

COSPONSOR MEMO #19

TO: All Senators
FROM: Senator Jane C. Orié
DATE: February 17, 2009
SUBJECT: **Commonwealth Heritage Development Act**

I will soon be reintroducing **SB 1538**, the Commonwealth Heritage Development Act, which would place the Heritage Area Program into law. The program was developed in the late 1980's by the Department of Community Affairs to preserve and promote our multitude of historic, recreational, cultural, natural and scenic resources. The number of Heritage Areas has grown from the initial one area to twelve areas and is now administered by the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources. Listed below are the existing Heritage Areas:

1. **Allegheny Ridge Heritage Area** –Blair, Cambria, Huntingdon, and Somerset Counties.
2. **Delaware and Lehigh National Heritage Park Corridor** – Bucks, Carbon, Lehigh, Luzerne and Northampton
3. **Endless Mountains Heritage Region** – Bradford, Sullivan, Susquehanna and Wyoming
4. **Lackawanna Heritage Valley** – Lackawanna, Luzerne, Susquehanna, and Wayne
5. **Lancaster-York Heritage Region** – Lancaster and York
6. **Lincoln Highway Heritage Corridor** – Adams, Bedford, Franklin, Fulton, Somerset and Westmoreland
7. **Lumber Heritage Region** – Cambria, Cameron, Centre, Clarion, Clearfield, Clinton, Elk, Forest, Indiana, Jefferson, Lycoming, McKean, Potter, Tioga and Warren
8. **National Road Heritage Park** - Fayette, Somerset and Washington
9. **Oil Heritage Region** – Crawford and Venango
10. **Rivers of Steel National Heritage Area** – Allegheny, Armstrong, Beaver, Butler, Fayette, Green, Washington and Westmoreland
11. **PA Route 6 Heritage Corridor** – Bradford, Crawford, Erie, Lackawanna, McKean, Pike, Potter, Tioga, Warren, Wayne and Wyoming
12. **Schuylkill River National and State Heritage Area** – Berks, Chester, Montgomery, Philadelphia and Schuylkill

SB 1538 was cosponsored by Senators Boscola, Browne, Costa, Erickson, Fontana, Logan, Madigan, Mellow, Musto, O'Pake, Pileggi, Punt, Rafferty, Robbins, D. White, C. Williams & Wonderling

Please join me in supporting the Heritage Development Areas by co-sponsoring this legislation. Please contact Lynda James at 787-6538 or ljames@pasen.gov.