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Quigley Confirmed As DCNR Secretary, More Drilling On State Forest Land Likely



[John Quigley](#) was unanimously confirmed as the third Secretary of the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, but not before hearing the Majority Chair of the Senate Environmental Committee say more natural gas drilling on State Forest land may be needed to balance the budget.

"It is my honor to serve the public as DCNR Secretary, working side by side with the women and men of the department as we continue to meet our mission of managing the best state park system in the country and one of the largest sustainable state forests in the nation, as well as tirelessly advocating for conservation and outdoor recreation," Secretary Quigley said. "While the economic climate has thrown us some challenges, we will continue to look for innovative ways to do our work more efficiently and effectively, while continuing to protect our irreplaceable natural assets."