

JOHN QUIGLEY

Secretary, Department of Environmental Protection



From 2009 to 2011, Quigley served as secretary of the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR). Prior to his appointment as secretary, Quigley worked for DCNR in several capacities, including overseeing strategic initiatives and operations, and as chief of staff.

Quigley has had a diverse career in the nonprofit, public, and private sectors, including eight years as the mayor of the City of Hazleton, government relations manager with Citizens for Pennsylvania's Future, and management positions with industry-leading companies. He is a graduate of Bloomsburg University with a degree in economics, and holds a Master of Public Administration degree from Lehigh University.

Quigley's diverse career in the nonprofit, public and private sectors has made him a sought-after expert by industry, government and non-profit leaders across the United States and abroad.

Visionary Leadership

Quigley's record as Secretary of the DCNR from 2009 to 2011 reflects the work he has done with leaders of the gas, timber and coal industries to position Pennsylvania as national and world leaders on expanding opportunities for industries while protecting public health and the environment. Quigley leased 68,000 acres of state forest land for unconventional natural gas development, and did so in a responsible way. He worked collaboratively with gas companies to develop a set of best management practices that are among the best in the nation.

Quigley maintained state forest timber harvests during the depths of the Great Recession, after timber prices collapsed, to support Pennsylvania's forest products industry and the 60,000 hard-working Pennsylvanians who work in that essential industry.

Quigley led an ambitious effort to develop the world's first business plan for a carbon management network, aimed at maintaining coal as a pillar of Pennsylvania's energy future and the state's position as an energy exporter. He led a collaboration with the wind industry, state agencies and stakeholders to design a set of siting standards that, to this day, are considered national models. He also re-engineered DCNR's grant program, creating a user-friendly, efficient online system that emphasizes best practices, and created the first digital state map in the nation.

Working to Grow Energy Development in Pennsylvania

As Secretary of the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection, Quigley is using his deep knowledge of the industry and the state to lead a strategic approach to growing natural gas development in Pennsylvania.

Quigley is developing a proactive plan to achieve Governor Wolf's expectation that Pennsylvania's natural resources should help the commonwealth become an energy leader, including renewable energy and energy efficiency, as well as a magnet for investment and job creation. This is an historic time in Pennsylvania, and Quigley believes that shale gas is the biggest opportunity to demonstrate his belief that economic development and protection of the environment are essential and, in fact, complementary.

He has tasked the Department to launch a collaborative effort with all of the stakeholders involved in the pipeline infrastructure buildout process to facilitate wise development, as well as address environmental, public health, and local concerns.