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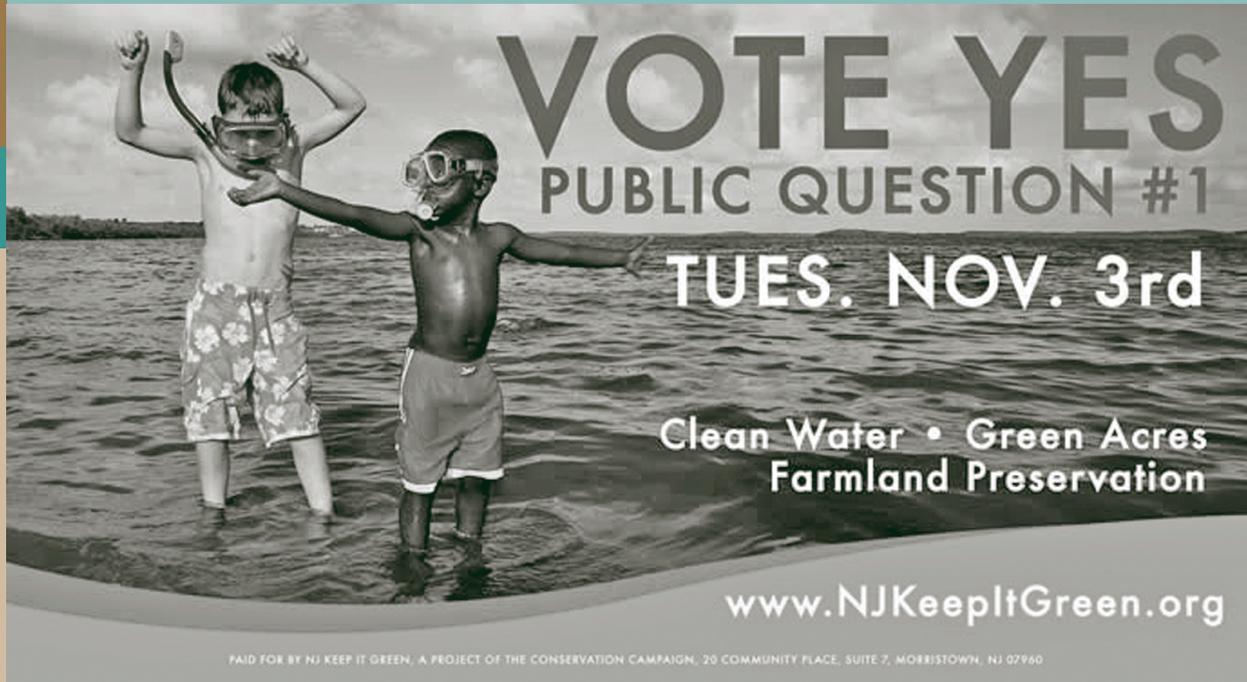
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# INSIDE THE PINELANDS



*Congratulations New Jersey! You Kept It Green!*

## Voters Endorse Open Space Funding – and a New Governor

*by Carleton Montgomery, Executive Director*

For environmentalists, November's election results should be cause for optimism and caution – a reminder that those who care about the environment need to make their voices heard before, during and after the polling.

**Open Space Bond measure:** The bond measure passed, and that is a remarkable statement of the voters' demand for environmental protection, even in such dire economic and fiscal times as these. The voting seems to have been highly bipartisan, with counties that voted for Chris Christie and ones that went for Jon Corzine both supporting the open space measure. The measure passed by a margin of 52% for to 48% against. That's a good margin but, not surprisingly, less decisive than prior votes on open space funding measures. The margin of victory suggests advocates need

to continue making the case anew that open space funding is critical to New Jersey's environmental and economic health.

**Governor-elect Chris Christie:** The election of Chris Christie means there will be change – the question is, will it be for good or ill? Mr. Christie has no significant environmental record to judge from, and the environment did not get much attention from the candidates during the debates and electioneering process. But Mr. Christie did post an environmental platform on his web site during the election, and the positions he took during the race were the basis on which the New Jersey Environmental Federation endorsed his bid for governor. You can find a copy of the Christie environment platform on PPA's web site under <http://www.pinelandsalliance.org/blog/>.

On the other side of the ledger, we also

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# PPA Receives Wave of Hope Award



Pinelands Preservation Alliance received the Wave of Hope Award at WATERSPIRIT's 8th Annual "Joys of the Sea" Gala held at the Stella Mara Retreat Center in September.

The Wave of Hope Award is presented to individuals or organizations that, like WATERSPIRIT, are committed to the preservation and protection of water and its supporting systems. A special consideration is given to recipients who have collaborated with and assisted WATERSPIRIT in this common mission.

According to Suzanne Golas, Director of WATERSPIRIT, "It is especially appropriate that we would honor PPA on this, their twentieth anniversary. PPA, in their tireless efforts to preserve and protect the Pinelands, has made an enormous contribution to the protection of NJ's waters. We at WATERSPIRIT are grateful for PPA's specific support of our work. Rich Bizub has been a faithful and effective member of our Board and an ever available consultant on water issues. Rich and Theresa Lettman have contributed their expertise and experience as presenters and panelists at WATERSPIRIT programs."

WATERSPIRIT is a center committed to informing, inspiring and enabling people to:

- \* Recognize the connection between ecology and spirituality
- \* Appreciate the interdependence and sacredness of all creation



From left: WATERSPIRIT's Suzanne Golas, Rich Bizub and Theresa Lettman

- \* Become more aware of the significance of water and watersheds in the wider context of the story of the Universe and the life of planet Earth
- \* Grow in knowledge of ecological issues related to oceans, rivers, lakes, coastlines and wetlands
- \* Embrace life style changes necessary to protect and preserve creation
- \* Commit to joining efforts with others in confronting ecological issues.

Rich Bizub and Theresa Lettman of Pinelands Preservation Alliance were on hand to receive the award.

# Freezing Frees Them Up

by Russell Juelg, Director for Outreach

There are two types of people in the Pinelands: those who believe there are two types of people in the Pinelands, and those who don't. The former is the correct view. There are indeed two types: those who like winter and those who don't.

Cold weather enthusiasts in the Pinelands casually cite standard evidence to explain their allegiance to the Old Man: ticks, chiggers, and mosquitoes on vacation; skin-searing sun chilling out; Tundra Swans, Fox Sparrows, Red-breasted Nuthatches, and possibly Pine Siskins back in the neighborhood; the cheerful shine of red berries; the magical, snowy landscapes; skiing, skating, etc.

Winter types also employ euphemisms such as "brisk" when their counterparts say, "bitter." They'll say, "invigorating" instead of "deadly cold." Armed with smiles as broad as their shovels, they'll boast of "getting good exercise" while other huff, puff, and pout.

These are the hikers that really tromp around in the wintry Pines, constantly peering about, wading into a thicket to "get a better look" at a Ruby-crowned Kinglet,

making observations that go unheeded by their sluggish, self-hugging, shivering companions. They'll notice a clump of Mistletoe high up in a Red Maple, or a graceful strand of Laurel-leaf Greenbrier in a Cedar Swamp. A huddled rabbit, here. Coyote tracks, there.

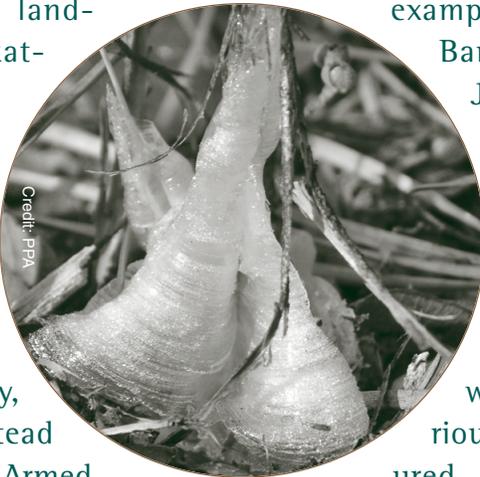
And they side with aesthetes who, after careful investigation, confirm that frost-adorned Pitch Pines are indeed beautiful.

So why are there two types? What's up with the tepid team?

Compared to some other places on the earth, Antarctica, for example, the Pine Barrens of New Jersey never gets particularly cold. And though the daylight period is relatively short in mid-winter, it's luxuriously long measured against places like, say, the Queen Elizabeth Islands.

All we really get in the Pine Barrens, say the winter buffs, is a wonderland of sharp contrast with sultry summer.

They're right, of course.



Credit: BPA

*Ice sculpture created by Frostweed, Helianthemum canadense*

**PINELANDS COMMISSION MEETINGS**

Friday, Dec. 11, 9:30am

Friday, Jan. 15, 9:30am  
*(Tentative)*

**OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

**CALL (609) 894-7300 FOR DETAILS**

**Green Trading Post**

Sunday, December 6  
12:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Shop for "green" gifts for the holidays!

Shop for books, clothing, children's items, photography, etc.

Participating organizations:  
Pinelands Preservation Alliance  
Conserve Wild Foundation of NJ  
NJ Audubon Society  
Whitesbog Preservation Trust  
Woodford Cedar Run Wildlife Refuge

*Profits help support the missions of the various conservation groups participating in this program.*

# Sustainable Jersey: Working for a better New Jersey one community at a time

by Kristy Ranieri, Sustainable Jersey Outreach Coordinator

Going green has been a source of local pride in municipalities across New Jersey for a long time. But increasingly mayors are now riding the green wave to take advantage of the economic and community wellness benefits that result from implementing sustainable programs. A new municipal certification and incentive program, Sustainable Jersey, is a vehicle for municipalities in New Jersey that want to go green, save money, and take steps to sustain their quality of life over the long term.



New Jersey is the first state in the nation to have a sustainability program that links certification with strong state and private financial incentives, and a fully resourced program of technical support and training. The Sustainable Jersey program is now the accepted benchmark for evaluating a municipality's progress.

The 43 actions of the Sustainable Jersey program are ambitious, covering areas such as energy and efficiency, health and wellness, land use and transportation, waste reduction, local economies, natural resources, and diversity and equity,

to name a few. Municipalities have to submit documentation to show that they have achieved the balance of the required actions, meeting the minimum of 100 action points. Out of the 244 towns that have registered for the program, 47 New Jersey municipalities have submitted for Sustainable Jersey certification.

## City of Vineland Wins \$10,000 Sustainable Jersey Grant

A core element of the Sustainable Jersey program is to direct funding and resources to towns to aid them in making progress. In June 2009, Sustainable Jersey awarded \$200,000 to 14 municipalities for sustainable projects funded by Wal-Mart Corporation. For example, the City of Vineland received a grant for installation of a 3.7 kW wind turbine for Landis Sewerage Authority and the City of Somers Point was awarded a grant for construction of three rain gardens.

## Woodbine Borough Wins Sustainability Champion Award

On October 20, 2009, Sustainable Jersey announced four winners of the first-annual Sustainability Champion awards that recognize municipalities that have made the most progress in the Sustainable Jersey program. Woodbine Borough won a Sustainability Champion award in the small municipality category. Woodbine's Rural Sustainability Plan is a bold step forward toward envisioning what sustainability means for rural Pinelands communities. Woodbine's long standing work on community forestry, trails and bike-ways gave the community a good

foundation for their certification application. Sustainability Champion awards also went to Woodbridge Township, Ocean City and the City of Summit.

As Sustainable Jersey reaches the 566 municipalities in New Jersey, these towns provide direct access to inspire and educate residents and businesses about sustainability. If you would like to get involved, there are many ways to participate. Municipalities are urged to register and seek the certification and community members can convince your municipality to enter the program, and then join a green team to help them implement Sustainable Jersey actions.

To learn more about the Sustainable Jersey program visit [www.SustainableJersey.com](http://www.SustainableJersey.com).

## Fairs & Festivals

Saturday, February 6

**Cumberland County Winter Eagle Festival**

*Mauricetown Firehall,  
Noble Street,  
Mauricetown*

8:00am - 4:00pm

**Stop by the PPA exhibit and check out our Pinelands resources, information and gear!**

# Voters Endorse Open Space Funding – and a New Governor

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need to be cautious because Mr. Christie has said he will remove regulatory burdens from business, reform the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), drastically cut the state budget, and place a temporary moratorium on new environmental regulations. In the past, these kinds of statement from politicians have often meant removing environmental rules on construction and disabling state environmental agencies from doing their jobs – favoring one industry at the expense of other social goals and economic sectors that depend on a clean environment.

Only time will tell how Mr. Christie puts these two aspects of his intentions into practice. But the environmental platform provides a good benchmark to use in holding governor Christie to the promises he made as candidate.

Here are some highlights from the Christie election platform on the environment:

1. *“Establish long-term funding source of open space.”* In his platform, Mr. Christie says he will seek a constitutional amendment to dedicate a portion of the sale tax to open space preservation – though he does not say how much. Such a constitutional dedication could improve on the current approach by eliminating the periodic need to take the issue to the voters, and by moving to a pay-as-you-go, as opposed to debt, basis for open space funding.
2. *“Increase the number of acres annually preserved ... especially in the Highlands and Pinelands.”* The specific reference to the Pinelands seems to reflect an understanding that the Pinelands is a region in which environmental protection should be the paramount public policy goal.
3. *“Restor[e]... Barnegat Bay”* by finding “a better way to

*control the nitrogen and phosphorous poisoning of the Barnegat Bay.”* This statement suggests Mr. Christie understands that Barnegat Bay is in trouble, and new approaches are needed to stem the flow of nutrients into the Bay. We need to be cautious, though, because the platform does not suggest the new governor will support the kinds of dramatic new approaches that are really needed. So long as the Bay’s watershed continues to be covered with haphazard, sprawling residential subdivisions, then good measures like fertilizer control rules will be overwhelmed by the added contaminants that come with more lawns, roofs and roads.

4. *“Implement strategies for better cooling systems at Oyster Creek and Salem” nuclear power plants.* It’s good that Mr. Christie sees the need to change Oyster Creek’s current cooling system from relying on cycling Bay water, a system that kills billions of aquatic organisms and heats the water. It seems clear that the only way to improve the system is to move to cooling towers. The platform leaves this question vague and does not commit to forcing the operators to build cooling towers.

5. *“Empower the rank and file” staff at DEP, “remove political considerations” from DEP permitting and regulatory actions, and “improve the scientific basis of regulatory decisions.”* We can certainly point to cases where political pressures led state agencies to make bad decisions for the environment, so providing this kind of leadership for DEP and other agencies could be very positive. But again, this kind of language has sometimes turned out to be code for weakening environmental protections on the grounds the science is not perfect and irrefutable.

**Check out our NEW WEBSITE!**  
**[www.pinelandsalliance.org](http://www.pinelandsalliance.org)**

***New features include:***

Attractive new design / easy to navigate -- Photo/information galleries of plants and animals -- In-depth information on issues and campaigns

**Pinelands Channel** - stunning videos and photo slideshows

***Bookmark our new website and share with friends!***  
***And check out PPA on Facebook - become a Fan!***

## PPA MEMBERandom: Frank Hendrickson

Frank Hendricksen is a Monmouth County resident who is both a member of PPA and a volunteer for our organization.

**PPA:** How long have you been a member of PPA?

**Frank Hendrickson:** I believe I've been a member for approximately 10 years.

**PPA:** What prompted you to become a member?

**FH:** Growing up in central New Jersey I was always aware of the Pine Barrens, and it was always in the back of my mind that it was a place I wanted to visit and learn more about. After spending time learning about this unique ecosystem and the threats that it faced I decided I wanted to do something to help. Since PPA was instrumental in my early exposure to the Pine Barrens, and since I realized the importance of the work they were doing to protect this special place, it really wasn't a hard decision to join. I truly believe that we need to do all we can to preserve the Pine Barrens for future generations to enjoy. Personally speaking, introducing my son to this place and teaching him about it, and watching him enjoy it as much as I have, just reinforces the importance of the work that PPA is doing.

**PPA:** What PPA programs or events have you attended?

**FH:** I have attended more Pinelands Adventures than I can count, as well as many other events PPA has sponsored.

**PPA:** What specific PPA activity (outreach, policy, Adventures, etc.) has really impressed you?

**FH:** Personally, I think the

Pinelands Adventures program stands out. The experiences offered by the many different programs, from land navigation to overnight canoe trips, serve as a great introduction to all that this area offers. The laid back yet educational manner in which these programs are presented is a great way to learn while having fun at the same time.

**PPA:** What has PPA done for you? your family? your town?

**FH:** PPA has been a great source of knowledge for me in my quest to learn more about this unique place. I have also made many friends through the various programs they have offered. When I think of the Pine Barrens I instantly think of PPA. The work that they do is extraordinarily important, and I have no doubt that it would be a very different place without them.

**PPA:** Why would you urge others to join PPA?

**FH:** It's really quite simple.... their protection and oversight of this beautiful place is crucial to it's continued existence. Supporting PPA is supporting the Pinelands.

### 21ST ANNUAL PINELANDS SHORT COURSE

SATURDAY, MARCH 20

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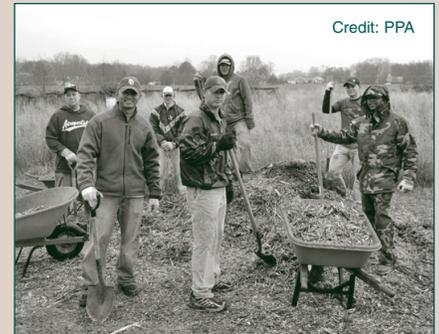
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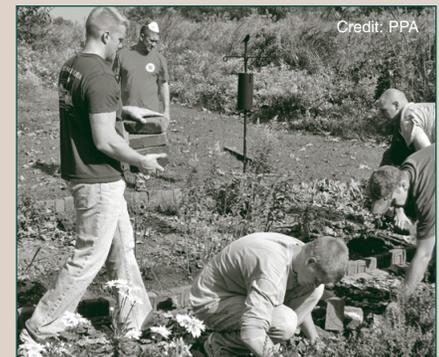
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## Many thanks to all the volunteers who have helped PPA in 2009...



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*Above & two photos below: Volunteers from McGuire Air Force Base helped spruce up the gardens and clean out the barn this year*



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*Volunteer Beth Byrnes has provided valuable assistance to the creation of the South Jersey Rare Plant Workbook*

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## Pinelands Calendar of Events

### December 2009 & January 2010

NOTE: Names, addresses, and phone numbers are provided here for frequently mentioned event sponsors. Please contact the sponsor of the event for full information and details of the event.

Jacques Cousteau National Estuarine Research Reserve (JCNERR) (609) 812-0649, www.jcnerr.org

Outdoor Club of South Jersey (OCSJ). Call leaders to confirm trip. www.ocsj.org

Pinelands Preservation Alliance (PPA) 17 Pemberton Rd., Southampton. (609) 859-8860. www.pinelandsalliance.org. 10% discount on Pinelands Adventures programs to PPA members. Pre-registration required for all PPA programs.

Ocean County Parks (OCP), 1-877-OCPARKS ext. 5940, lobry@co.ocean.nj.us

Pinelands institute for Natural & Environmental Studies (PINES), Burlington County College, Whitesbog Village, (609) 893-1765.

Whitesbog Preservation Trust (W). All events meet at the Whitesbog General Store. Historic Whitesbog, mile marker 13, Rt. 530, Pemberton Township. (609) 893-4646, www.whitesbog.org.

#### Saturday, December 5

##### *Moonlight Walk*

Listen to the night sounds of the Pines, learn about Whitesbog and experience the seasonal changes of the Pinelands. All walks are 3-5 miles in length, weather permitting and led by experienced leaders. 7:00pm. Reservations requested. \$5/person. 609 893-4646. WPT.

##### *Whitesbog Village Tour*

Stroll the Historic Village, learn about Whitesbog's role in history and visit Suningive, Elizabeth White's historic home, the worker's cottages and other buildings that speak to Whitesbog's heritage. \$5/person. 1:00pm. 609 893-4646. WPT.

#### Thursday, December 10

##### *Whitesbog Holiday Village Tour*

Enjoy a slice of rural history enjoy the sights, sounds and smells of the holidays as you walk through the historic village. The village will be decorated for the season, snacks will be featured at each stop on the tour. Shop in the General Store for those unique holiday gifts. 1:00 pm - 3:00 p. 609) 893-1765. PINES.

#### Thursday, December 10

##### *Harrisville Nature/History Walk*

Traveling to Bass River Twp. Pick-up: Parking Lot, Wells Mills County Park, Waretown. 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. FEE: \$6.00 per person. AGE: 9 years - Adult. OCP.

#### Saturday, December 12

##### *Crossley Village Nature Walk*

Traveling to Berkeley Twp. Pick-up: Nature Center Parking Lot, Jakes Branch County Park, Beachwood. 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. FEE: \$6.00 per person. AGE: 9 years - Adult. OCP.

#### Sunday, December 27

##### *Three Trestle Hike*

9-10 miles. Meet at Atsion at 10am. Hike over three wooden bridges to Batsto for lunch. Bring lunch, moderate pace, LP. Return via sand roads and trails. Leaders, Dave and Julie Hegelein, 856-235-8792. OCSJ.

##### *"The Affair at Cedar Bridge"*

Hear the story and watch the reenactment take place across from the Cedar Bridge Tavern in Barnegat, NJ.

#### Wednesday, December 30

##### *Hike to Apple Pie Hill*

8-9 miles, moderate pace. Hike the Batona Trail to/from Carranza. Bring lunch. Meet at 10am at the Carranza Memorial. Because of the school holiday children who can hike this distance are welcome to join us but will require a responsible member adult be present. Leashed pets OK. Leaders: Joe Hummel, 856-235-8817 and Bill Poulson, 856-983-7609. OCSJ.

#### Friday, January 1

##### *New Years Day on the Oswego*

Begin the New Year with the Outdoor Club of South Jersey. Meet at 10am at Lake Oswego and paddle one of the most beautiful Pineland rivers. Tailgate picnic after the paddle - bring something to share! Please contact leaders to confirm trip and your participation. Leaders: George & Leona F, 609-259-3734 or leona@pineypaddlers.com. OCSJ.

##### *New Years Day Hike*

8-9 miles, moderate pace. Start the New Year hiking. Bring lunch and beverage. Meet at 10am at Atsion. Leaders: Christine Denneker, 856-461-5379 and Pat Burton 856-767-8064. OCSJ.

#### Wednesday, January 13

##### *Pinelands Influence on Barnegat Bay*

Join Dr. Dennis Gray of the Rutgers Pineland Field Station as he discusses how atmospheric deposition and Pine Barrens stream inputs influence the Barnegat Bay Ecosystem. He will also give an overview of essential plant nutrients and ecosystem health, and the influence of human caused nutrient enrichment to native plant and animal species. 12:30pm. Register at 609-296-8868. \$2:00 fee. JCN-ERR.

#### Saturday, January 16

##### *Railroad History Van Tour*

Although extinct for 50 years, much still remains of the numerous South Jersey Railroads. We will trace the routes of the Tuckerton, Central of New Jersey, and Pennsylvania Railroads. Pack a lunch, dress for the weather and be prepared for short walks. Traveling to Ocean and Burlington Counties. Pick-up: Parking Lot, Wells Mills County Park, Waretown. 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Fee: \$14.00 per person. Age: 9 years - Adult. OCP.

*If your organization is having an activity you would like to see listed, contact Inside the Pinelands, 17 Pemberton Road, Southampton, NJ 08088; ph: (609) 859-8860; e-mail mikhel@pinelandsalliance.org. Next deadline: Dec.15, 2009.*



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**Membership Categories**

Basic       \$35

Family       \$60

Sponsor       \$100

Patron       \$250

Benefactor       \$500

Chairman's Circle       \$1,000

Other       \_\_\_\_\_

**ALL MEMBERS RECEIVE:**

A PPA membership card  
A year's subscription to Inside the Pinelands  
A PPA window sticker  
Discounts on PPA merchandise and events

A Sponsor will receive an *Exploring the Pine Barrens of New Jersey* map  
A Patron will receive a copy of *The Pine Barrens: Up Close and Natural* DVD  
A Benefactor will receive a Pinelands Botanical Print by Robin Jess  
A member of the Chairman's Circle will receive a personalized tour of the Pinelands

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