

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
GOVERNOR'S OFFICE
EXECUTIVE ORDER

SUBJECT		NUMBER
Preservation of Historic Resources		1975-6
DATE	DISTRIBUTION	BY DIRECTION OF
May 6, 1975	B	 Milton J. Shapp, Governor

- WHEREAS,** Article I, Section 27 of the Pennsylvania Constitution makes the Commonwealth trustee for the preservation of the historic values of the environment; and
- WHEREAS,** It is the policy of the Commonwealth to provide leadership in preserving Pennsylvania's irreplaceable historic and architectural resources for the enjoyment, education, and inspiration of this and future generations; and
- WHEREAS,** Under the provisions of the Administrative Code of 1929, the Governor must approve the demolition of any building or structure on any land owned by the Commonwealth when such building or structure is obsolete, dilapidated, repair is impractical, and is no longer of use to the Commonwealth;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Milton J. Shapp, Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania do hereby designate the Office of Historic Preservation of the Historical and Museum Commission, under the direction of the State Historic Preservation Officer designated by me pursuant to the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (P.L. 89-665), (hereinafter jointly referred to as the "Office of Historic Preservation") to encourage and coordinate the effort to preserve Pennsylvania's historic and architectural resources.

AND FURTHER, do hereby direct that all agencies and personnel under my jurisdiction cooperate fully with the Office of Historic Preservation in developing a comprehensive plan for the preservation of the Commonwealth's buildings, structures, districts, sites, and objects of historic, architectural or archeological significance (hereinafter "historic resources").

AND FINALLY, do hereby direct that the following steps be taken to assure that the Commonwealth's historic resources worthy of preservation are protected:

1. All state agencies shall exercise caution to assure that no historic resources owned or hereafter acquired by the Commonwealth are inadvertently transferred, demolished, substantially altered, allowed to deteriorate, or otherwise adversely affected.
2. As early in the planning stage as practicable, state agencies shall consult with the Office of Historic Preservation regarding any proposed agency action which may adversely affect any historic resource owned by the Commonwealth.
3. The process of consultation shall not of itself constitute a decision that a resource be preserved, but shall assure to the extent possible that historic resources are adequately considered in the planning stage of all potential agency actions.
4. Consideration of historic resources during the planning stage of proposed agency actions shall be made with a view to supporting and implementing the Commonwealth's responsibility as trustee of the historic values of the environment.

5. Within a reasonable period of time, the Office of Historic Preservation shall evaluate a proposed agency action and shall supply the agency and other interested parties with written comments regarding the potential effect of the action on the historic values of the environment.

6. If, in the judgement of the Office of Historic Preservation, the proposed action will not adversely affect any historic resource worthy of preservation, the agency may proceed with the proposed action.

7. If, in the judgement of the Office of Historic Preservation, the proposed action will adversely affect any historic resource worthy of preservation, the agency shall reconsider its proposal to assure, to the extent reasonably possible, that the policy set forth in this Executive Order is not violated.

8. The Office of Historic Preservation shall develop reasonable criteria and procedures for implementing this Order.

9. The head of every state agency shall designate a person for liaison purposes to assure that the policy and goals set forth in this Executive Order are achieved.