

Renew Growing Greener Statement of Support

1. The Renewal of Pennsylvania's **Growing Greener** initiatives with a state investment of \$200 million annually.
2. Establishment of a dedicated and sustainable source or sources of revenue to support the renewal of **Growing Greener**.
3. Ending the diversion of money from the state's Environmental Stewardship Fund to pay the debt on **Growing Greener 2** bonds -- a diversion that is contrary to the Commonwealth's normal practice of paying bond debt service out of general funds.
4. A renewed focus of Growing Greener on:
 - **Restoring Our Water & Land** - bringing streams back to life and protecting drinking water
 - **Conserving Our Working Farms & Forests** - securing our food and timber supplies
 - **Saving Our Special Places** - protecting and enhancing wildlife habitat, greenways, trails, hunting grounds, fishing areas and community open space, including local, county and state parks and forests.
 - **Greening Our Communities** - revitalizing waterfronts and parks, planting trees, creating neighborhood gardens, reduce flooding and preserving history
 - **Creating Outdoor Recreation Opportunities** - walking, biking, hunting, fishing, playing sports, picnicking and enjoying the quiet and peace of nature.