



Karl Mason

**2022
Karl Mason Award**

**Patrick McDonnell
Former PADEP
Secretary**



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Patrick McDonnell's career with the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (PADEP) spanned several decades, beginning in 1998. Prior to becoming secretary in 2016, Patrick served as the Department's director of policy. He also ran the State Energy Office, coordinating renewable energy and energy efficiency issues. Mr. McDonnell previously served as PADEP's Deputy Secretary for Administration, overseeing the agency's budget, human resource, and information technology programs. In addition, he spent over three years as executive policy manager for former Public Utility Commissioner Pamela A. Witmer, focusing on electric, natural gas and water issues. Patrick served several roles with the Environmental Council of the States (ECOS), including president, vice president, treasurer and vice chair of the Innovation and Productivity Committee. As Governor Wolf said earlier this year prior to Mr. McDonnell's retirement, "Patrick's dedication to protecting our commonwealth's environment has been a decades long commitment at PADEP, and I am grateful for his service. Through his leadership, we are taking significant action to address climate change, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, protect our waterways, and ensure that contaminated lands are cleaned up and repurposed so that our communities can enjoy these spaces once again." Patrick McDonnell, as part of PADEP, "demonstrated exemplary leadership in the field of environmental management" in Pennsylvania and thus is perfectly suited to the vision of the Karl Mason Award. Patrick will continue to provide leadership in the environmental profession as PennFuture's current President and CEO.