



Paul Dunn pictured above

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Paul Dunn Elected as Nebraska Environmental Trust Chairman

Paul Dunn of Omaha was recently elected Chairman of the Nebraska Environmental Trust Board. The election was part of the Trust's August 6, Quarterly meeting held in

Beatrice. Mr Dunn represents the State's second congressional district on the Board. Governor Johanns first appointed him to the Board in April 1999. Now in his fourth six-year term, Mr. Dunn is the Trust's longest standing member on the board. Also elected at the August 6 meeting was Mr. Jeff Fassett, Director of the Department of Natural Resources, as Vice-Chairman.

Commenting on his election, Mr. Dunn said, "It is an honor to serve on the Nebraska Environmental Trust Board. We have a Board full of knowledgeable and committed conservationists. The conservation work completed with Trust funding has touched every citizen of Nebraska."

Mark Brohman, Executive Director for the Trust said, "The Trust has gained from Mr. Dunn's knowledge, and commitment to conservation. He is an asset to the Trust with a wealth of information on environmental issues—especially recycling. Mr. Dunn has served as Trust Board Chair several times and has always done an impeccable job in his duties."

Mr. Dunn is currently the Solid Waste Section Supervisor for the Omaha Public Works Department. His responsibilities include writing and managing Omaha's solid waste contracts and the personnel that implement those contracts. Paul began his career with the City as Recycling Coordinator in 1994. From 1991 to 1994, Mr. Dunn was Commercial Recycling Coordinator for Orange Community Recycling in Chapel Hill, North Carolina.

Over the course of his career, he has established many recycling programs and environmental activities. For years, he wrote and designed the Omaha's direct mail publication, Wasteline, and the related website, wasteline.org. A highlight of his career was being project lead in developing, UnderTheSink, metro Omaha's regional household hazardous waste facility.

Dunn was born and raised in Lincoln and has a bachelor's degree from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. While taking classes for a master's degree in Community and Regional Planning, he served as an intern with Lincoln's Recycling Office. Dunn has served on the National Waste Prevention Coalition's Junk Mail Task Force, the board of the Nebraska State Recycling Association and been a presenter at the National Recycling Congress and Exhibition, the Nebraska Safety and Health Summit, and the Association of State and Territorial Solid Waste Management Officials.

The Trust Board is comprised of 14 members representing the State of Nebraska and its citizens. There are nine citizen representatives appointed by the Governor who serve without pay, three representatives from each congressional district. Citizen members represent a wide variety of natural resource interests. They serve six-year terms. Five agency directors make up the remaining seats on the board to provide

coordination with existing state resources. A staff of five handles the day-to-day activities of the organization.

The Nebraska Legislature created the Nebraska Environmental Trust in 1992. Using proceeds from the Nebraska Lottery, the Trust has provided more than \$305 million in grants to over 2,200 projects across the state. Anyone – citizens, organizations, communities, farmers, and businesses – may apply for funding from the Trust. Grants are for conservation activities in Nebraska that—protect habitat, protect or improve water, air or soil, and better manage solid waste. The Nebraska Environmental Trust works to preserve, protect, and restore our natural resources for future generations.

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