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INSIDE THE PINELANDS

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Harrisville Pond

Republicans and Democrats Want the State To Protect the Highlands and Pinelands

by Carleton Montgomery, Executive Director

Bipartisan majorities want New Jersey to protect its Highlands and Pinelands regions according to a public opinion poll which Pinelands Preservation Alliance helped commission. The poll has important lessons for political leaders and advocates for water and land conservation.

For thirty years now, New Jersey has protected the forests and waters of the Pinelands through the Pinelands Comprehensive Management Plan. The Plan sets out a truly regional vision of where development should and should not go for 1.1 million acres, or nearly 25 percent of the state. The key is that local governments, which elsewhere

have free rein over land use controls, must conform their local zoning to this regional plan.

The results, while not perfect, are nevertheless astounding: You can still find hundreds of thousands of acres of intact forest and pristine streams and bogs. You can still find species of plants and animals that are losing ground, or have already been wiped out, everywhere else in their natural range but are flourishing in the Pinelands. Without regional controls over sprawl, we would see subdivisions and malls scattered all over the Pinelands. Instead, intensive development is limited to designated growth

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Hello! My name is Britt McGee and I am the Rancocas Creek Watershed Ambassador for the 2011-2012 session. I recently graduated in May 2011 from the University of Rhode Island with a BS in Marine Biology. I have participated in a good deal of research and education while at URI and while working at the Wetlands Institute in Stone Harbor. I am thrilled to be serving with AmeriCorps and working to protect our watershed. I am based at the offices of the Pinelands Preservation Alliance, and will be working throughout the Rancocas Creek watershed.

As an AmeriCorps Watershed Ambassador I offer free watershed education and training services to community members in the area. My focus is to inform the public of everything from the basics of how water itself works, to non-point source pollution and how it affects our water.

My goal is to give people as much information as possible, hopefully stimulating them to form their own ideas and ultimately to take action to protect our watershed. I am available to do presentations for all ages at schools, festivals, and other locations. I will also be holding volunteer monitor trainings so that community members can become directly involved in monitoring

the streams in their area. If you are interested in setting up a presentation please do not hesitate to contact me.



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and check out our
selection of books, DVDs,
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PPA Member Forum: We Want to Hear from You!

by Becky Free, Director of Philanthropy

On September 24 PPA held the first of what will be a series of discussion forums for PPA members. Our goal is to gather feedback from our members about Pinelands issues and PPA's work to address those issues. This feedback is invaluable to PPA. It will help us make decisions about future programs, improve our communication methods, and help us build a broader base of support for protection of the New Jersey Pinelands.

Thirty-two PPA members participated in this wide-ranging discussion about the value of the New Jersey Pinelands and PPA's work to protect this region. Thank you to everyone who attended and to all those people who shared their thoughts with us via letters, emails and phone calls. Stay tuned for more information about the next forum in spring 2012. The results from this first forum are summarized below.

Many participants care about the Pinelands because they had a personal experience with it. They grew up here, went camping here, came on a trip with a nature club or in some way experienced the environment. Many were moved to support preservation efforts in the Pinelands because they came of age during the environmental movement and the movement to legislate protection for the Pinelands. They heard about it in the paper, read John McPhee's classic book, learned about it in their college classes or were exposed to it through their work with other environmental groups. They have a strong belief that this region is ecologically important and that its existence improves their own quality of life. For many, the Pinelands is a place to go in order to get away from the more hectic or urbanized parts of their lives.

Participants said they are concerned about the future of the Pinelands for a variety of reasons. They are worried about the constant development pressure, concerned about the actions of the Pinelands Commission, concerned about protecting water resources and troubled by the damage done by off-road vehicles. There was great concern about the impact of land development at the edges of the Pinelands boundaries and what that means for the future of the ecosystem. One participant said, "I'm worried about the Pine Barrens because I see what happened in my lifetime to the Barnegat Bay. I fish, I clam, and I crab the Barnegat Bay. It was almost as if overnight it went bad."

When asked why they supported PPA, the sentiment of almost all the participants can be summed up by PPA member Jim Barnshaw, who wrote the following in an email:

Who will speak for the Pine Barrens if not PPA? Who will fight for the preservation of this unique and huge reserve if not PPA? The rich history, valuable aquifer, etc. require that the fight to protect and preserve be done by a professionally staffed organization. It is my impression this is PPA.

Many participants said they see PPA as non-partisan and reliable. Many said they depend on us to follow the complicated issues because they don't have the time or knowledge to do it themselves. Another participant said, "PPA does the kind of things I don't have the time to do. I write my check so they can keep doing this". One participant said, "The better question is *why I keep my membership* and the reason is I recognize that this train would go off the tracks really quickly, from a policy perspective, if you guys weren't there constantly keeping the Commission on task".

There was a great deal of brainstorming done around things that PPA could do to improve its programs and services. They included promoting PPA and the Pinelands to a broader audience, especially in northern New Jersey, making it easier for people to take action on issues, obtaining more corporate support of our efforts, and using more visual images to communicate what PPA does and what is threatening the Pinelands.

Tour de Pines 2011

Thanks to all the riders
who made this year
a great event!



Credit: PPA

Starting at historic Whitesbog Village on the final day of the Tour de Pines



Credit: PPA

Cycling over tidal streams was a highlight of the Friday ride along the Bayshore

Red Berries and Pinelands Birds: A Match Made in Winter

by Amy Karpati, Director for Conservation Science

Winterberry holly (*Ilex verticillata*) is a shrub commonly found in pitch pine lowlands, swamp edges, and along wooded streams in the Pine Barrens. As its name describes, the bright red berries persist on the branches of this shrub throughout the winter, even after the leaves are long gone. The visual effect of the bright red berries against a snowy winter woodland backdrop is undeniably festive, but there is more to this story than meets the eye.

Winterberry holly is not the only woody plant species that has bright red fall or winter fruits. Others include American holly (*Ilex opaca*), chokecherry (*Aronia arbutifolia*), staghorn sumac (*Rhus typhina*) and flowering dogwood (*Cornus florida*). The small, cool-weather fruits of these plants are a critical food source for migratory and overwintering birds. Even birds that primarily eat insects switch their diet to these fruits when temperatures drop and insects become inactive.

The relationship between birds and these berry-producing trees and shrubs is an excellent example of a co-evolved mutualism. The birds need a reliable winter food source, and the plants

need their seeds dispersed to new growing sites. These plants developed a small fruit, with seeds covered by a pulp that is nutritious to birds, facilitating long-distance dispersal. Since red is the most attractive color to birds, the red color of bird-dispersed fruits signals their nutritive value and makes them highly visible. Also, while most mammal-dispersed fruits are high in sugar (we mammals have a sweet tooth!), these bird-



Credit: Bill Lynch

Cedar waxwing

dispersed berries are often high in fat to supply longer-lasting energy to migrating birds in the fall and overwintering birds in the winter. These plants and their bird dispersers are so intimately dependent on one another that the seeds con-

tained within some of these fruits must first pass through a bird's digestive system – where the tough outer seed coating is broken down – before they can germinate.

Planting native fall- and winter-fruiting trees and shrubs in your own yard is an excellent way to increase the wildlife value of your land and to help your feathered friends through a cold and snowy winter. Birds that you might expect to visit your red-berried plantings include dark-eyed juncos, northern mockingbirds, American goldfinches, northern cardinals, tufted titmice and cedar waxwings. Any berries not consumed over the winter are ravaged in early spring by the hungry returning robins.

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Pinelands/Highlands Protection

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zones in established cities and suburbs, mostly around the edges of the region.

The Highlands program is more recent, but is already showing itself to be an essential and effective means of managing growth to protect the water supplies on which six million residents rely every day. Like in the Pinelands, the Highlands Regional Master Plan severely limits development in its core Preservation Area and promotes good planning for growth in the surrounding Planning Area.

Both these programs run counter to the tradition of local, parochial control over development that dominates the rest of the state. So what do people think of them?

The Pinelands Preservation Alliance teamed with New Jersey Future, the Tri-State Transportation Campaign and Smart Growth America to commission the Monmouth Polling Institute to conduct a poll about smart growth issues in New Jersey. The William Penn Foundation funded the poll.

Here are some important results about the Highlands and Pinelands:

- A majority of 55% know “a great deal” or “some” about the Pinelands, while 36% know “a great deal” or “some” about the Highlands. That difference is not surprising given how new the Highlands program is, but it represents a challenge for advocates to spread the word.

- Overwhelming numbers identify protecting clean water (91%) as very important, and strong majorities say protecting farmland and open space (62%) and preserving the state’s remaining forests (67%) are very important. The Highlands and Pinelands programs are all about protecting water and forests.

- Two-thirds (66% and 64%, respectively) of those who have an opinion approve of having a regional commission set growth policies to which municipalities must conform in the Pinelands and Highlands.

- Support for the Highlands and Pinelands programs is completely bipartisan, with equal levels of support from Republicans, Democrats and Independents.

The poll shows that in New Jersey regional conservation and growth planning is a bi-partisan cause, even in today’s exceptionally divisive political culture, because New Jerseyans of all political stripes care about the driving purpose of these regional programs – protecting our water and surviving forests. The results also indicate the public is beginning to understand that preserving forests and having clean and plentiful water are intimately connected, because forests collect and cleanse water for people and the rest of nature – and, uniquely, they do it for free.

Full results of the poll can be found at www.pinelandsalliance.org/poll2011.

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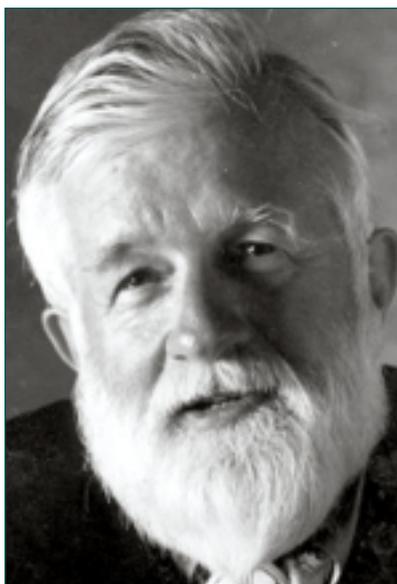
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Remembering Dick Turner

A. Richard “Dick” Turner, 79, renowned art historian and educator, died on September 9, following a battle with cancer. Dick was a much-loved PPA Board member and member of the PPA Education and Outreach Committee.

Dick was born in New Bedford, Massachusetts and received bachelor’s, master of fine arts, and PhD degrees from Princeton University. He was a Fulbright scholar, and held a number of academic appointments during his career. He was an instructor in fine arts at the University of Michigan, professor of art and archaeology at Princeton University, dean of the faculty and professor of fine arts at Middlebury College, and president of Grinnell College. He finished his career at New York University, where he held a number of positions, including director of the Institute of Fine Arts, dean of the faculty of Arts & Sciences, professor of fine arts, director of the New York Institute of Humanities, and the Paulette Goddard professor chair in arts and humanities.



Dick Turner

Dick was a Leonardo da Vinci scholar, an expert on the Florentine Renaissance, and the author of a number of books, including *Vision of Landscape in Renaissance Italy*; *Art of Florence*; *Inventing Leonardo*; *Renaissance Florence: The Invention of a New Art*; and, *La Pietra: Florence, a Family, and a Villa*.

Dick was very active in a number of organizations besides PPA, including serving for many years on the board of directors of the New Jersey Audubon Society. He was also a member of the College Art Association, the Century Association, Phi Beta Kappa, and Princeton Project 55.

Photography and birding were two of Dick’s greatest passions. He honed his skills as an amateur photographer over the years, and was an avid bird watcher and devoted to the Cape May Bird Observatory, where he volunteered countless hours and made many friends.

PPA Board President Dave Moore said, “Dick and I discussed our common religious philosophies on several occasions, and our interest in the ‘search for truth’ that unites most Unitarians. We both had a multi-generational background in the church, and shared knowledge of several notable ministers. As a result, that mutual understanding brought us much closer together than the usual trustee relationship. We will miss Dick’s intellect, philosophy and sense of humor at PPA.”

Dick could always be counted on to push the PPA staff and board members to go the extra mile in all of our efforts, to question our reasoning and motives, and to make us smile along the way.

Give the Pinelands to Someone You Love this Holiday Season

Your gift recipient will receive a special card announcing your present, along with PPA’s informative bi-monthly newsletter for one year, a “*Keeping the Pines In the Pinelands*” window sticker, membership card, discounts on PPA merchandise and programs, and special invitations to events like our annual Preview Native Plant Sale.

A gift membership of \$35 or more entitles your recipient to the brochure *30 Great Places to Visit in the NJ Pinelands*.

A gift membership of \$60 or more entitles your recipient to PPA’s nature film, *The Pine Barrens: Up Close & Natural*. This is the must-see nature film about the Pine Barrens!

You can purchase a gift membership online at www.pinelandsalliance.org, over the phone at (609) 859-8860 ext 12 or ext 21
To ensure delivery before Dec. 25, you must purchase by Dec. 16.

Don’t forget to stop by PPA’s visitor center and browse our selection of classic PPA baseball caps, t-shirts, hoodies, and one of the best collections of books on Pinelands topics.

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Pinelands Calendar of Events

December 2011 & January 2012

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.

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

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

Outdoor Club of South Jersey (OCSJ), www.ocsj.org

Sierra Club-West Jersey Chapter (SC), <http://mysite.verizon.net/vzev1ujt/>

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.

Woodford Cedar Run Wildlife Refuge (WCR), 4 Sawmill Road, Medford, NJ 08055, (856) 983 3329

Ongoing: Every Saturday in December and January at Belleplain State Forest

The Pine Barrens: Up Close and Natural (a film by Pinelands Preservation Alliance) 2pm. FREE.. Belleplain State Forest, Conference Room. ½ hour DVD presentation; ADA accessible. More Information: (609) 861-2404

Thursday, December 8

Hike Wells Mills County Park (Ocean Co)

10am. 5 miles, easy pace. Wells Mills has the distinction of being the largest park in the Ocean County park system with over 900 acres of pine and oak forest within the Pine Barrens. Meet at the Nature Center. Bring lunch and beverage. Leashed dogs are welcome to join us for a "pawsome" adventure. Leaders: George & Leona F 609-259-3734 or Leona@pineypaddlers.com. **SC**.

Saturday, December 10

Moonlight Walk at Whitesbog

7pm. Whitesbog Village. Reservations requested. \$5/person. 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. More Information: 609 893-4646. **W**.

Saturday, December 17

Celebrate the Winter Solstice Early - Wading River (Burlington Co)

10am. It's our pre-solstice celebration trip from Hawkin Bridge to Evans Bridge. Experienced winter Pines paddlers only. Contact leaders to confirm trip. George & Leona F, 609-259-3734 or leona@pineypaddlers.com. **SC**.

Saturday, December 24

Canoe the N. Branch Rancocas Creek (Burlington Co)

10am. A 10-mile Canoe Trail from BCCC to Smithville. Meet at the Vincentown Diner - early for breakfast. Experienced winter Pines paddlers only. Contact leaders to confirm trip participation. George & Leona F, 609-259-3734 or leona@pineypaddlers.com. **SC**.

January 1, 2012 - Happy New Year!

New Years Hike

7-8 miles. Moderate pace. Bring in the New Year with a scenic hike. Bring lunch and beverage. Meet at Atsion office. More Information: (856) 461-5379. **OCSJ**.

Wednesday, January 11

Penn Swamp Hike

10 am. 10-12 Miles at a moderate pace. Bring lunch, beverage and rain gear. Heavy rain or snow will cancel. Leaders: Pat Burton camperpat@hotmail.com (8 5 6) 767-8064. More Information: (856) 767-8064. **OCSJ**.

Saturday, January 14

Batsto to Quaker Bridge Hike

10am. Batsto Visitor Center 4110 Nesco Road, Hammonton. Distance: @12 miles Pace: Moderate. We will hike the yellow trail out to Quaker Bridge. We will hike the Batona and Batsto Lake trails back. A pretty hike with a variety of terrain and views of river and stream. Leader: George

Galcik, (856) 783-8329 georgegalcik@comcast.net More Information: (856) 783-8329. **OCSJ**

Sunday, January 15

Nature's Structures

1:30pm, 4 Sawmill Road, Medford, NJ. Beavers build dams and birds build nests. Join our naturalist and explore the variety of structures found in nature and discover how work the way they do. After you see how the animals do it you can try your hand at building your own and see if holds up as the animal's structures do. Cost is \$5/adult, \$3/child (age 4 and up), children under 4 and members free. More Information: Erin, 856-983-3329 x103. **WCR**.

Walk to Martha and Beyond

9am. Meet at Harrisville Pond on Route 679 east of Route 563 .10-12 miles of moderate paced walking along old sand roads and trails. We will see the site of Martha Furnace and Pond, the remains of an old cabin, and lunch at an overlook on the bank of the Oswego River. More Information: (908) 692-5765. **OCSJ**.

Wednesday, January 25

Two Rivers Hike

10 am. Meet at Batsto Village

Hike 10 miles moderate pace. We'll hike up the Batsto then down the Mullica. Hope to see Tundra Swans, a dusting of snow would make this very pretty. Bring lunch and beverage. Check web page for cancellation if weather is bad. Visitor Center parking at Batsto Village. More Information: (856) 767-8064 **OCSJ**.

Tuesday, January 31

Rainbow Trail Hike at Bass River SF

9:30 am. Meet at Bass River State Forest, 762 Stage Rd, Tuckerton. 8 miles moderate pace. We will hike several trail and roads through the park. We will have some great view of the parkway and some very quiet areas. In parking lot in front of the office. Lunch is near end of hike so bring a snack for the trail Leader: Toni (6 0 9) 652-0112. **OCSJ**.

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 mikeh@pinelandsalliance.org. Next deadline: January 15, 2012.



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