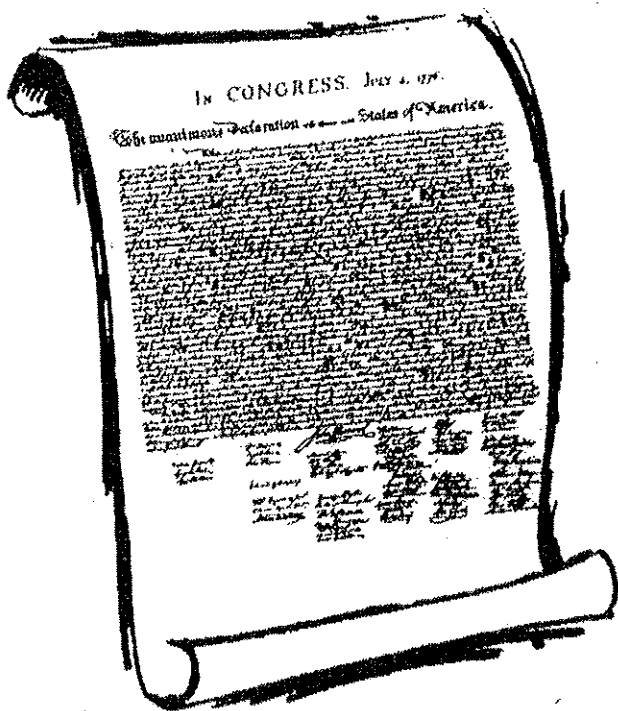


Pennsylvania Landowners' Association, Inc.



*"No person shall be...
deprived of life, liberty, or
property, without due process
of law; nor shall private property
be taken for public use without
just compensation"*

Who we are

The Pennsylvania Landowners' Association (PLA) is the outgrowth of a coalition of landowners supporting the principles of private ownership and formed in 1987. The organization recognizes the need to protect all of our environmental resources as well as the need to protect our human resources, including our free enterprise economy which is built upon the principle of private ownership.

We believe that our national zeal to protect the environment has resulted in hastily drawn, reactionary legislation that fails to adequately protect our human resources, particularly our Constitutionally guaranteed right to be secure in the ownership of private property.

We also recognize that the line which separates environmental protection from the invasion of property rights is at best unclear, and in many specific situations, not yet defined. The purpose of this organization is to provide landowners with an effective voice in the ongoing debate that will define the line beyond which government may not intrude into the use of privately owned property.

PLA was chartered in Pennsylvania as a not-for-profit corporation and has obtained a 501(c)(6) tax exempt status determined by the Internal Revenue Service.

We are concerned about . . .

WETLANDS: We support the concept of preserving those wetlands that truly have environmental value. Of the 90 million acres identified by the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service as wetlands, 74 percent are owned by private citizens. If a single acre of the privately owned wetland is to be preserved by decree of government, we believe the Constitution requires government to compensate the landowner at fair market value.

ENDANGERED SPECIES: No species is as valuable as the human species. To protect and enhance the human habitat it is necessary to respect all the species in our eco-system. When the loss of a particular species poses a threat to society sufficient to warrant restrictions on the use of privately owned land, then the entire threatened society should pay the landowner for the loss of use of the land.

CONSERVATION EASEMENTS: We encourage voluntary conservation practices and support federal incentives that promote voluntary participation in conservation ease-

ment programs. We strongly oppose the use of conservation easements by agencies of the government as mitigation devices or conditions attached to the permitting process. We believe the attachment of conservation easements to farmland repossessed by the federal government is especially onerous. The practice not only removes the most productive farmland from the agricultural community, it also reduces the local tax base forcing tax increases upon other landowners.

ALL LEGISLATION: that diminishes the entrepreneurial creativity of individuals who participate in the free enterprise system, or infringes upon the rights of those individuals to own and use their property at its most productive capacity.

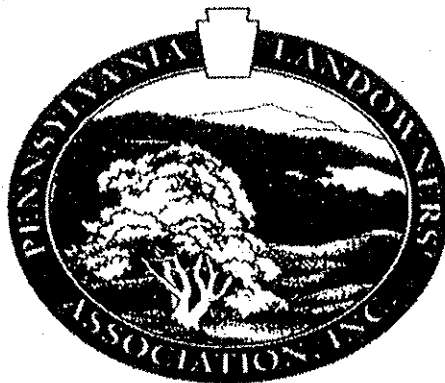
What we are doing

PLA members receive information about issues through periodic newsletters and special bulletins, as well as access to educational information through our administrative offices.

We assist local participating organizations with public meetings to inform landowners of current laws and regulations.

We participate in a national "Posting for Support" program in which members "POST" their property as a way to inform the public that over-regulation of land use has become economically unbearable for private landowners.

We are active participants in both the state and national policy debate on environmental issues. Through continual legislative monitoring and presentations to Congress and to agencies of government, we take your concerns to Harrisburg and Washington.



...a network of landowners working together to protect property rights and economic opportunity while promoting responsible environmental stewardship on a state and national level.

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