

STATE OF DELAWARE



EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT DOVER

EXECUTIVE ORDER
NUMBER NINETY-ONE

TO: HEADS OF STATE DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES

RE: DELAWARE COASTAL HERITAGE GREENWAY COUNCIL

WHEREAS, the coastline of Delaware is the State's most prominent geographic feature; and

WHEREAS, the coastline of Delaware contains a diverse mixture of marshlands, beaches, open spaces, scenic vistas and other natural features; and

WHEREAS, the abundant natural resources along the coastline were the catalyst for the first settlements within the State and the foundation for establishment of Delaware's first towns and cities; and

WHEREAS, for over three hundred years, Delaware's history has been inextricably tied to its coastline; and

WHEREAS, today the landscape of Delaware's coastline contains some of the finest examples of the State's natural and cultural heritage and at the same time is one of its most important economic assets; and

WHEREAS, the State, through its Greenway Program, offers a new opportunity to promote public understanding and enjoyment of Delaware's coastline and its heritage.

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

1. The Delaware Coastal Heritage Greenway Council is hereby established.

2. The Council will be composed of the following members, appointed by the Governor and serving at the pleasure of the Governor:

A. The Lieutenant Governor, who shall also serve as Chairperson of the Council.

B. The Secretary of the Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control or his designee.

C. The Secretary of the Department of Transportation or his designee.

D. The Director of the Division of Historic and Cultural Affairs or his designee.

E. The Director of the Tourism Office.

F. Ten (10) members of the private or non-profit sectors.

G. One member from the minority party and one member from the majority party of the Delaware House of Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the House.

H. One member from the minority party and one member from the majority party of the Delaware State Senate appointed by the President Pro Tempore.

3. The Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control shall provide staffing to the Council and assist the Chairperson as necessary.

4. The Council is charged with the following responsibilities and duties:

A. Evaluate the cultural, historic and scenic elements of the coastline of Delaware and determine which of these elements, together with surrounding natural resource areas, should be components of a Delaware Coastal Heritage Greenway.

B. Promote public awareness of the Delaware Coastal Heritage Greenway, including the interrelationship between the various components within the Greenway. As part of its effort, the Council shall encourage public agencies and private non-profit agencies to undertake education and interpretive programs that will increase public understanding of the Greenway and its components.

- C. Promote and encourage public agencies, non-profit organizations, private organizations and individuals to create, where appropriate, physical linkages between components of the Greenway. Such linkages may involve acquisition or other methods that provide for the permanent protection of open space within the Greenway and establishment of trails, walkways, bicycle routes and/or scenic highways throughout the Greenway.
- D. Establish internal committees and/or encourage and promote the establishment of new organizations, the purpose of which will be to develop and, where appropriate, implement strategies to link other cultural, historic and natural resources within the State to the Delaware Coastal Heritage Greenway using the Greenway concept.
- E. Analyze and recommend to the Governor what organizational structure is desirable to carry out the mandate of this Order. Recommendations shall include the necessary financial resources to support the operations of the organization and, where appropriate, the long-term operations and maintenance of Greenway segments this organization might manage. Said recommendations shall be made to the Governor by March 31, 1992.

All State agencies and Departments shall cooperate in providing assistance to the Council, including, but not limited to, reports and personal appearances as requested.

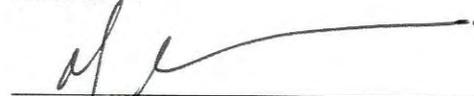


APPROVED this fourth day of
March, 1991.



Governor

ATTEST:



Secretary of State