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Parris Glendening served as Governor of the State of Maryland from 1995 to 2003. While in office, he created the nation's first state-level smart growth policy package. Prior to being elected Governor, he served three terms as elected county executive of Prince George's County, Maryland; a county of 850,000 residents adjacent to Washington D.C. He was elected by his peers to serve as the President of the Maryland Association of Counties (twice), the Chair of the National Association of County Executives (twice), the President of the Council of State Governments, and the Chairman of the National Governors' Association.

Governor Glendening taught political science at the University of Maryland, College Park for 27 years. He is the author of two books, *Controversies of State and Local Political Systems* and *Pragmatic Federalism*. The latter was used in more than 400 universities. He has also authored over 100 articles and conference papers.

Among many awards and recognitions, Governor Glendening most recently was named as an Honorary Member of the American Institute of Architects. He has received both the American Society of Landscape Architects' *Olmsted Award* and Harvard University's *Innovations in American Government Award*. He was twice named "Public Official of the Year" by *Governing Magazine*, the first time as County Executive and the second as Governor, recognizing his nationally acclaimed Smart Growth program. He is the only person to be recognized by *Governing Magazine* for leadership at both levels.

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Born in New York and raised in Florida, Governor Glendening holds a doctorate degree in Government and Politics from Florida State University as well as eight honorary degrees.

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