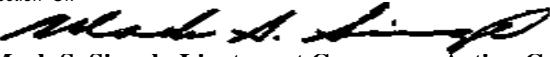


Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
GOVERNOR'S OFFICE

EXECUTIVE ORDER

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State Land Use Planning – Goals and Objectives for Commonwealth Agencies			1993-3
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WHEREAS, land is one of the Commonwealth's most precious resources, and its use and management affect the daily lives of all our citizens; and

WHEREAS, the negative impacts of poor land use decisions, such as traffic congestion, inadequate water and sewer services, increased risks of flooding, the destruction of prime farmland and other hardships do not respect municipal boundaries; and

WHEREAS, local services, economies, and infrastructure have become increasingly regional and the Commonwealth has delegated police powers for the regulation of land use to local government; and

WHEREAS, currently there is no Commonwealth Land Use Policy; and

WHEREAS, programs, policies, and regulations enacted by the Commonwealth, nonetheless, affect land use patterns and decisions within the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, the Pennsylvania State Planning Board, established under *Act 42 of 1989*, has at my direction reviewed those programs of state government which have a clear and direct impact on land use and development, and has identified goals and objectives for land use planning and natural resource management which state agencies should consider when designing and implementing their programs.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mark S. Singel, Lieutenant Governor, Acting 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, do hereby endorse and adopt the following Goals and Objectives for State Land Use Planning which were developed and approved by the Pennsylvania State Planning Board.

1. All Commonwealth agencies under the jurisdiction of the Governor are hereby directed to consider and aspire to the following Land Use Goals and Objectives whenever developing new policies and programs, reviewing existing policies and programs, or implementing policies or programs which affect land use.

Goal 1: Establish efficient land use patterns by encouraging growth which is consistent with existing infrastructure.

Objective 1.1: Maximize the use of existing infrastructure.

Objective 1.2: Support land development activities that occur in the context of adequate infrastructure.

Objective 1.3: Stimulate economic development in areas where growth would be efficient and beneficial.

Objective 1.4: Preserve key transportation corridors.

Objective 1.5: Encourage the consolidation of municipalities and municipal services.

Goal 2: Preserve the Commonwealth's natural resources and protect the people's Constitutional right to clean air, pure water, and the preservation of the natural, scenic, historic, and aesthetic values of the environment.

Objective 2.1: Preserve the Commonwealth's prime agricultural land.

Objective 2.2: Protect the Commonwealth's environmentally sensitive land.

Objective 2.3: Encourage planning that protects or improves the quality of the Commonwealth's air and water.

Objective 2.4: Provide incentives to develop and reuse previously occupied "industrial sites" which have suffered some environmental degradation.

Goal 3: Establish consistent and coordinated land use practices statewide.

Objective 3.1: Encourage municipalities to engage in land use planning.

Objective 3.2: Integrate Pennsylvania's planning requirements, processes, and activities to make them consistent and coordinated among all levels of government.

Objective 3.3: Integrate Pennsylvania's state, county, and local planning processes to make them more efficient.

Objective 3.4: Develop more efficient systems to ensure expeditious decision making in the administration of state rules and regulations.

Goal 4: Encourage the development of an adequate supply of affordable housing.

Objective 4.1: Develop incentives to encourage adequate housing at a reasonable cost close to employment and transportation.

Objective 4.2: Remove regulatory obstacles that hinder efforts to build affordable housing.

Objective 4.3: Develop incentives to provide adequate housing in new development areas.

2. Agencies shall fully cooperate with the State Planning Board to implement these Goals and Objectives for Land Use Planning.

3. All Commonwealth agencies shall consult with one another and the State Planning Board when their Land Use Planning programs or policies are in conflict.

4. All Commonwealth agencies under the jurisdiction of the Governor are directed to report annually to the State Planning Board on the status of their efforts to bring programs and policies into compliance with these Goals and Objectives for Land Use Planning.

5. This order shall take effect immediately.