variety of communication media.

*Governor*

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