

STATE OF DELAWARE



EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT DOVER

EXECUTIVE ORDER
NUMBER 109

TO: HEADS OF ALL STATE DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES
RE: BRANDYWINE AND CHRISTINA RIVERS

WHEREAS, the Brandywine and Christina Rivers are two of the natural resource treasures of the State of Delaware; and

WHEREAS, these waterways and their riparian lands provide major recreational, aesthetic, wildlife, and other environmental amenities for much of New Castle County and the rest of Delaware; and

WHEREAS, these waterways and their riparian lands, if properly managed, have the potential to make major contributions to economic development, community improvement, and the quality of life in New Castle County; and

WHEREAS, the Delaware State Senate unanimously endorsed Senate Resolution No. 62, which requests the Governor "to appoint a blue ribbon task force to make recommendations concerning the future of the Brandywine and Christina Rivers;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MICHAEL N. CASTLE, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Governor of the State of Delaware do hereby declare an order as follows;

1. That there be established a "Task Force on the Future of the Brandywine and Christina Rivers."

2. The Task Force shall be composed of an Executive Committee with the following members:

a. Dr. E. A. Trabant, Chair

Governor Russell W. Peterson, Vice Chair

Senator Robert I. Marshall

Senator Andrew G. Knox

Edward Cooch, Jr., Esquire

The President of Wilmington City Council

The County Executive of New Castle County

The Mayor of the City of Wilmington

The Secretary of the Delaware Department of
Natural Resources and Environmental Control.

b. The Chair and the Vice-Chair shall appoint, with the concurrence of the Executive Committee, such additional members as are necessary to obtain a full representation of community organizations, environmental organizations, businesses and governments affected by and interested in the Brandywine and Christina Rivers;

3. The Task Force shall develop recommendations regarding what actions, if any, the State, New Castle County, the City of Wilmington, and the other incorporated communities along the Brandywine and Christina Rivers should take in order to ensure that:

- a. The use and management of the riparian lands along these rivers is compatible with their use for recreational purposes, as community assets, and for the protection of fish and wildlife resources;
- b. The citizens of New Castle County are able to take full advantage of the riparian and water based recreational opportunities that these streams offer;
- c. The rich historical, cultural, and community attributes of the river corridors are properly protected and managed so as to preserve them for future generations;
- d. Current efforts to manage water quality, water use, and wildlife habitat in and along the rivers are consistent with the goals of protecting and enhancing the environmental integrity and public benefits of these streams; and

e. Compatible economic uses are encouraged which enrich the future of the rivers.

4. The Task Force shall present its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly by April 30, 1993.

APPROVED this 20th day of
October, 1992.



Michael N. Castle

Governor

ATTEST

[Signature]

Secretary of State