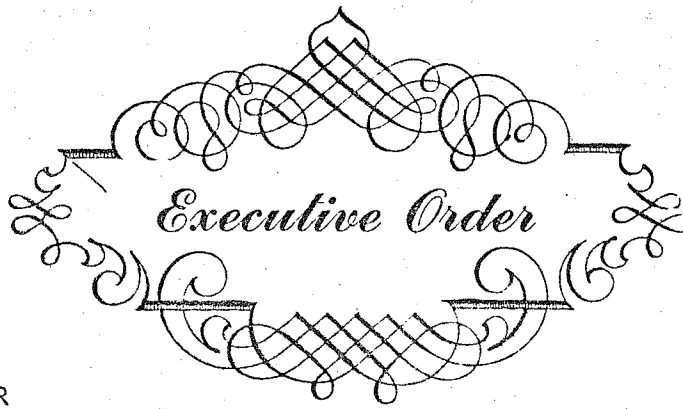


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STATE ACQUISITION AND SALE OF LAND

Recognizing the need for coordinating future plans of each State agency for acquiring and using lands for recreation, conservation or open space preservation, I am establishing, by this Executive Order, the Interdepartmental Committee on Public Lands comprised of the Commissioners of Forestry, Inland Fisheries and Game, and Highways, the Director of Parks and Recreation who will serve as Chairman, the Executive Director of the Land Use Regulatory Commission and the Director of the State Planning Office who will serve as Secretary.

The Committee's purposes:

1. Reviewing the plans of all State agencies to purchase or sell public lands, especially those for recreation, preservation, scenic and conservation purposes and for making recommendations to the Agencies, Governor, Council, and Legislature, as appropriate.
2. To develop a policy on public acquisition of land.
3. To identify the need and sources for public purchase.
4. To assist and encourage municipalities and other governmental units in planning and financing programs involving public land for open space and recreational use.
5. To encourage private sellers and brokers of land suitable for recreation or conservation to consider State and local public land programs before offering lands for private sale and development.
6. To encourage private donations of certain lands to public agencies.
7. To serve as a clearing house of information regarding available lands.
8. To recommend a policy regarding the sale of State lands, such as delinquent tax lots, and the sale or exchange of forest lots in the unorganized townships.
9. To coordinate and assist private groups in developing island trusts and other projects reflecting the values of preserving our natural resources.

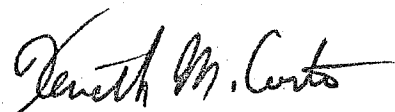
10. To assure the immediate and best use of State funds available to purchase lands through the Department of Parks and Recreation, the Maine Forest Authority and other agencies.

11. To evaluate the present law and use of eminent domain and make recommendations.

12. To consider payments to municipalities where a large percent of land is owned by the State.

13. To evaluate proposals for competing private and public use and development and to make recommendations.

All State agencies are directed to cooperate fully with the Interdepartmental Committee on Public Lands in carrying out this Executive Order. Communications to the Interdepartmental Committee should be addressed to Lawrence Stuart, Director, Department of Parks and Recreation.



KENNETH M. CURTIS
Governor of Maine

