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Maurice K. Goddard—Patriarch of Pennsylvania Parks

By Ellen Zeph

The Legacy

Known for his no-nonsense, blunt style, Maurice K. Goddard served under five Pennsylvania governors as Secretary of Forests and Waters and as the founding Secretary of the Department of Environmental Resources (1955-1979). His legacy as a public servant includes:

- A commitment to professionalism and civil service
- A state park within 25 miles of every Pennsylvanian
- A watershed-scale approach to water management
- Dedicated funding for natural resource conservation—the Oil and Gas Fund, Project 70 and Project 500 bond initiatives
- A profound influence on national conservation policy
- Instrumental in the formation of the Delaware River Basin Commission and Susquehanna River Basin Commission

Early Years

Born in 1912 in Lowell, Massachusetts, Maurice K. Goddard was the son of Norman O. and Susan Kimball Goddard. Maurice spent his childhood in Pretty Prairie, Kansas, where his father was called to a clergy position. After several family moves, he landed in Maine, where he earned a B.S. in Forestry from the University of Maine in 1935.

Upon completion of his degree, he taught for several years at Penn State's Mont Alto campus, before pursuing a master's degree in forestry from the University of California at Berkeley. In 1940, he married Ethel Mae Catchpole. The couple had two sons, Kimball and Mark.

Goddard served in World War II on the staff of General Eisenhower where his service earned him two distinguished awards—the Bronze Star and the Legion of Merit. In 1946, after his army stint, he returned to Mont Alto to run the forestry school, and then to the State College main campus to direct the School of Forest Resources, where he remained until 1955.

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Maurice K. Goddard

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Turtle on Little Tinicum Island.

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President's Message

Marci Mowery



What an amazing winter! I don't know about you, but I haven't seen this much snow in many years. It was wonderful to be forced to slow down for a few days and enjoy nature's artwork. Hopefully you had a chance to ski, sled, skate and snowshoe in one of our state parks or forests.

We are expanding the number of issues for Penn's Stewards this year, hoping to reach you in a timely manner, keeping you abreast of what is happening in your state parks and forests. In this issue, we celebrate the legacy of Maurice K. Goddard, affectionately known by many as Doc.

Often considered the patriarch of Pennsylvania's park system, Doc had the vision of a park within 25-miles of every citizen's. While we don't have a park in each of our counties, we come pretty close, with only six counties not hosting a park. *Can you name the six counties?* The first person to email Pam at pmetzger-ppff@pa.net with the correct answer will receive a free PPFF logo hat! To follow the Goddard Legacy Project on Facebook—search for Goddard Legacy Project.

Doc Goddard's work expanded beyond his vision for parks—he saw the need for funding and put into place mechanisms to make his vision a reality. One such mechanism, the Oil and Gas Lease Fund, has been contributing to recreation and conservation for decades. Read more about this fund—

and the pressures on it—in this issue of Penn Stewards.

Friends groups are springing up like crocuses this year. A new group started at Lyman Run State Park and groups are forming at Yellow Creek State Park, Mt. Pisgah State Park, and Promised Land State Park/Delaware State Forests. To learn more, drop us a line.

PPFF will be hitting the road this spring to celebrate the Gold Medal Award for State Parks—watch our website for locations of these celebrations and come join us! Also, mark your calendar for May 4th for our annual park and forest awards

banquet. It's the social event of the season (well, we think it is.)

Lastly, as you begin to make plans for your summer vacations, don't forget about the Elk Mountain Homestead in the Pa Wilds. This rental house is available for weekend and week-long rentals at a very reasonable rate. Visit our website for pictures and rates.



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Outdoors!
Marci



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Maurice K. Goddard

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Mr. Secretary

In January of 1955, Governor George Leader appointed Goddard as his Secretary of Forests and Waters. Under Governor Leader, Goddard worked ardently on obtaining civil service status for his professional staff. Historically, these positions had been political appointments. Goddard felt strongly that civil service status would create continuity and professionalism. Governor Leader signed an executive order requiring minimum qualifications for state forestry personnel in October of 1956; but it would not be until 1963, during the Scranton administration, that the law granting civil service protection would be passed. In reflection upon his state service, Goddard considered this to be one of his greatest accomplishments.

Vision for Expansion of State Parks

In 1955, there were 45 state parks in existence on already-owned state forest lands which were located in remote areas of the state. A number of things helped to fuel Secretary Goddard's vision of a park within 25 miles of every citizen including a national movement for parks near cities, better roads state-wide, increased automobile ownership, and increased "leisure" time.

Funding the Vision

Demand for outdoor recreation grew by 300% between 1955 and 1961—visitors to state parks increased from 8 million to 24 million during that time period. To address this growing

trend, Goddard set up a Bureau of State Parks in 1962 to specialize in park management, officially separating park and forestry operations.

The problem now was how to fund the expansion of parks in Pennsylvania. Knowing that building more parks would cost money, he went to work to establish a dedicated source of funding. In 1955, the creation of the Oil and Gas Lease Fund dedicated revenue from oil and gas leases on state lands for conservation, recreational development and land acquisition.

This was followed in 1963 by Project 70, a bond issue that raised \$70 million for public lands and facilities.

Matching federal dollars for Project 70 came from the Land and Water Conservation Fund which was established for recreation development in the eastern states. Revenue from offshore oil and gas drilling from the Gulf of Mexico, provided \$100 million to Pennsylvania in the 1960s for the development of state and local parks.

In 1968, to address additional funding demands, Project 500—the Land and Water Conservation Reclamation Act—was passed by Governor Shafer. This bond issue provided \$500 million for land acquisition, recreational facilities and a variety of environmental projects.

Conservation Leadership

In January of 1971, the Department of Environmental Resources (D.E.R.) was created which merged the Departments

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*"Someone
once asked me how I could
work for both Democratic and
Republican governors, and I said,
'Well, a forest fire's not a Democratic fire
or a Republican fire. It's just a fire.'"*

—Maurice K. Goddard

From Dr. Maurice K. Goddard, *Environmental Patriarch*,
Kenn Marshall, *Apprise Magazine*, May, 1993

Parks are Getting By With a Little Help From Their Friends

In addition to the trail maintenance, coordination and planning of special events, engaging the public in park activities while fundraising for these programs and improvements, we wanted to share two recent stories about the friends stepping up to the plate to help during these times of financial cutbacks for parks.

It seems you can't go a day without hearing messages on how to conserve energy. The Friends of Goddard State Park have taken this to heart with the purchase of a \$3000 pellet stove. The stove was installed in the Environmental Learning classroom at the park and will burn 100% switchgrass pellets — a renewable and clean energy source. It's the first of its kind in a Pennsylvania State Park facility! Funds were raised by the Friends of Goddard primarily through their annual "Pioneer Frolic" event held in June.

Meanwhile, over at Keystone State Park, with impending budget cuts, the James A. Kell Center was slated to close for at least 5 months this winter. The Friends of Keystone

Go Friends!!

stepped in and purchased a new wood burner and had a sleeve installed in the chimney to the tune of \$4000. With this improvement, the park will be able to keep the building open to the public while saving upwards of \$3000 a year in utility costs!

We say, Go Friends!!

You Can Help

There are other unmet needs in parks and forests. A list can be found at paparksandforests.org. **Can your company help?** To learn more about our corporate sponsorship program, contact Marci Mowery, mmowery-ppff@pa.net or call (717)236-7644. Please visit http://www.paparksandforests.org/wish_list.html.

Oil and Gas Leasing on State Forest Land – Moratorium Proposed in PA House

On February 2nd, Rep. Greg Vitali (D-Delaware County) introduced House Bill 2235 to impose a moratorium on natural gas leasing in state forest lands pending a better understanding of the environmental impacts of exploration. Rep. Vitali was joined by 35 of his colleagues as co-sponsors of the legislation which was referred to the Committee on Environmental Resources and Energy. The bill passed out of committee on March 24.

Why a moratorium?

No one knows what the cumulative environmental impact will be. The drilling process requires large quantities of water, creates pressures on the land, and produces byproducts that we may not yet be prepared to treat. Since we do not fully understand the long-term consequences drilling will have on our public lands, a moratorium would afford the opportunity to assess and develop strategies for long term sustainability of both the forest and the resource. PPFF supports a moratorium on leasing of state lands. Contact your Representative if you support a moratorium.

4th Annual Banquet Celebrates Legacy, Leadership, Team Work

The 4th Annual Park and Forest Awards Banquet will be held on Tuesday, May 4th at The Country Club of Harrisburg. Come join PPFF as we honor outstanding service and exemplary work being done by both volunteers and staff at our state parks and forests. Last year, the PPFF Board of Directors voted to rename our two highest awards to honor two stellar examples of the leadership and dedication the awards are meant to recognize: Joe Ibberson and the late Cliff Jones.

Event At-A-Glance

sponsored by Fermata, Inc.

Date: Tuesday, May 4, 2010

Place: Harrisburg Country Club, Harrisburg, PA

Time: 5:30 Cash bar, 6:30 dinner

Program: Cocktail Reception, Dinner, Awards Program

Emcee: Rob Wonderling, President, The Greater Philadelphia Chamber of Commerce

Tickets: \$40 - Reservation Deadline: 4/26/10

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SPEAK UP for DMAP and FOREST DIVERSITY

At their upcoming April 19-20 meeting, the Pennsylvania Game Commission will vote on two important issues vital to the future of healthy forests in Pennsylvania. The April meeting addresses changes to hunting seasons and bag limits. Commissioners are planning to reduce the concurrent deer hunting season in four additional wildlife management units across the state, doubling to eight, the large regions where doe hunting opportunities will be cut back. In addition, a majority of the Commissioners have signaled their intent to limit the availability of deer tags generally, either by lowering the overall allocation or putting additional hurdles on land managers who want to enroll their lands in DMAP. Both changes would result in more deer, more damage to the forests, and less opportunity for forest recovery from years of over-browsing. The changes will also mean less opportunity for deer hunters, poorer quality habitat for other species, and less healthy forest for all of us.

The time for action is now—call or email your commissioner where you live, hunt, and recreate, to let them know cutting back on hunting opportunities and allowing the herd to build again will be a set back for forest regeneration and recovery. Recently, when

members of the Pennsylvania House Game and Fisheries Committee asked experts at the Wildlife Management Institute what the chief impact on forest regeneration was, they answered with a resounding "deer." To see the full story, go to <http://blog.pennlive.com> and type "ask deer experts" in the search box.

Support science-backed deer management. Contact your commissioner and/or attend the meeting in Harrisburg in April. Help YOUR forests to regenerate.

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The Value of Recreation

By Pam Metzger

Every five years, any state wishing to receive federal Land and Water Conservation Funds must prepare a comprehensive outdoor recreation plan, outlining its residents' current connection to outdoor recreation and including a plan for fulfilling their wishes with regard to both increased use of existing amenities and development of additional amenities if required. So it was that in 2007 the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources undertook their planning for 2009-2013 under the auspices of the Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP) process.

The resulting plan, *Pennsylvania Outdoors: The Keystone for Healthy Living*, is a truly comprehensive look at how Pennsylvanians perceive the availability of outdoor recreation all across the Commonwealth, how they use outdoor facilities now, and what they believe is most important in forging new outdoor amenities over the next five years. PPFF's board was impressed with these efforts and awarded the annual Joseph Ibberson Government Award to the SCORP team. Special attention was paid to two very diverse groups: inner city youth and Baby Boomers.

After all the effort that went into it, what does SCORP tell us about the value of recreation to the citizens of Pennsylvania? Nearly half of the people who responded to the study survey cited some kind of health-related benefit to their outdoor recreation. Be it fitness, weight loss, stress relief, or the simple relaxation that brings renewal to frazzled lives, Pennsylvanians understand they can be healthier and happier if they are outside as much as possible, and it is only really a perceived lack of time that keeps us from taking advantage of those benefits. Even with that, we go outside at least twice a month (and, in spite of all the challenges of a snowy winter, only 11% allow the weather to keep them from their fresh air fix).

Lest anyone think we Pennsylvanians, or even we Americans, are alone in our understanding of the relationship between health and outdoor activity, the Brits have their own Outdoors & Health Network. Last fall the Dutch conducted their own research into the correlation between the frequency of 24 different illnesses and the presence of greenspace within a five-mile radius. In the Dutch study, for 15 of the 24 diseases, the prevalence rate for the illness was significantly lower if there was a park within 2 miles of the survey area. Are you putting on your walking shoes yet?

Fortunately for the future of our Pennsylvania parks and forests, more than 60% of the SCORP survey respondents are happy to have our public lands available to them.



Are you putting on your walking shoes yet?

Interestingly, two-thirds of respondents find out about fun places to go and fun things to do from their friends and relatives. So if you haven't told a friend lately how much you love your park, it makes sense to do it now!

To find out more about SCORP (or to download a copy of the plan), please visit www.paoutdoorrecplan.com. There, you'll find wonderful links to some of the key pieces of the study that talk about the value of recreation to our communities—everything from programs in rural Fayette County to get people outside and walking (and taking a closer look at some of the habits that threaten good health, like smoking, diabetes and unhealthy food choices), to urban Chester County's concerted effort to make open space planning and trails a cornerstone of all development that takes place in their growing communities.

Members of the Laurel Mountain Volunteer Group

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Nordic Ski Patrol**

**Laurel Highlands
Nordic Ski Patrol**

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Snowmobile Club**

**Laurel Highlands
Off Road Biking
Association**

**Pittsburgh
Off Road Cyclists**

**SpeedGoat
(local mountain biking
retailer that supports
the group's efforts)**

Sierra Club

PA Equine Council

**International Mountain
Biking Association**

**PA Cross Country
Skiing Association**

Laurel Mountain Volunteers

By Ellen Zeph

District Forester Ed Callahan has a lot on his plate. With some 60,500 acres of state forest land to manage and thousands of visitors flocking to the Forbes State Forest each year for various recreational opportunities, he has welcomed the help of volunteers. When the trail system in the Forbes began showing wear from over-use, Ed tapped into the ideas and enthusiasm of local volunteers. He and Mark Bittner converged diverse recreational users including mountain bikers, hikers, skiers, and horseback riders, to begin a dialogue. The goal was to help them see that they were all interested in the same thing—continuing to enjoy the natural resource while preserving it for future generations to enjoy. With that meeting, the Laurel Mountain Volunteer Group was born.

It was important to Ed, and Mark, who became the volunteer coordinator of the group, to give everyone a voice. The meetings have allowed users to understand each others recreational needs and desires with the overall goal of improving the trail system for all forms of recreation. Ed says that, "Having this group has accomplished many things. It has given the user groups a chance to work side by side, gain perspective from one another, air some differences, and also has allowed them to feel freer to let me know their groups needs." The volunteers are also

learning. "They see the reality that in most cases, you have to share the resources available with others that may be looking for a different experience. And, they see just how much work it takes to keep a trail system like this functioning."

There are now ten recreational groups that represent hundreds of members and over 100 non group affiliated volunteers who help to maintain a trail system that covers 22,000 acres of state forest land. At the beginning of each year, representatives of the various user groups meet with Ed and Mark to identify priorities and select project goals. They schedule four work days a year, starting in April and ending in October; however, some volunteers work throughout the year. The majority of the work days consist of resurfacing or reinforcing sections of trails worn out from use and natural erosion; but they also clear brush, perform trash and litter pickups, clean culverts and ditches, install steps on steep trail sections, and blaze trails—which keeps the group very busy! An average work day draws 25-50 volunteers. For one of their work days last October, it snowed, yet 50 people came out and braved the elements. Mark said if the weather had been better, there probably would have been a lot more. "That's how much people care about this natural resource and are willing to work to conserve it," says Mark.

The group is not all work and no play. The district office holds an annual year-end banquet to celebrate the work of the volunteers. They also started a newsletter two years ago and would like to set up a website. Mark has great ideas on how to steer this unique group and hopes to move from just maintaining the forest toward doing some significant projects—perhaps building a pavilion for the volunteers to use. They were able to use the facilities of an adjoining state park (Laurel Mountain), but that was purchased by the Seven Springs Resort and is no longer available to them.



Forbes State Forest Dist. Office

They have been successful in securing funds from area foundations and companies, and will continue to seek out funds to support their future projects. The group also received a matching grant from PPFF. This money enabled them to purchase gas powered trimmers, stain and supplies, food, t-shirts, and helps them put on the banquet.

The challenge ahead, says Mark, is to keep people interested and involved. A planning meeting this spring will focus on what to do with the money they have raised and continue to get people to know each other. For now there seems to be no lack of interest in the group's activities. Mark says whenever he goes out on the trails, whether for work days or recreation, he encounters people who want to know more about the group and get involved, and that's a good thing.

How You Can Help

For more information on volunteering, or to make a donation to support the work of the Laurel Mountain Volunteers, call the Forbes State Forest District Office at 724-238-1200.

Wish List: The group would really like an All-Terrain-Carrier. They are in need of motorized equipment like this to move resurfacing materials to trail sections they work on throughout the year.



Volunteers help rebuild a fallen portion of the creek.

"I enjoy working with these volunteers and giving them a voice in what is happening here. I am always amazed at how these folks carve time out of their lives to show up and help out. It really is a great feeling for me as a forest district manager, and a fellow recreational user of the Forbes."

"I would not be able to accomplish the mission of the Bureau, as it relates to recreation, to the degree I have been able to, without volunteer support. Trails would grow closed, problem areas on the trails would continue to accrue and get worse, and trails wouldn't be blazed. I have a limited maintenance staff and limited budget (both of which have been cut back in the past couple of years,) so without this group our trail system would really take a hit."

— Ed Callaban, District Forester

Forbes State Forest

In 1909, the Bureau of Forestry made the first purchase of a state forest in the Ohio River Watershed—this land formed the beginning of the Forbes State Forest. It was named in honor of General John Forbes who, in 1757, ordered the construction of a road from Bedford to Fort Pitt for the movement of an expeditionary Army. Forbes State Forest contains more than 20 separate tracts of State Forest Land encompassing over 60,500 acres in Fayette, Somerset, and Westmoreland Counties.

The Forbes State Forest lies within the Laurel Highlands region of Pennsylvania with most of it running along Laurel and Chestnut Ridges. Visitors to the state forest will find hundreds of miles of recreational trails, scenic vistas, areas to hunt and fish, state forest picnic areas, opportunities for primitive backpack camping, and many points of interest, including the state high point, Mount Davis. Common uses of the trail systems within Forbes State Forest include hiking, snowshoeing, cross-country skiing, equestrian riding, mountain biking and snowmobiling. Forbes State Forest is host to an almost endless and ever-changing list of recreational uses.

The Forbes State Forest was the first recipient of PPFF's "Forest of the Year" award in 2007 for its innovative and exemplary work in a wide range of activities in both forest management and recreation. The district has

taken great strides to improve and manage recreation within the forest, actively serving the diverse needs of recreational users. They utilize many volunteers to help maintain the Forbes through the formation of the Laurel Mountain Volunteer Group which serves to increase communication among groups and the forest district.



For more information about Forbes State Forest visit
www.dcnr.pa.state.us



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of Forests and Waters, Mines and Mineral Industries, and other related responsibilities. Although Goddard was opposed to the merger, Governor Milton Shapp appointed him Acting Secretary. Goddard was formally appointed Secretary in 1975 and continued to serve the commonwealth until his retirement in 1979. In the same year, the Goddard Chair at the Penn State School of Forestry was created.

In his retirement, Goddard stayed extremely active as a voice for Pennsylvania's natural resources, serving on the boards of a number of conservation groups. He advocated for establishing a separate agency for parks and forestry; and in 1995, Governor Tom Ridge created the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources. Goddard died later that same year.

Goddard's Criteria for New Park Locations

(From Pennsylvania's New State Parks: A Report to the General Assembly on Act 256)

- Clean bodies of water to serve as the centerpiece of a park, with adequate size and flow, suitable for swimming;
- Reasonably level ground for picnicking, camping and construction of roads, parking areas and boat ramps;
- Historical or scenic values, and enough area to accommodate 25,000 visitors a day;
- And a location reasonably near population, because, in the end, the report noted, "parks are for people."¹

Goddard spent an unprecedented 24 years as a cabinet officer, realizing his vision of a park within 25 miles of every Pennsylvanian. Only six of Pennsylvania's 67 counties are without a state park. During his tenure, Goddard added 45 parks and 130,000 acres of park land, gaining national recognition for Pennsylvania's state park system. With more than thirty-nine million

people visiting state parks by 1977, they began to feel the strain. A limited operating budget created layoffs and delayed maintenance. Funds to acquire state parks has traditionally been easier to come by than money to maintain and operate them—an issue which the state continues to grapple with in both state parks and forests.

Sources: Our Priceless Heritage, Pennsylvania State Parks, Dan Cupper, 1983
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PA DCNR and DEP websites

On the Issue of Entry Fees for State Parks

"The economic and social benefits of the present system are so far-reaching that the Commonwealth can afford this small subsidy," Goddard said, noting that the state spent two tenths of one percent of its budget on parks. "You don't put parking meters in shopping plazas, because you want people to come. We want people to use our parks, too." ²

Governor Thornburg signed a law barring entrance fees to state parks in 1983.

¹ pg. 36, ² pg. 43, Our Priceless Heritage, Pennsylvania State Parks, Dan Cupper, 1983.

Maurice K. Goddard Legacy Project

The goal of the Maurice K. Goddard Legacy Project is to celebrate the accomplishments of Maurice K. Goddard and to rededicate all Pennsylvanians to his vision and values for the conservation of our natural resources. A variety of projects have been organized to build an awareness of his legacy and share it with all Pennsylvanians.

These include:

- Project kick-off on the Goddard Memorial Trail in Camp Hill where Goddard made his home for nearly fifty years (September 12, 2009)

- Interpretive panels at state parks created under his leadership
- Historic markers at key sites to commemorate his work
- Rededication of the M.K. Goddard Wilderness Area in our state forest at Wykoff Run
- A documentary on the life of M.K. Goddard
- A symposium on the lessons Goddard's legacy offers for the future

Project Partners include:

Pennsylvania Parks and Forests Foundation,
Pennsylvania Recreation and Parks Society,
Penn State University, Department of Conservation
and Natural Resources, WITF, and Pennsylvania
Association of Environmental Professionals

Get Involved —You Can Help Preserve Our Legacy!

Join the Pennsylvania Parks and Forests Foundation, sponsor a project, participate in the Great Pennsylvania Outdoor Challenge, or volunteer your time at a state park or forest! For more information on how to get involved, contact the Pennsylvania Parks and Forests Foundation: 717-236-7644, mmowery-ppff@pa.net, or on the web visit paparksandforests.org. Follow the Goddard Legacy Project and PPFF on Facebook!

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Funding the Legacy

Historic and current programs that enhance, expand and complement parks, forests, and open space.

Project 70

Bond measure, raised \$70 million for public lands and facilities, approved by the voters in 1963 and signed into law by Governor Scranton as Act 8 on June 22, 1964:

- \$40 million for the Dept. of Forests and Waters to acquire property in 43 urban counties where 95% of Pennsylvanians were living at the time
- \$10 million to the Fish and Game Commissions for critical state habitat acquisition
- \$20 million to the State Planning Board to administer local programs

Project 500

Bond measure approved on May 16, 1967 and signed into law by Governor Shafer as the Land and Water Reclamation Act in 1968:

- \$125 million to develop state recreational lands purchased with Project 70 funds
- \$75 million to offer as matching grants to local communities to develop parks and open spaces
- \$200 million to for abandoned mine reclamation
- \$100 million for the construction of local sewage treatment plants

Keystone Recreation, Park and Conservation Fund (Key 93)

The Keystone Recreation, Park and Conservation Fund Act became law in July 1993. The legislation directs 15% of the Realty Transfer Tax collected by the State to be put in the Keystone Fund for distribution to several state agencies. The Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) receives 65% of the funding for the following:

- 30% for state park and forestry facility rehabilitation and construction
- 25% for grants for Community Recreation
- 10% for grants to Land Trusts

Environmental Stewardship Fund (Growing Greener I)

The Legislature approved the establishment of this new fund in 2000. Funding for Growing Greener I comes from additional tipping fees placed on the disposal of municipal waste. DCNR's portion of the Fund is invested in state park and forestry facilities as well as grants for greenways, trails, open space, natural areas, river corridors and watersheds, community parks and recreation and other projects to conserve the biological diversity of the Commonwealth.

Growing Greener Bond Fund (Growing Greener II)

Bond issue approved by the voters in 2005, provides \$625 million to address the growing demands for open space conservation, environmental protection and agricultural farm preservation. DCNR's portion of the bond proceeds is being invested in state park and forests improvements, open space preservation and municipal parks and recreation facilities. DCNR's bond funds are anticipated to be fully spent by 2010.

Oil and Gas Lease Fund Act

Established in 1955, the Oil and Gas Lease Fund Act was one of the first of its kind in the country. It required that the rents and royalties from the oil and gas program in the Department of Forests and Waters be put into a restricted fund to be used at the discretion of the Secretary for "recreation, conservation, and flood control." During the Goddard era, the fund was spent on improving and acquiring state parks. From 1955 to 2008, the fund generated more than \$154 million dollars for conservation purposes including the purchase and creation of 26 state parks, the acquisition of state forest lands, the development of the Pine Creek Rail Trail, and the support of natural heritage programs. Pennsylvania's fund is widely seen as the model for the federal government's Land and Water Conservation Fund (1976).

For over 50 years, the Fund revenues have been dedicated to implementing this concept. While the bulk of the funding has supported infrastructure and land acquisition and investments for our state parks and forests, there has been tension over the funds use.

In 1991, a review of the law was requested by Dr. Goddard whose concern was the fund was being used for non-conservation purposes and resulted in stricter guidelines to help protect the fund.

In 2009, money was removed from the Oil and Gas Fund and moved to the General Fund as part of the budget diverting it from its historical purpose for conservation.

Fears that a feeding frenzy for additional gas leasing would occur have been realized. To-date, 700,000 acres of state forest lands have been leased for gas exploration, with a strong push for additional leasing to help fill gaps in the state budget.

The intention of the Fund was to protect the natural assets of Pennsylvania for all generations to enjoy. The non-renewable resources that will help fund this vision and other conservation investments are just that — not renewable. When these resources are gone, future generations will not have the opportunity that is before us today.

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FDR and Pinchot
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CCC Reflections

By John Eastlake

Interesting Facts about the Civilian Conservation Corp Camps

The first Civilian Conservation Corp camp (Roosevelt) was located on the George Washington National Forest near Edinburg, VA in 1933. The second camp was in PA on the Allegheny National Forest (ANF-1) a week later. The ANF-1 camp planted the first trees a month after the camp opened. The CCC's would be called Roosevelt's Tree Army.

The Michaux camp (Pine Grove Furnace) was the first state forest land camp. The last CCC camp on state forest land was located near the Quehanna Highway on the Moshannon State Forest. The camps were run by the Army in partnership with the Department of Agriculture (the Forest Service and the Soil Conservation Service) and the Department of the Interior.

The former Department of Forests and Waters worked directly with the Forest Service. Gifford Pinchot was the Governor and had been the first Chief of the Forest Service under President Teddy Roosevelt, and Gifford also had FDR's ear. Pinchot was the reason for the success of the CCC in Pennsylvania.



The S-129 CCC camp was located at the present day Little Pine State Park.

The camp at the present day Little Pine State Park, was called the Gifford Pinchot Camp.

CCC camps were located in 57 of the 67 Pennsylvania counties. Most of the Allegheny National Forest (ANF) and State

Forest camps started in 1933. The Soil Conservation Service and the

Department of the Interior

camps weren't developed until 1935 or after. The

ANF and State Forest camps were generally located on abandoned cut over forest land and were usually pretty remote. The SCS camps were located on private farms that were near towns-Lancaster, Sligo, Homer City, etc.

The Department of the Interior camps occupied abandoned farm land and also several battlefields.

Hopewell Furnace, Fort Necessity and Gettysburg Military

Park all had CCC camps and are still supervised by the Department of the Interior. The Interior camps at Raccoon, Laurel Hill, Blue Knob, Hickory Run, and French Creek State Parks, were turned over to the Pennsylvania State Park system after World War II.

The two closest CCC camps in Pennsylvania were at Laurel Hill State Park, only a half mile apart. The Hills Grove camp was the only two-story camp in the country. The nearby Masten camp was on a National Air Mail Week cachet in 1938. The Civilian Conservation Corps is a fascinating subject!

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Civilian Conservation Corp Camps

40th Anniversary of Earth Day

By Pam Metzger

We girls wore big chunky shoes and longed for straight sleek hair down to our butts; the guys wore T-shirts and jeans. And environmental concerns seemed to be universal concerns. It could have been 40 years ago or it could have been last week, couldn't it? But it really was April 1970 when Senator Gaylord Nelson of Wisconsin proposed a nationwide day of protest "to shake up the political establishment and force this issue onto the national agenda."

According to the Earth Day website, www.earthday.net, on April 22, 1970, "20 million Americans took to the streets, parks and auditoriums to demonstrate for a healthy, sustainable environment," and many groups who had been fighting their individual environmental fight on pollution, loss of wilderness, wildlife extinction, and energy use discovered their common values and the power of a coalition. Out of that wonderful day came the Environmental Protection Agency and the Endangered Species, Clean Air and Clean Water Acts. (I remember the burning rivers footage on TV....)

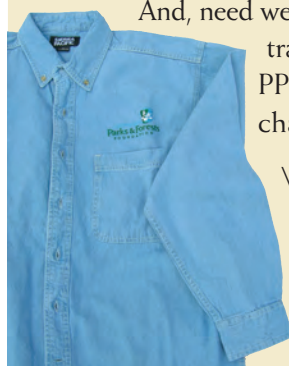
Of course, we know the fight continues 40 years later. Environmental issues have waxed and waned with political fortunes, it seems. But right now, as 2010 gets underway, we find that everyone everywhere seems to know what it means to be "green" and, even better, they want to join the campaign. Entire cable television networks are devoted to green living and there is a proliferation of information on the Internet and mainstream media crowing the benefits of a greener lifestyle from saving money to saving the planet.

Here in Pennsylvania, iConservePA.org (www.iconservepa.org) is celebrating the anniversary with the Earth Day 40 Challenge. As a school, an individual or a part of group, beginning on Earth Day and continuing for 40 days, you'll select from a menu of 40 actions to take (or make up some of your own). Register and complete your selected actions and be included on the roll of Pennsylvania Earth Day heroes. You'll join a long list of people on the iConservePA website who take their "green" very seriously.



Time for a Wardrobe Update!

They may not work as Easter bonnets but PPFF is proud to debut our new baseball caps. With a choice of two lovely colors (blue and green), these pigment-dyed caps with adjustable bands sport the jaunty PPFF logo. Shade your eyes from that ever-brightening Spring sunshine and show your PPFF support.



And, need we point out, a denim shirt is always a great choice for cool days on the trail or the river. Loose and comfortable with that same sporty PPFF logo over the left breast pocket, these light blue 100% cotton chambray shirts are the perfect complement to your favorite jeans.

Visit the website at www.paparksandforests.org (click on **Store** near the top of the homepage) to place your order through PayPal or send a check or money order (made payable to PPFF) to: Pam Metzger, PPFF, 311 Yough Street, Confluence, PA 15424. Hats are \$12 each; shirts are \$25.

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Native Plant SALE



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Once again, PPFF will conduct a native plant sale at **Meadowood on May 23, 2010.**

As the day draws closer, check the PPFF website at www.paparksandforests.org and click on Calendar of Events along the right side of the page for full details on workshops, guest speakers, special offers and directions to the nursery. This year we will be partnering with Appalachian Audubon Society. We'll have a demonstration garden to raise funds for habitat conservation work in Pennsylvania State Parks.





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