6. Within 90 days of the date of this Order, the Department of Agriculture shall review and identify agricultural activities and uses within the Pinelands and submit to the Committee a report recommending methods and actions to preserve and strengthen agricultural activities and uses consistent with the protection of other resources.

7. The Department of Education and the Department of Higher Education shall promote appropriate educational and research activities involving the Pinelands with an emphasis on bringing urban primary and secondary school students to the region for ecological education.

8. This Order shall take effect immediately.

Given, under my hand and seal this 28th day of May [seal] in the year of Our Lord, one thousand nine hundred and seventy-seven, and of the Independence of the United States, the two hundredth and first.

/s/ BRENDAN BYRNE,
Governor.

Attest:
/s/ JOHN J. DEGNAN,
Executive Secretary to the Governor.

STATE OF NEW JERSEY,
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT.

EXECUTIVE ORDER No. 57

WHEREAS, The support of new construction in New Jersey is a continuing and important need vital to the public health, safety and welfare;

WHEREAS, The promotion of new construction requires prompt and efficient administration by the State government of permit application and review procedures;

WHEREAS, The objective of the State government should be to consolidate and simplify application procedures and forms in order to serve the public interest;
cedures. The Committee shall advise the Governor on possible legislative revisions which would consolidate, simplify or expedite present procedures.

The Committee or its representatives shall meet with county and local government officials and other interested public and private persons to discuss possible coordination and consolidation of State and local permit application and review procedures. The Com-
mittee shall advise the Governor of possible legislative or other actions required to implement its recommendations.

8. There is hereby created a Citizen Committee on Permit Coordination composed of citizens of the State appointed by and serving at the pleasure of the Governor. The Citizens Committee may include persons from the construction industry, labor union representatives, developers, real estate interests, environmental organizations, academic community and others interested in construction in the State and the efficient administration of permit procedures. The Citizens Committee shall advise the Committee on any matter relevant to the purposes of this Order, and may advise the Committee and applicants for construction permits of methods and procedures for the most expeditious processing of permits.

9. The Committee is authorized to adopt rules or establish procedures necessary to achieve the purposes of this Order. The Committee may revise the amount of construction costs or adopt other criteria for projects eligible for the assistance provided pur-
suant to paragraph 4.

10. This Order shall take effect immediately.

Given, under my hand and seal this 5th day of July,

[seal] in the year of Our Lord, one thousand nine hundred and seventy-seven of the Independence of the United States, the two hundredth and second.

/s/ BRENDAN BYRNE, Governor.

Attest:

/s/ JOHN J. DEGNAN, Executive Secretary to the Governor.
WHEREAS, The State has successfully implemented a program for
the review of construction permits by the Department of
Environmental Protection within 90 days from submission of
the application;

WHEREAS, The success of this program indicates that additional
efforts should be made to expand the expeditious processing of
construction permit applications to other agencies within the
State government;

Now, THEREFORE, I, Brendan Byrne, Governor of the State of
New Jersey, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Con-
stitution and the Laws of this State, do hereby Order and Direct
that:

1. There is hereby created a Cabinet Committee on Permit
Coordination ("the Committee"). The members of the Committee
shall be the Commissioners of the Departments of Community
Affairs, Environmental Protection, Labor and Industry, Trans-
portation, Office of Business Advocacy, the State Treasurer and
the Director of the Division of Budget and Accounting or their
designated representatives. The Chief of the Office of Business
Advocacy shall be secretary to the Committee, and shall provide
staff from his Office to assist the Committee at its request. The
members of the Committee shall each serve in rotation as chair-
person for intervals directed by the Committee, with the Com-
missioner of the Department of Labor and Industry serving as the first
chairperson. The Committee may also obtain the assistance of
other personnel of State departments and agencies. All depart-
ments and agencies are authorized and directed to cooperate with
the Committee’s requests for personnel.

2. The Committee shall compile with the assistance of the Divi-
sion of State and Regional Planning in the Department of Com-

munity Affairs an inventory of all construction permits issued by
State departments or agencies. The Committee shall publish a
handbook to assist the public in the application and processing of
construction permits.

3. All State departments shall approve, condition or disapprove
an application for a construction permit within 90 days following
the date that application is complete, except that the time period
may be extended by mutual consent of the applicant and the depart-
ment. Each State department shall file a periodic report as the
Committee may direct which identifies those construction permit
applications which are pending review for periods in excess of 90 days from submission. The report shall provide (a) the status of the permit review, (b) the type of project, (c) the reasons for delays or extensions in the time for review, (d) the estimated additional time needed to complete review of the application and (e) any additional information requested by the Committee. The Committee may request additional information from the depart-
ment of particular applications which in its judgment are pending review for excessive periods of time, or which require special review or procedures. The Committee shall advise the Governor of types of permit reviews which are consistently exceeding 90 days, and recommend any appropriate actions. At the request of a department head, the Committee may exempt for good cause types of permits or individual permit applications from any of the pro-
visions of this Order.

4. Any person proposing to commence a construction project in excess of $500,000 in construction costs may request the Com-
mittee to coordinate the review of the project. The Committee or its representative may meet with the applicant to discuss methods to assist the prompt and efficient processing of permit applications. After review of the nature of the project, the Committee shall designate a single State employee as the “expeditor” for the project. The expeditor shall (a) advise the applicant of all State permits necessary for the construction of the project, (b) coordinate contacts with relevant agencies reviewing the permits, (c) discuss with State departments and agencies the feasibility of con-
solidating hearings, documentation or other matters pertaining to the project, (d) advise the Committee of problems or delays experienced in the review and (e) assist the applicant and the Committee in completing the expeditious review of permit applica-
tions.

5. The Committee shall obtain from all State departments copies of application forms and other documents required in the sub-
mission and processing of permits. The Committee shall review these forms and documents, and propose methods by which the forms may be consolidated or simplified. The Committee shall provide its recommendations to the Governor concerning the con-
solidation or simplification of these forms and documents within 120 days from the date of this Order.

6. The Committee shall review relevant legislation concerning construction permit applications and review requirements and pro-
catures. The Committee shall advise the Governor on possible legislative revisions which would consolidate, simplify or expedite present procedures.

The Committee or its representatives shall meet with county and local government officials and other interested public and private persons to discuss possible coordination and consolidation of State and local permit application and review procedures. The Committee shall advise the Governor of possible legislative or other actions required to implement its recommendations.

8. There is hereby created a Citizen Committee on Permit Coordination composed of citizens of the State appointed by and serving at the pleasure of the Governor. The Citizens Committee may include persons from the construction industry, labor union representatives, developers, real estate interests, environmental organizations, academic community and others interested in construction in the State and the efficient administration of permit procedures. The Citizens Committee shall advise the Committee on any matter relevant to the purposes of this Order, and may advise the Committee and applicants for construction permits of methods and procedures for the most expeditious processing of permits.

9. The Committee is authorized to adopt rules or establish procedures necessary to achieve the purposes of this Order. The Committee may revise the amount of construction costs or adopt other criteria for projects eligible for the assistance provided pursuant to paragraph 4.

10. This Order shall take effect immediately.

Given, under my hand and seal this 5th day of July, [seal] in the year of Our Lord, one thousand nine hundred and seventy-seven of the Independence of the United States, the two hundredth and second.

/s/ BRENDAN BYRNE,
Governor.

Attest: /s/ JOHN J. DEGNAN,
Executive Secretary to the Governor.