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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 26

WHEREAS, it is through the use of land that man makes his most direct and significant impact on the quality of the natural environment; and

WHEREAS, the states have reserved to themselves the regulatory powers to influence and direct the manner whereby their land resources are used.

WHEREAS, if Wisconsin is to meet its constitutional responsibilities as the steward of the state's land resources; the state must have the statutory authority to exercise land development control powers where critical statewide environmental and urban concerns are involved; and

WHEREAS, Wisconsin has delegated the authority to influence land use to local units of government and consequently the land resources policy of the state is often the aggregate of local decisions,

WHEREAS, the Federal government has initiated steps to influence land use through economic sanctions and regulatory processes and is studying the feasibility of a National Land Use Policy.

WHEREAS, despite expanding citizen support for affirmative environmental protection, land resources of statewide importance to present and future generations continue to be abused by inadequately controlled recreational-residential developments; and

WHEREAS, a matter so vital to the wise use of the state's land resources and so intertwined in the fabric of Wisconsin's governmental structures, requires public analysis and discussion.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, PATRICK J. LUCEY, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, do hereby create a special committee as provided under Section 14.019 of the Wisconsin Statutes to be known as the

WISCONSIN LAND RESOURCES COMMITTEE


to be constituted as follows:

I. The Committee shall consist of members appointed by the Governor, who shall be broadly representative of the various groups and governmental entities concerned with the land resources of the state. The chairman of the Committee shall have the responsibility for prescribing the Committee procedures.

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II. The Committee shall include, but shall not be limited to, the following:


- a. The manner whereby the state has delegated its land use regulatory powers to incorporated and unincorporated local units of government.
- b. An analysis of the local, state and federal governments' role in encouraging and assisting the formation of multi-jurisdictional planning institutions such as Regional Planning Commissions, Economic Development Districts, Resource Conservation and Development Committees and the like, and their impacts on land use decisions.
- c. The present proliferation of planning organizations and the separation of planning powers from land use decision powers.
- d. An analysis of those powers which the state has reserved to itself to influence the manner and the direction whereby the state's land resources are used.
- e. The current and probable directions of federal involvement in land use planning and decisions.
- f. An identification of those land resources of national, state, regional and local concern and the current processes by which land use decisions are made influencing these resources, including but not limited to wetlands, scientific areas, agricultural lands, prime environmental corridors, lands adjacent to National lakeshores, reserves, forests, and wild rivers, lands adjacent to state and local parks, forests and public wildlife areas, lands needed for urban growth, resource use and extraction, transportation systems, public recreation and the needs of Wisconsin's future citizens.

III. The Committee shall make its report to the Governor by February, 1972 or in time for consideration in this legislative session and shall include, but shall not be limited to, recommendations regarding the following:

- a. Regulatory decisions immediately needed to protect and enhance land resources of critical need to the national and state governments.



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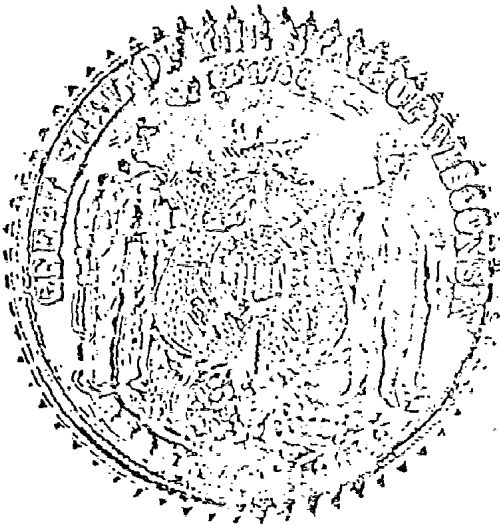


- b. Regulatory decisions to protect and enhance land resources of critical need to regions of the state and local units of government.
- c. The need for long-range study and research designed to lead to recommendations for shaping and influencing the use of Wisconsin's land resources.
- d. The need for reallocating land use regulatory powers or restructuring the decision making powers of local government to insure proportionate representation by the state's citizens and provisions for insuring that land resources of local, regional, state and national concern are appropriately made.
- e. The impacts of Wisconsin's property tax and shared tax systems (including the impacts of Federal grants-in-aid) on land use decisions.
- f. The capability of state government to plan and to implement plans, and to implement the recommendations of the committee,
- g. Methods of achieving effective inter-governmental cooperation on land use regulatory decisions.
- h. Protection of the property rights of all individuals commensurate with the needs and rights of the state's citizens.
- i. The manner whereby the state can relate to multi-state planning organizations and to land use planning and decisions of national concern.

IV. In order to fully carry out its charge, the Committee or any Sub-Committee thereof may hold public hearings and request all interested and expert parties to testify on any pertinent matter. The Committee will also have full authority to conduct independent research, investigate state land protection methods in other states, publish interim and final reports, contract for services, accept grants and services, and do whatever else might be required to complete its task. The committee shall collaborate closely with the activities of the "Citizen's Study Committee on Metropolitan Problems" established by Executive Order Number 14, especially as it relates to the state's annexation policies and practices, restrictive zoning powers which discriminate against our cities and the cities' poor and minority groups, the need for land resources for "new towns in-town" and "new towns in rural areas", and the current practices of single purpose governments providing services such as sewer and water which has profound impacts on land use.

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V. Staff support will be provided the Committee by an interagency staff coordinating committee consisting of a Department of Administration representative who shall be Chairman, a Department of Local Affairs and Development representative, a University faculty liaison, a Governor's Office representative, and other appropriate agencies.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Wisconsin to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Madison, this 22nd day of July in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and seventy-one.

Patrick J. Lucey
PATRICK J. LUCEY
GOVERNOR

By the Governor:

Robert C. Zimmerman
Secretary of State