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SENATOR TILGHMAN, APPROPRIATIONS, RE-REPORTED AS AMENDED,
MAY 12, 1987

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of July 2, 1984 (P.L.527, No.106), entitled "An
2 act providing for the rehabilitation, development and
3 acquisition of land, water and structural resources; defining
4 the powers and duties of certain offices, agencies and
5 municipalities; providing for the allotment of proceeds
6 hereunder including Commonwealth grants; prescribing
7 standards; and making appropriations," further providing for
8 the use of funds; providing additional funds to the
9 Department of Community Affairs; and extending the provisions
10 of the law for an additional three years.

11 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
12 hereby enacts as follows:

13 Section 1. Section 3(2) of the act of July 2, 1984 (P.L.527,
14 No.106), known as the Recreational Improvement and
15 Rehabilitation Act, is amended to read:

16 Section 3. Eligible uses of funds.

17 In order to foster economic development, funds shall be used
18 only for the following purposes:

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20 (2) Acquisition of land for public recreation or park

1 areas, [only where such] including acquisitions [are] made to
2 obtain critical inholding or buffer areas adjacent to existing
3 park and recreation areas, or to preserve critical wildlife
4 habitat areas, including wetlands, or to develop hunting,
5 fishing and boating areas and related support facilities.

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7 Section 2. Sections 4(a) and 9 of the act, amended July 9,
8 1986 (P.L.1213, No.107), are amended to read:

9 Section 4. Appropriation of moneys.

10 (a) Appropriation.--From the moneys received by the
11 Commonwealth from the issuance and sale of bonds and notes
12 pursuant to the act of July 2, 1984 (P.L.512, No.104), known as
13 the Pennsylvania Economic Revitalization Act, there are hereby
14 appropriated as follows:

15 (1) The sum of \$19,780,000, or as much thereof as may be
16 necessary, is appropriated from the Pennsylvania Economic
17 Revitalization Fund to the Department of Environmental
18 Resources for the period beginning July 1, 1984, and ending
19 June 30, 1988, for site development and material costs for
20 projects authorized and funded under the act of July 2, 1984
21 (P.L.561, No.112), known as the Pennsylvania Conservation
22 Corps Act. The Secretary of Environmental Resources shall
23 have the power to promulgate such statements of policy,
24 guidelines, rules and regulations as may be necessary to
25 effectuate the programs undertaken, including contracting
26 with persons, firms, partnerships, associations or
27 corporations as may be necessary. The Department of
28 Environmental Resources shall establish procedures for the
29 application and distribution of funds pursuant to this
30 section. Municipalities sponsoring projects authorized and

1 funded under the Pennsylvania Conservation Corps Act shall be
2 eligible to receive funding under this paragraph only for
3 those projects having recreation purposes and then no more
4 than 75% of the cost of development and materials for those
5 projects. All other projects sponsored by municipalities
6 shall be ineligible for funding under this paragraph.

7 (2) The sum of [\$18,000,000] \$48,000,000, or as much
8 thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated from the
9 Pennsylvania Economic Revitalization Fund to the Department
10 of Community Affairs for the period beginning July 1, 1984,
11 and ending June 30, [1987] 1990, for State grants-in-aid to
12 municipalities for land acquisition, rehabilitation, studies
13 and development projects for recreation and conservation
14 purposes, community centers and open space benefits as
15 specified in section 3. The appropriated funds shall be
16 expended [equally over the {three-year} ~~six-year~~ funding <—
17 period] BY THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS SO THAT <—
18 \$18,000,000 IS EXPENDED IN EQUAL SUMS OVER A THREE-YEAR
19 PERIOD FROM JULY 1, 1984, TO JUNE 30, 1987, AND THE REMAINING
20 \$30,000,000 IS EXPENDED IN EQUAL SUMS OVER THE THREE-YEAR
21 PERIOD FROM JULY 1, 1987, TO JUNE 30, 1990. Funding shall be
22 allocated to projects in accordance with the following:

23 (i) Not less than 50% of the total allocation shall
24 be used to pay up to 50% for rehabilitation, studies and
25 development projects.

26 (ii) Not more than 25% of the total allocation shall
27 be used to pay up to 50% of the project costs for
28 acquisition of recreation, park and open space benefit
29 lands.

30 (iii) Not more than 25% of the total allocation

1 shall be used to pay up to 50% for community center
2 projects.

3 (iv) The department shall develop a small community
4 or small projects component. This program shall be for
5 the above purposes and those under section 3. This
6 component shall be for grants-in-aid for projects of up
7 to \$10,000 in amount, shall be up to 100% grants-in-aid
8 and will cover only material costs, to assist those
9 municipalities with a population of 4,000 or less
10 residents unable to meet the matching requirements
11 specified in this section.

12 (v) No municipality shall be eligible to receive
13 more than \$200,000 in grants-in-aid in any fiscal year.

14 (vi) Not more than 5% of the total allocation shall
15 be used by the department for personnel, equipment and
16 operating costs to administer the Recreational
17 Improvement and Rehabilitation Program and to provide
18 technical assistance to municipalities for both grant-
19 related and other recreation and conservation-related
20 services. After June 30, 1990, the department may
21 continue to use unspent funds from previous allocations
22 pursuant to this section to administer the closeout of
23 the grant projects and to continue a program of technical
24 assistance.

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26 Section 9. Termination.

27 No funds under this act shall be awarded as grants-in-aid by
28 the Department of Community Affairs after June 30, [1987] 1990.
29 All funds appropriated under section 4 to the Department of
30 Environmental Resources shall be encumbered by June 30, 1987,

1 and shall be expended by June 30, 1988.

2 Section 3. This act shall take effect immediately.