

# STATE OF DELAWARE



## EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT DOVER

EXECUTIVE ORDER  
NUMBER TWENTY-NINE

TO: HEADS OF ALL STATE DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES

RE: ESTABLISHMENT OF THE STATE PLANNING CITIZENS' ADVISORY  
COUNCIL

WHEREAS, Delaware has a well deserved reputation as an ideal place to live, work, raise a family, and recreate; and

WHEREAS, our natural resources, sound economy, opportunities for personal and business success, and overall quality of life will likely result in almost 190,000 additional Delawareans by the year 2020; and

WHEREAS, unguided growth leads to the inefficient use of the State's land, water and air resources, and threatens to diminish the quality of life Delawareans enjoy; and

WHEREAS, many of our State's most severe problems are directly related to poor land use planning; and

WHEREAS, the long term development costs of providing public services and facilities -- roads, schools, libraries and health care facilities -- compete for the finite resources available for other services which are essential to the overall well-being of all our citizens; and

WHEREAS, decisions made today about the use of our resources have ramifications far into the future and could result in substantial burdens on our children and grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, in the past year, the Cabinet Committee on State Planning Issues (“Cabinet Committee”) has undertaken an extensive process of analyzing long term growth trends, soliciting public opinion, and considering the implications of expected growth throughout the State over the next 25 years; and

WHEREAS, the Cabinet Committee has recommended a comprehensive set of goals to guide Delaware’s overall development and to ensure efficient, rational and cost-effective investments in necessary infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, those development goals are to be presented at the second Statewide Planning Conference on April 28, 1995 in Dover, Delaware; and

WHEREAS, these planning initiatives address important choices that we cannot avoid if we are to maintain and enhance the quality of life that makes Delaware a unique place to live; and

WHEREAS, the continued involvement of many organizations and interests in the Cabinet Committee’s deliberations is crucial; and

WHEREAS, the Quality of Life Act of 1987 established the Advisory Panel on Intergovernmental Planning and Coordination (the “Advisory Panel”) to, among other tasks, cooperate with the Cabinet Committee to ensure that State and local planning and development policies are complementary; and

WHEREAS, just as the Cabinet Committee was not appointed until 1993, to date the Advisory Panel has not been appointed; and

WHEREAS, it is critical that the Cabinet Council receive input and advice from citizens representative of the diversity of our State; and

WHEREAS, the appointment of a more diverse group to supplement the Advisory Panel will guarantee that the work of the Cabinet Council is informed by the views of a broad base of interested and knowledgeable Delawareans.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, THOMAS R. CARPER, by authority of the power vested in me as Governor of the State of Delaware, do hereby declare and order that:

1. The Advisory Panel shall be appointed by me, shall begin to fulfill its statutory responsibilities, and shall hold an initial meeting no later than June 30, 1995.

2. A State Planning Citizens’ Advisory Council (“Citizens’ Council”) is hereby established.



3. The Citizens' Council shall include the following members or their designees:

- (a) the members of the Advisory Panel, the Chairman of which shall serve as Chairman of the Citizens' Council;
- (b) the New Castle County Executive;
- (c) the Kent County Administrator;
- (d) the Sussex County Administrator;
- (e) the Executive Director, League of Local Governments;
- (f) the President, Sussex County Association of Towns;
- (g) the President, Home Builders Association of Delaware;
- (h) the President, Farm Bureau of Delaware;
- (i) the President, Delaware Nature Society;
- (j) the Executive Director, Committee of 100;
- (k) the President, Delaware State Chamber of Commerce;
- (l) the Coordinator, Delaware Association of Community Based Organizations;
- (m) the President, Delaware School Boards Association;
- (n) the President, Preservation Delaware, Inc.; and
- (o) such other members as the Governor shall appoint.

4. Under the direction of the Cabinet Committee and the Advisory Panel, the Citizens' Council shall:

- (a) meet upon the call of the Chairperson of the Cabinet Council or the Advisory Panel;
- (b) assist the Cabinet Committee in identifying and prioritizing implementation actions;
- (c) provide guidance and recommendations regarding the formation of focus groups to consider various development questions and potential actions;
- (d) help organize seminars and workshops to facilitate discussion of major public policy issues;
- (e) assist the Cabinet Committee in carrying out the ongoing planning process; and
- (f) assist the Cabinet Committee in seeking resolution and consensus on key policies.

5. The Advisory Panel and the Citizens' Council shall be assisted in their efforts by the State Planning Coordination Office staff.



APPROVED this 28th day of April, 1995

*Thomas R. Carper*  
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Governor

ATTEST:

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Secretary of State