

## **Department of Conservation and Natural Resources State Documents**

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## Summary Information

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## Scope and Contents

The Department of Conservation and Natural Resources is charged with maintaining and preserving the commonwealth's 117 state parks; managing the 2.1 million acres of state forest land; providing information on the state's ecological and geologic resources; and establishing community conservation partnerships with grants and technical assistance to benefit rivers, trails, greenways, local parks and recreation, regional heritage parks, open space and natural areas.

The publications of the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources contain strategic plans and fact sheets. Selected topics from these publications include Penn's Woods and Palmerton Zinc Pile. The bulk of material is dated from 2011.

## Biographical / Historical

The Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) was created by Act 1995-18 which took effect July 1, 1995, and divided the functions of the abolished Department of Environmental Resources (DER) between DCNR and the newly created Department of Environmental Protection (DEP). In June 1996, the Bureau of Recreation and Conservation was transferred to DCNR from the Department of Community Affairs upon that department's abolition.

## Legacy Agency Names and Related Agencies

Department of Environmental Resources (agency emerged from), Department of Environmental Protection (related agency)

## General Note

To view all of the available interactive maps (including state parks, community parks, geologic maps, etc.), published by the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, visit: <https://www.dcnr.pa.gov/Pages/Interactive-Maps.aspx>.

## **Other Finding Aids**

For more information concerning the records of the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources at the Pennsylvania State Archives, please visit:  
<https://gencat.eloquent-systems.com/pennsylvania-state-archives/permalink.html?key=class222>.

## **Administrative Information**

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