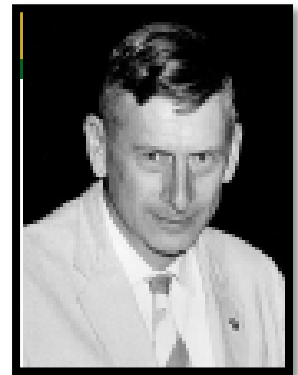


Maurice K. Goddard

Maurice K. Goddard spoke up for conservation in Pennsylvania. He is considered to be the ‘Patriarch of Pennsylvania State Parks’, was known for his blunt, no-nonsense style and served under five Pennsylvania governors as Secretary of Forests and Waters and as the founding Secretary of the Department of Environmental Resources (1955-1979). He spent an unprecedented 24 years as a cabinet officer, realizing his vision of a park within 25 miles of every Pennsylvanian. Only six of Pennsylvania’s 67 counties are without a state park. During his tenure, Goddard added 45 parks and 130,000 acres of park land, gaining national recognition for Pennsylvania’s state park system. His legacy as a public servant includes:

- A commitment to professionalism and civil service
- A state park within 25 miles of every Pennsylvanian
- A watershed-scale approach to water management
- Dedicated funding for natural resource conservation—
 - the Oil and Gas Fund, Project 70 and Project 500 bond initiatives
- A profound influence on national conservation policy
- Instrumental in the formation of the Delaware River Basin Commission and Susquehanna River Basin Commission



To learn more about Maurice K. Goddard, information and activities (as well as the text and pictures included here) are available on the Pennsylvania Park and Forests website for the Maurice K. Goddard Legacy Project:

<https://goddardleadership.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/11/Goddard-fact-sheet>

