



# State of Iowa

## Executive Department

IN THE NAME AND BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF IOWA

Executive Order Number 48

WHEREAS, Iowa's natural resources are both finite and sensitive to human impacts; and

WHEREAS, without wise use and prudent management, our basic resources of land, minerals, water, and air, as well as the diverse systems they support, may be damaged or lost; and

WHEREAS, an adequate and self-renewing ecological resources system is required to secure for future generations a productive and quality living environment; and

WHEREAS, the need for and importance of land use planning has been recognized in Iowa by enactment of Chapter 1245, 1982 Iowa Acts; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 1245, 1982 Iowa Acts establishes a land use policy for the state which provides for the orderly use and development of land and related natural resources in Iowa; and

WHEREAS, agencies of the Executive Branch administer numerous programs which determine land use and affect our environment; and

WHEREAS, many state agency actions can affect the use of Iowa's resources and those impacts should be properly considered.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Robert D. Ray, Governor of the State of Iowa, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the laws and Constitution of the State of Iowa do hereby order that:

- I. Pursuant to Chapter 1245, 1982 Iowa Acts, it shall be the policy of the State of Iowa and its agencies to provide for the orderly use and development of land and related natural resources in Iowa for residential, commercial, industrial, and recreational purposes to preserve private property rights, to protect natural and historic resources and fragile ecosystems of this state including forests, wetlands, rivers, streams, lakes, and their shorelines, aquifers, prairies, and recreational areas, to promote the efficient use and conservation of energy resources, to promote the creation and maintenance of wildlife habitat, to consider the protection of soil from wind and water erosion and to preserve the availability and use of agricultural land for agricultural production.
- II. All state agencies shall by October 1, 1983, provide to the Interagency Resources Council for review a draft agency land use policy statement which will enable the agencies to administer their programs consistent with the above state policy.

- III. All state agencies shall, where practical and feasible, include within their programs and administrative rules such measures as will contribute to the improvement of both the quantity and quality of Iowa's natural and historic resources.
- IV. The Interagency Resources Council shall assist state agencies in complying with this Executive Order and shall review state agency land use policy statements and shall report to the Governor on the extent to which the statements conform to the state land use policy.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have here unto subscribed my name, and caused the Great Seal of the State of Iowa to be affixed. Done at Des Moines this 3rd day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred eighty-three.



*Robert D. Ray*  
GOVERNOR

Attest:

*Mary Jane Odell*  
SECRETARY OF STATE