

**Pennsylvania Constitution**  
**Article I (Declaration of Rights)**

**Section 27 (Natural Resources and the Public Estate).**

The people have a right to clean air, pure water, and to the preservation of the natural, scenic, historic and esthetic values of the environment. Pennsylvania's public natural resources are the common property of all the people, including generations yet to come. As trustee of these resources, the Commonwealth shall conserve and maintain them for the benefit of all the people.

(May 18, 1971, Public Law 769, Joint Resolution 3)