

Commissioners & Alternates

Susquehanna River Basin Commission



John T. Hines
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John T. Hines currently serves as the Executive Director of the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection Water Planning Office and as the Acting Director of Watershed Management. In this capacity Mr. Hines oversees activities related to nonpoint source pollution management, stormwater management, water allocation and planning, conservation districts, interstate river basin commissions, estuary programs, national organizations, state water planning efforts, coastal resource management and overall water management budgeting and internal program development.

Prior to his current position, Mr. Hines most recently served as Acting Deputy Secretary for Water Management at the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection. In this role he was responsible for statewide water resources management and policy. He lead strategic and policy initiatives for statewide water supply, water quality management and waterways engineering, as well as policy and programmatic issues of department-wide significance. As Deputy Secretary, Mr. Hines served as the lead negotiator for DEP in the final stage of the passage of the Water Resources Planning Act (Act 220 of 2002). He was also critical to the drafting of Annex 2001 that was signed by the eight Great Lakes States and the Provinces of Ontario and Quebec.

Mr. Hines also served as DEP's Policy Director. As Policy Director, Mr. Hines was responsible for all department policy and regulatory and legislative initiatives. He has also served in other positions including Associate Director in DEP's Office for River Basin, where he oversaw program operations for the Office's River Basin Coordination and Coastal Zone Management programs. He also served as advisor to Pennsylvania's Commissioner and later as Commissioner on various interstate river basin organizations including the Great Lakes Commission, Ohio River Basin Commission, Ohio River Valley Sanitation Commission, the Susquehanna River Basin Commission, the Delaware River Basin Commission and the Delaware Estuary Program.

In 2001, the American Water Resources Association (AWRA) recognized Mr. Hines with the Pyramid Award. The Pyramid Award recognizes nationally outstanding young professionals in the field of water resources. Mr. Hines has been an active member of the Interstate Council on Water Policy (ICWP) since 1996 and currently serves as Chair of the Interstates Committee. In 1999, both the ICWP and Great Lakes Commission recognized Mr. Hines for his efforts in establishing the "Partnership for the 21st Century" agreement among river basin commissions nationally and his work on developing the ICWP Interstate Water Resources Standing Committee.

Mr. Hines has served as Pennsylvania's State Coordinator for the Delaware Estuary Program, as Executive Director of the Greene County Solid Waste Authority and as a Socio-economic Planner with L. Robert Kimball and Associates in Ebensburg, Cambria County. A Presidential Scholar, Mr. Hines holds a Bachelors Degree in Social Sciences and a Masters Degree in Geography and Regional Planning.

A native of Greene County, Mr. Hines currently resides in Palmyra, Lebanon County, with his wife, Amy, and his children, Alexis and Matthew.