

Our physical environment is the sum of everything around us. It is our beautiful mountains and valleys. It is our streams and lakes. It is the air we breathe, and it is winter's snow and summer's green grass.

Thus far we have managed to preserve much of what is best in Vermont's environment; but the forces of change are around us everywhere.

Unplanned growth and development can change the face of a mountain peak in one short season. It can turn a sparkling brook into a muddy, polluted horror. It can change a lovely meadow into a dismal junkyard or smoking dump.

These things we must, as a government and as citizens, control in an orderly fashion if Vermont is to retain its true natural beauty.

The problem is two-fold. On the one hand our people must be made aware of the magnitude of the changes taking place in Vermont, and on the other hand there must be enacted into law a set of comprehensive and meaningful statutes which will preserve and protect our environment. We must also provide for continuing economic development so vital to the needs of our people, within this framework of environmental protection.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Deane C. Davis, by virtue of powers vested in me as Governor, do hereby create a temporary Commission to be entitled:

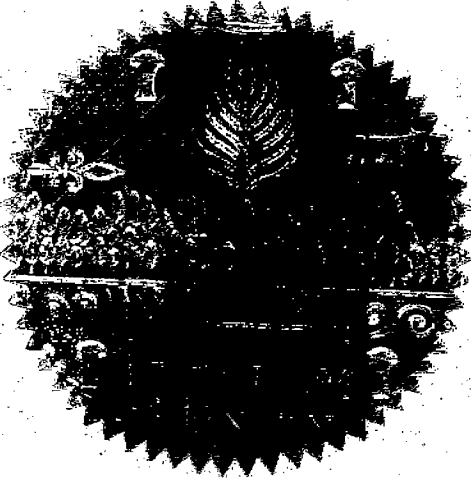
GOVERNOR'S COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL

and do hereby assign to such Commission the following responsibilities:

1. To collect, analyze and evaluate all available reports, articles, studies and data relating to Vermont's environment prepared within the past ten years;
2. To consult with all agencies of the State Government having responsibilities in the general field of physical environment and in development;
3. To solicit the view of scientists, naturalists, planners and others concerned with Vermont's environment;
4. To develop a comprehensive program of proposed legislation for presentation to the 1970 session of the General Assembly, including such elements as the preservation of open lands, the maintenance of wilderness areas, the control of recreational development as it affects stream or lake pollution, the establishment of a permanent Commission on Environmental Control with appropriate authority, staffing and funding, and any other areas within the field of physical environment which the Governor's Commission shall deem material and necessary;
5. To develop a program of public information upon the subject which will insure the widest possible circulation of information to the people of Vermont.

The Governor's Commission is authorized hereby to require such staff assistance as it will need from the office of the Director of Planning and such Director is authorized hereby to supply such assistance.

The membership of the Commission shall consist of not less than twelve members, who shall serve without compensation of any kind and whose terms of office shall be at the pleasure of the Governor, Unless otherwise extended, this Executive Order and the Commission appointed hereunder shall expire on March 31, 1970.



WITNESS MY NAME HEREUNTO

Subscribed and the Great Seal

of Vermont hereunto Affixed at

Montpelier, this 14TH day of

May, A. D. 1969.

George C. Davis

GOVERNOR

For the Governor:

Frederick H. Reed

Secretary of Civil & Military Affairs

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