

A View From The Governor's Office

By Gov. Raymond P. Shafer

Pennsylvania enjoys an abundance of natural and man-made beauty and of natural resources which greatly enhances the lives of the people of this State.

The preservation, enhancement and promotion of these natural resources and of this beauty will contribute significantly to the enjoyment of the people who live and work in the State, as well as the millions of visitors who come here each year.

Currently, through both Project 70 and our new \$500 million Land and Water Conservation and Reclamation Fund, Pennsylvania has become a leader among all states in all these activities.

However, further efforts by

State Government are needed to coordinate and promote programs contributing to the natural and man-made beauty, the judicious, efficient and effective conservation of natural resources and to advise and assist local governments in both conservation planning and programming.

To fulfill these urgent needs, I have this week directed the formal establishment of a Governor's Interdepartmental Council on Natural Resources and Beauty, to be headed by the Secretary of Community Affairs.

Also serving will be the Secretaries of Agriculture, Commerce, Forests and Waters, Health, Highways and Mines and Mineral Industries as well as

the Executive Directors of the

State Planning Board, the Council for the Arts, the Fish, Game and Historical and Museum Commissions and the General State Authority.

Functions of the new Council will be to:

1 Develop policies and programs to preserve and enhance natural resources and beauty and coordinate the activities of State agencies in their implementation.

2 Advise, encourage and assist local governments in development and implementation of such policies at the local level.

3 Conduct and coordinate studies, surveys and inventories of the vast natural and man-made resources contributing to the beauty of the State by virtue of their scenic, aesthetic or cultural values.

4 Designate scenic sites, areas and highways and develop programs for their preservation and enhancement, including, but not limited to, programs to discour-

age littering, defacement and blighting of such areas.

5 Promote the application of aesthetic considerations in the location, design, construction and maintenance of State lands, projects and buildings.

6 Serve as a clearing house for information relating to the

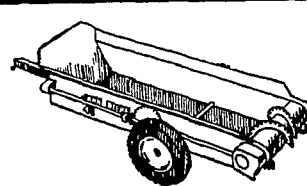
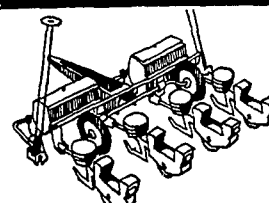
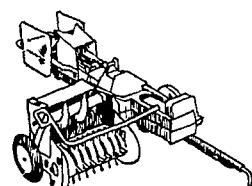
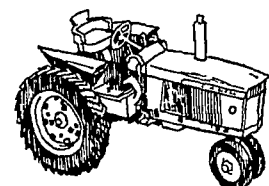
preservation and enhancement of natural resources and beauty and develop future legislation which may be needed.

7 Cooperate fully with both the Joint Legislative and Water Pollution Control and Conservation Committee and the

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