

Janet B. Keim

Lehigh County

Appointed: August 22, 2006

Appointing Authority: Speaker of the House of Representatives

Term Expires: January 15, 2013

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Education:

B.S. Elementary Education, Kutztown University.

Professional Affiliations and Honors

Government Service:

Salisbury Township Commissioner - 24 years (1st woman elected in 250 years. Retired 2001).
Salisbury Recreation Committee - Member four years
Lehigh County Soil Conservation District - Associate Director.
PA Historic Museum Commission - Volunteer Consultant.
DEP committee to develop website for public access to information on discharge permits.
Lehigh-Northampton Joint Planning Commission's Greenway Project - Member.
Salisbury Township's Bi-Centennial Committee - Member.

Current Memberships:

Clean Water Action
RSVP Stream Monitoring Program
Little Lehigh Watershed Coalition - Vice President
Salisbury Historical Society

Accomplishments as an elected official:

Promoted adoption of comprehensive plan that introduced conservation residential zoning.
Promoted adoption of steep-slope zoning and restricted logging ordinances.
Promoted formation of consortium with Lehigh County and Allentown City to purchase mountain land along Lehigh River and Little Lehigh Creek for stream protection.

Accomplishments as a citizen activist:

Instrumental in solving sewage overflow problems in Little Lehigh Creek.
Formed active citizens' group - South Mountain Preservation Association.
Co-founded the Lehigh Valley Wildlands Conservancy.
Developed slide program on the history and ecology of South Mountain that was presented to civic groups, school children, and the National Forestry Association.

Monitors and tests Little Lehigh Creek water supply for Allentown, PA as part of the RSVP Program.

Filed successful appeal to the Environmental Hearing Board requiring DEP to include quality and quantity of water in the Commonwealth's storm water-management ordinances.

Conducted research for seven State Historical sites, three Native Historical Sites, and a National Historic District as a volunteer consultant for the PA Historic Museum.

Was featured in two DEP Green Works environmental films: The Water We Share and Citizen Action.

Received a commendation from the PA House of Representatives for environmental activities and accomplishments.

Ms. Keim currently serves on the Administrative Oversight and Water committees. She also served on the ad-hoc Mission Statement Committee.