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SC. STATE COMPREHENSIVE
OUTDOOR RECREATION PLAN
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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

Executive Office

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EXECUTIVE ORDER No. 75-2

WHEREAS, recreation is of vital importance to the health and general welfare of all South Carolinians and the leisure industry contributes substantially to the State's economy, creating jobs for more than 70,000 people, attracting more than \$600,000,000 in income, from out-of-state visitors and generating \$83,000,000 in tax revenues into the State treasury; and

WHEREAS, South Carolina's State Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP) is the official State tool for guiding the orderly development of a recreation system and maintaining the State's eligibility to participate in funding benefits from the Land and Water Conservation Fund of the U. S. Bureau of Outdoor Recreation; and

WHEREAS, the 1970 five-year goal for SCORP advocated a comprehensive coordination mechanism through which citizens and agencies at all levels - national, state and local - could become true partners in the State's recreation and planning process, and this concept was unanimously endorsed at a special meeting of 65 leaders from these agencies on November 7, 1974 and in subsequent planning sessions in January, 1975; and

WHEREAS, new 1975 policy guidelines of the U. S. Bureau of Outdoor Recreation Grants-in-Aid Manual strongly advocates that appropriate public and private agencies and recreation interests at all levels should participate in the state's recreation planning process; and

WHEREAS, there is an ever increasing need for dialogue and voluntary flow of policy, planning and development information between the various public agencies, federal, state and local, and private firms and enterprises that have the available resources or the responsibility to provide recreation funding at all levels to insure the fullest utilization of available recreation resources and to explore new funding possibilities through both public and private sources, and;

WHEREAS, to achieve these objectives in the desired manner, without the necessity of creating an additional State bureaucracy or expending additional State resources, these objectives can best be served by the creation of a Council to utilize existing talents, experience and resources;

NOW, THEREFORE, by virtue of the powers conferred upon me by the Constitution and the Laws of the State of South Carolina, there is hereby created the South Carolina State Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan Exchange Council, hereunto referred to as the SCORP Exchange Council. The South Carolina Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism which has the responsibility for the technical administration of SCORP, will have the authority and responsibility to administer and service the SCORP Exchange Council and shall utilize the Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism staff to carry out this responsibility.

The SCORP Council will be a voluntary association of agencies and groups -- public and private as well as national, state and local -- that have recreation responsibilities or involvement in South Carolina. Its basic intent is to involve all recreation interests in the State's recreation planning process and to enable them to share in whatever benefits may result from this voluntary cooperative effort.

The Council, through its Council Board and Executive Committee, may adopt policies and recommendations related to the SCORP Plan and other recreation matters; however, such policies and recommendations will not be binding on any of the member agencies or groups. Such actions, along with the Council's information exchange and cooperative functions, should prove of great value in enhancing South Carolina's total recreation advantages.

All agencies and organizations -- public and private, national, state and local -- that have significant responsibilities for providing and utilizing recreation in South Carolina will be invited to serve on the SCORP Council. Representatives may include the Chairman, President, Chief Executive Officer and/or the official responsible for recreation from each agency or organization. All members of the Council will serve on one of the SCORP Advisory Committee that represents their particular area of responsibility.

The Governor of South Carolina will serve as Honorary State Chairman of the Council. The Secretary of the Interior and the Director of the U. S. Bureau of Outdoor Recreation will serve as Honorary National Chairman and Co-Chairman of the Council. The Chairman of the Parks, Recreation and Tourism Commission will serve as, or will designate, the Chairman of the Council Board.

A Council Board shall have the responsibility of determining policy for the Council and for insuring the continued operation of the Council. It shall forward recommendations it deems consistent with the Council's objectives to the appropriate agency, firm or group for consideration.

Membership on the Council Board will include the following:

The U. S. Bureau of Outdoor Recreation through its Southeast Regional Director and the South Carolina State Liaison Officer, The South Carolina Historic Preservation Officer; Head of the Clemson University Recreation and Parks Administration Department; the Chairman of the Southeastern Federal Regional Council; the Director of the Division of Administration, Office of the Governor; a representative of the Governor to be appointed by the Governor; and the Chairman or other designated representative from each of the SCORP Council Advisory Committees.

Also included on the Council Board will be the executive heads of the following agencies, each having major responsibilities in both ownership and management of public recreation facilities in South Carolina: South Carolina Forestry Commission, South Carolina Parks, Recreation and Tourism Department, South Carolina Public Service Authority, South Carolina State Highway Department, South Carolina Wildlife and Marine Resources Commission, National Forest Service, National Park Service, U. S. Army Corps of Engineers, and U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

The primary input and the necessary broad-based interaction within the Council will be provided through the establishment of various Council Advisory Committees. The Advisory Committees will be organized to include, in as much as possible, all agencies and organizations, formal and informal, public and private, with special emphasis on recreation users, that have significant responsibilities for providing and utilizing recreation in South Carolina. These Advisory Committees would include, but by no means be limited to:

1. Federal Government Agencies Providing Recreation Services, Funding or Lands
2. State Government Agencies Providing Recreation Services, Funding or Lands
3. Regional Councils of Government and Other Planning Organizations
4. Governmental Organizations Representing Cities, Counties and Districts
5. Schools and Educational Institutions
6. Board of South Carolina Recreation and Parks Society
7. South Carolina Recreation Advisory Council
8. Governor's Community Improvement Board
9. Board of South Carolina Heritage Trust
10. Executive Council of S. C. Confederation of Historical Societies
11. Board of South Carolina Wildlife Federation
12. Board of the South Carolina Environmental Coalition
13. The South Carolina Assembly of Community Arts Agencies
14. The South Carolina Legislative Tourism Committee
15. Board of South Carolina Travel Council
16. Business and Private Sector Organizations
17. Recreation User Organizations
18. Office of Economic Opportunity and Community Action Agency Directors

With the approval of the Governor, the Council Board may form additional Advisory Committees as it deems necessary and also has the authority to form additional committees from the Council membership to give consideration to special problem areas. Each Advisory Council will elect a Chairman who will serve as that Committee's representative on the Council Board.

The Council Board shall organize an Executive Committee to consider matters to be brought before the Board and to act for the Board between scheduled meetings. The Executive Committee shall be comprised of eight members appointed by the Governor representing the following:

The State Agency Responsible for State Parks and Recreation

The State Agency with Major Responsibility for Conservation

Local Governments

Non-Profit Recreation Organizations

The Private Sector

The U. S. Boards of Outdoor Recreation

Educational and Institutional Organizations



Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of South Carolina this 5th day of February, 1975.

James B. Edwards
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Governor