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**date of press release**

**CONTACT:** add name and phone/email of person who can answer questions about the event

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***The Life of Maurice Goddard***

Known for his no-nonsense blunt style, Maurice K. Goddard served under five Pennsylvania Governors as Secretary of Forests and Waters and as the founding Secretary of the Department of Environment Resources (1959-1979). Goddard worked to have a state park within 25 miles of every Pennsylvanian and find dedicated funding for natural resource conservation through the Oil and Gas Fund and Bond Initiative (Project 70 and Project 500). He had a profound influence on natural conservation policy and leaves a legacy as a public servant with a commitment to professionalism and civil service.

*Pennsylvania’s Conservation Heritage: Telling the Story* is a statewide initiative with the mission of documenting and interpreting the commonwealth's rich and diverse conservation and environmental history through oral interviews, a series of documentaries, public programs, and articles.

The conservation history of Pennsylvania tells a cyclical narrative of environmental degradation of our rich resources—and the more hopeful story of the far-reaching visions of conservation leaders and the passage of policies enacted to protect our resources. This is a story of citizens who overwhelmingly banded together—sportsmen, families and concerned communities—to protect our air, land and water, and to preserve our rich conservation legacy for future generations.

 **WHAT:** Screening of ***The Life of Maurice Goddard***

with panel discussion and reception to follow

**WHERE:** (address and specific location of place)

**WHEN:** (date and time)

**COST:** Free to the public (add if there is advance registration required and how to do that)

Add additional description of event. Example: Film is 60 minutes, with 20 minute panel discussion. Panelists will include:

Any reception.