



Pennsylvania

**Department of Conservation
and Natural Resources**

Nicole Faraguna

Director of Policy
and Planning

Guiding DCNR's Policy Priorities

South Mountain Partnership Winter Meeting
January 30, 2026



DCNR Mission

Conserve and sustain Pennsylvania's natural resources for present and future generations' use and enjoyment.

Policy Considerations



- Statewide Priorities
 - Agency-wide Policy
 - Legislation
 - Regulatory Review
 - Interagency Initiatives
- Federal Priorities
 - Legislation
 - Regulatory Review



Governor
Priorities



Secretary
Priorities



Agency
Mission

- ✓ Mission-Based
- ✓ Jurisdictional Authority
- ✓ Constitutional Responsibility

Policy Development

Example: DCNR Pedalcycle Policy



Advance our mission, trustee responsibility, and key priorities

- Policy analysis and research
- Discuss and assess
- Draft policy
- Internal review process
- Public engagement
- Finalize Policy
- Review and Update (every x years)



2026 Policy Agenda



- Advancing Budget Priorities/Protecting Dedicated Funds
- Licensing Water Well Drillers
- Elevating Land and Water Conservation
- Outdoors for All
- Wildlife Connectivity



REACH OUT!



Nicole Faraguna
nfaraguna@pa.gov

Director
DCNR Office of Policy
and Planning



Claire Jantz
cjantz@pa.gov
Deputy Secretary
Conservation and
Technical Services

