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Barnegat Bay

Building and Rebuilding After Hurricane Sandy: Time for Low Impact Development

by Carleton Montgomery, Executive Director and Jaclyn Rhoads, Director for Conservation Policy

After a tragedy, everyone is ready to take action. It is great to hear and see so many people responding to help Hurricane Sandy victims and the many communities hit by the Superstorm. Before rebuilding, it is important to reflect on the lessons learned and also how to build better to reduce future hazards as well as environmental impacts in a region that has experienced significant water quality deterioration over the years.

Pinelands Preservation Alliance has just published a guide to Low-Impact Development construction methods that bring real benefits to making developed land more resilient, reducing harm to water quality – and even saving money. While the guide was in the works months before Sandy came along, the storm makes the time especially ripe for its recommendations. Ocean County was hit hard by Sandy, but long before the storm Barnegat Bay was already suffering the devastation caused by too many nutrients flowing into the Bay, unnatural rates of algae growth and jellyfish explosions, and the virtual extinction of the Bay's keystone hard shell species. An area that was once rich in aquatic life is being killed by excessive and insensitive development of the watershed.

A direct consequence of development is an increase in the volume and rate of stormwater runoff from impervious cover, such as roofs and roads. And with the stormwater come pollutants.

Development can be designed in a fashion to limit impervious cover and most of the water quality and supply ailments that accompany it. Low-Impact Development (LID) includes a suite of strategies that work with, rather than

Inside The Pinelands

Friends of the Black Run Preserve: A Success Story of Citizen Engagement

by John Volpa, Friends of Black Run Preserve and Amy Karpati, Pinelands Preservation Alliance

In this most densely populated, largely developed State of New Jersey, protecting what's left of our natural areas for resource conservation, ecosystem service provisioning, habitat protection and recreation is a very important mission. Though several New Jersey environmental groups work towards the acquisition and preservation of these natural spaces, such efforts would be in vain without the support and active participation of local citizens who care about land and ecosystem conservation.

One of the best continuing examples of citizen involvement is that of the 1300 acre Black Run Preserve in Evesham Township. Named for two pristine streams flowing into the southwest branch of the Rancocas Creek, the Black Run Preserve delights all who visit it. An array of Pinelands plant and animal species calls the wetlands, uplands, meadows, forests, and sand trails home. Despite these wonderful attributes, the Preserve is threatened by irresponsible off-road vehicle use, trash dumping, and the potential for significant development in the headwaters of its pristine Pine Barrens stream system which could degrade the quality of both water and habitat.

For four years, PPA and Evesham Township Environmental Commissioner John Volpa have worked to educate local teachers, students and residents about the ecological and recreational value of the Black Run Preserve. A series of school field trips, stewardship projects, and public hikes in the Black Run Preserve slowly built up an awareness of its beauty, potential, and need for care. Although Evesham Township acquired the land as open space in 2003, it has not been until recently that local citizens have become involved in advancing active stewardship of the Preserve. Partnerships between Evesham Township, PPA, the Rancocas Conservancy, and the Marlton store of the outdoor retailer REI, Inc. led to the formation of the Friends of the Black Run Preserve group last May. Drawing upon the local citizens who attended PPA sponsored hikes, presentations, or stewardship events, a nucleus of concerned citizens emerged to create the Friends group.

Recently, Evesham Township provided the first infrastructure improvement to the Preserve - a bridge leading into a trail network we hope will become available to people of all ages to enjoy the soothing beauty of the Black Run Preserve. Other goals the Friends group aims to accomplish this year include achieving official status as a non-profit organization, the formation of committees to help with grant research, advocacy, planning, education. and stewardship. and infrastructure improvements such as a parking area, gates to protect against intrusion by motorized vehicles, and trail signs.

Visit www.blackrun.org or the Black Run Preserve Facebook page for regular meeting dates of the Friends of the Black Run Preserve and to learn how you can become involved in making the Black Run Preserve Evesham's "Gateway to the Pinelands." Land preservation and natural resource conservation are not possible without the engagement of local citizens who want to keep beautiful and valuable landscapes like the Black Run Preserve available to generations to come.

For more information about visiting or volunteering at the Black Run Preserve contact Amy Karpati, Director of Conservation Science at 609-859-8860 x 23 or amy@pinelandsalliance.org.

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Celebrating Pinelands Heroes

by Becky Free, Director of Membership & Communications

Over 140 people gathered on November 10th at the Lakeside Clubhouse in Medford to honor the 2012 Pine Barrens Hall of Fame inductees, Ted Gordon and Jeanne Woodford. The Preservation Pinelands Alliance sponsors the Pine Barrens Hall of Fame to honor those individuals in the fields of science, policy, education and activism who have played a significant role in preserving and protecting the Pinelands. Previous Pine Barrens Hall of Fame honorees include author Howard Boyd, Governors Brendan Byrne and Jim Florio, citizen activists Elmer Rowley, Janet Jackson-Gould and Nan Hunter Walnut.

The 2012 Hall of Fame induction ceremony took place during the

Pinelands Preservation Alliance's Celebrating Pinelands Heroes event; a fun evening with food, music, local beer from Flying Fish Brewing Company and local wine from Heritage Vineyards and Winery. Music was provided by Tony Femiano's Jazz Doc & Friends. PPA also held a silent auction featuring exclusive Pinelands experiences like an aerial tour of the Pinelands, 18 holes of golf and dinner at Renault Winery Resort & Golf and much more.

We couldn't hold an event like this without the generous support of the following businesses and organizations. Thank you to Flying Fish Brewing Company, FusionSpark Media, Imogen Design, Dr. Michael Gallaway, New Jersey Conservation Foundation, Pinelands Nursery & Supply, Plexus Publishing, Inc. (founding sponsor), and Woodford Cedar Run Wildlife Refuge. We would also like to thank event co-chairs Barbara Solem and Janet Jackson-Gould whose vision made this event happen and Jenny Bryans for lending her artistic talents. It was a real privilege to honor two who have made people such extraordinary contributions to the protection of New Jersey's Pinelands. Ted and Jeanne both spoke about how they were affected by the flora and fauna and history of the Pine Barrens. Each received a bronze statue of a Pine Barrens Tree Frog handcrafted by Turner Sculpture on the eastern shore of Virginia.

Jeanne Woodford

Jeanne and her mother, Elizabeth "Betty" Woodford, began rehabilitating wildlife when a baby great horned owl was dropped off at their Medford home. It wasn't long before the Woodford's kitchen turned into a wildlife hospital that eventually became Woodford Cedar Run Wildlife Refuge. After her mother's death Jeanne took over management of the Refuge and in 1997 she was able to permanently preserve the 170 acres of prime Pine Barrens habitat where the Refuge resides. Janet Jackson-Gould, a former director of Cedar Run said, "Throughout her lifetime



Jeanne has demonstrated a deep and active commitment to the environment, which culminated in the preservation of Cedar Run through the New Jersey Green Acres program. In doing so she made a financial sacrifice, but gave a gift to everyone else by saving her family's Pine Barrens property from development." Today the Refuge is the largest wildlife rehabilitation center in the region caring for nearly 4,000 injured or abandoned wild animals and their Education Center provides environmental education to over 20,000 children and adults each year.

Ted Gordon

A graduate of Rutgers University and a past president of the Philadelphia Botanical Society (1988–2000), Ted Gordon is a leading authority on the habitats and flora of the New Jersey Pine Barrens. Ted has more than 35 years experience in botanical studies, including contributions to major plant studies of endangered species in the Pinelands. Ted conducts rare species surveys and research, monitors habitats, and designs management plans for the conservation and enhancement of rare plants. Since 1990, Ted has been an instructor in the Rutgers University



Short Course, teaching wetland plant species identification to professional consultants. After chairing the Forestry Advisory Committee of the Pinelands Commission for ten years, Ted served as a Pinelands Commissioner from 1999 to 2002. Ted has educated thousands of people with his lectures and field trips. It has been said that Ted Gordon knows more about the New Jersey Pine Barrens than any other living individual – a view held by, among others, the late Howard Boyd, author of *A Field Guide to the Pine Barrens of New Jersey*.

Time for Low Impact Development

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against, the natural resources and environmental constraints of a site. Preserving the native soils, topography and vegetation on a development site, reducing impervious surfaces, and dispersing stormwater to facilitate recharge are all LID methods that help protect water quality, avoid flooding, and save on construction costs. Designing with nature is the underlying theme of LID which not only helps to limit water quality pollutants but also makes communities more resilient to storms.

PPA and the engineers at Princeton Hydro developed A Guide to Low-Impact Development in the Barnegat Bay Watershed to help educate residents, planners, developers, local officials, and engineers about the low impact development strategies best utilized within the Barnegat Bay Watershed. Thanks to funding from the Barnegat Bay Partnership and graphics from Ocean County College, the guide was created and copies are being distributed for free throughout Ocean County. While the quide was created with a Barnegat Bay watershed focus, its ideas are equally applicable throughout southern New Jersey.

The LID guide comes at a time when residents and municipalities in Ocean County and elsewhere along the Shore are considering next steps for rebuilding after Hurricane Sandy. It is critical to think about the measures that will create resilient and low-impact communities. The LID guide brings to light the importance of site-planning and design in creating a development, large or small, that can retain stormwater on a site without flooding a property and treat the pollutants that are damaging the watershed that provides water, resources, and tourism dollars to the region. and an electronic version is available on PPA's website. PPA is offering free presentations and workshops to municipalities, planners, developers, local officials, and engineers who want to learn more about the guide and the strategies promoted. To find out dates for a scheduled workshop or to request a presentation, please contact Jaclyn Rhoads at PPA – 609-859-8860 ext. 18 or Jaclyn@pinelandsalliance.org.

Low Impact Development Presentation

Tue., Feb. 26th, 7pm at PPA Headquarters

Dr. Stephen Souza, President of Princeton Hydro will present about low impact development (LID) techniques. Great presentation for planners, engineers, planning/zoning boards and environmental commissions.

Participants receive a Barnegat Bay LID guide developed by Princeton Hydro and PPA.

FREE but registration is required. Contact Tom at 609-859-8860 ext. 14 or tomdunn@pinelandsalliance.org

The Pine Barrens: the Past, the Politics, and the Future

Sunday March 3rd, 2pm Princeton University - McCosh 50

A conversation with Governor Brendan Byrne, *The Pine Barrens* author John McPhee, Michele Byers of the New Jersey Conservation Foundation, Carleton Montgomery of the Pinelands Preservation Alliance, and others.

Free and Open to the Public

Sponsored by Morven Museum & Garden of Princeton www.morven.org

FAIRS & FESTIVALS

February 9th **Cumberland County Winter Eagle Festival** *Mauricetown Fire Hall*

Stop by the PPA table!



Lines on the Pines Sunday, March 10th Frog Rock Country Club, Hammonton

Open to the public for free from 11:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Enjoy a wonderful day meeting Pine Barrens authors, artists and artisans! Over fifty talented Pine Barrens People will be on hand to sign their books, display their artwork or craft, play their music and in general, share their love of the Pine Barrens!

For more information visit www.linesonthepines.org or call 609-561-1665

Copies of the guide are available for free,

Pemberton Township Residents in Action

by Pinelands Preservation Alliance staff

In August 2012 a concerned resident alerted PPA staff that asphalt millings were being dumped along a wide stretch of road in Pemberton Township in Burlington County and spread a full mile along the shoulder, partially covering the vegetation, knocking down trees and encroaching upon wetlands. Loose millings were also placed on top of a scenic sand road that runs through one of the most pristine parts of the Pinelands Preservation Area – the most treasured conservation zone in the Pinelands. To see pictures visit our website www.pinelandsalliance.org.

Asphalt milling is the process of grinding up old asphalt so that it can be recycled. The full recycling process results in a product that can be safely used to pave roads. Since millings contain a high concentration of potential cancer-causing compounds that can have serious environmental and human impacts, a binder must be used to ensure particles do not travel offsite via air or water. The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection issued a guidance document about the use of these millings which points out that if they are not stabilized, they could "significantly migrate. . . and potentially contaminate surrounding soils and/or surface water sediments." The millings applied along the Pemberton roadside were unprocessed and not stabilized.

We took action immediately. With the information we obtained from nearby residents we documented the situation and submitted proof of the violation to the Pinelands Commission, the state agency in charge of protecting the Pinelands. We appeared before the Township Council to be sure the elected leadership was aware of the situation.

PPA and the residents believe these roadside activities are not permitted by the Pinelands Comprehensive Management Plan, and potentially violate NJ Department of Environmental Protection Solid Waste regulations. Furthermore, our investigation revealed that Township officials were planning to apply the rest of the millings to other sand roads in the Township – threatening water quality, the health of their residents and the scenic beauty of Pinelands roadsides. We notified local residents and many are pressuring the Township to fix this situation.

Since PPA and local residents became involved, the Pinelands Commission issued a letter Pemberton Township on November 15th stating that the use of asphalt millings in this way is a prohibited activity. The Township must either remove the millings or amend them such that they are consistent with the DEP's rules.

This story illustrates how important it is to pay attention to what is happening in your community. PPA's involvement in this issue began when we received an anonymous call from a concerned resident. If you see something happening in your Pinelands community, call us at 609-859-8860. As Howard Boyd, author of *A Field Guide to the Pine Barrens of New Jersey*, once said, "In the final analysis, it is the citizens who will decide the ultimate fate of the Pine Barrens."

PINELANDS WATCH NETWORK

Want to keep up to date on important issues and engage with local planners and officials to advocate for Pinelands protections?

Sign up for the *Pinelands Watch Newsletter*.

<u>Contact Theresa to sign up</u>: (609) 859 - 8860 x 24 theresa@pinelandsalliance.org

What is the **Pinelands Commission?**

The **Pinelands Commission** is an independent state agency overseen by a 15-member board of unpaid Commissioners. Seven members are appointed by the Governor of New Jersey, and confirmed by the state Senate; one member is appointed by each of the seven Pinelands counties; and one member is appointed by the U.S. Secretary of the Interior.

Their regular monthly meetings are open to the public and <u>they</u> <u>need to see and hear from you</u>. There is always time for general public comments on the agenda.

Upcoming Meetings:

Fri., March 8th, 9:30 am Fri., April 12th, 9:30 am

Contact Information:

New Jersey Pinelands Commission

P.O. Box 359 15 Springfield Road New Lisbon, NJ 08064 Ph: (609) 894-7300 www.state.nj.us/pinelands

Get Commission Email Alerts:

E-mail info@njpines.state.nj.us and ask to be included on *Pinelands News and Events Alerts*. Include your name.

You Can Change the World!

by Renee Koubiadis, Assistant State Director for The Citizens Campaign

Margaret Mead said it only takes a handful of committed citizens to change the world. The Citizens Campaign is proving this true each and every day. For more than 10 years, The Citizens Campaign has been educating and empowering New Jersey citizens to make our government and communities work better and cost less.

Through its innovative civic education program, The Citizens Campaign has taught thousands of New Jersey residents how they can get results on issues they care about—issues like increasing local sustainability, reducing property taxes, or reforming local government. The Citizens Campaign is so successful because we partner with a broad range of New Jersey groups who share our mission to improve New Jersey.

This summer The Citizens Campaign partnered with the Pinelands Preservation Alliance (PPA) to teach members to be more effective in navigating local government to get real results. We co-hosted a four part "Paths to Power" series with PPA which included: Citizen Legislator, Citizen Journalist, Appointed Office, and Political Party Leadership.

This series traveled across South Jersey, from Barnegat to Galloway to Pemberton to Medford, empowering a broad range of residents. Graduates of Citizens Campaign's trainings have gone on to present and gain adoption of significant local laws, gain appointment to local boards or commissions, start blogs, take leadership roles in their local party, or even gone on to serve in elected office.

Each time we partner with a group we tailor our presentation to their members' needs. For the Pinelands

Preservation Alliance, we honed in on how to advance environmental protections, either through public policy advocacy or through taking a leadership role. And anyone who completes one of The Citizens Campaign trainings - either at one of the public forums or through our online environmental classes - will be able to request a free coach from The Citizens Campaign. For those PPA members who are already active in their communities, feel free to visit The Citizens Campaign's website to learn how you can become a coach and mentor other PPA members or interested citizens.

Visit www.thecitizenscampaign.org to get the tools and trainings you need to get results in your community. Our website offers several user-friendly, short online classes; webinars; and downloadable tools like *The Citizens Manual* which is your how-to-guide on local government and politics.

The Citizens Campaign makes all of its training and coaching free, with the hopes that graduates "pay it forward" and empower their fellow friends and community members.

For more information contact Renee Koubiadis at (732) 548-9798 x 9 or email renee@thecitizenscampaign.org. If your town is interested in hosting a joint program with the Pinelands Preservation Alliance and The Citizens Campaign please contact Jaclyn Rhoads at 609-859-8860 ext. 18 or by email at Jaclyn@pinelandsalliance.org.

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The Pine Barrens at First Light

by Ernest Cozens

Art Opening April 7th, Noon to 4pm at PPA Headquarters

Come see the stunning photography of Ernest Cozens. His transfixing images of the Pine Barrens and Jersey Shore are framed by hand using re-claimed wood.

Visit **www.photoutback.com** to see Mr. Cozens' work.

Live music by The Ongs Hat Band www.ongshatmusic.com

Art will be available for purchase from April 7th till June.

Annual Native Plant Sale

April 27th, 11am – 3pm at PPA Headquarters

Our biggest sale yet with thousands of plants native to the Pinelands & South Jersey!

Trees, shrubs, vines, grasses, ferns and wildflowers at prices between \$2.50 for plugs and \$18.00 for specialty shrubs

Members Only Pre-Sale

Friday, April 26th 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm

Must be a current PPA member (or become one that day) to attend!

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Pinelands Calendar of Events

February & March 2013

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. Preregistration 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

Sunday, February 17

Hike at Allaire State Park - SC

10am, 5 miles at easy pace. After hike tour historic village an shop the general store. Bring lunch and beverage. Leashed dogs welcome. Meet in village parking lot. Email Leona@pineypaddlers.com

Leaders: George & Leona F. | 609-259-3734

Predator Adaptations - WCR

1:30pm, Woodford Cedar Run Wildlife Refuge. Predators have specialized traits that make them excellent hunters. From super hearing to super sight, explore some of these adaptations with the help of some of our resident animals. Cost is \$5 per adult, \$3 per child (age 4 and up), children under 4 and members free.

Erin | 856-983-3329 x 103

Saturday, February 23

Dr. Still Educational Symposium

9am, Medford Leas Theater, One Medford Leas Way, Medford NJ

Hear the extraordinary stories of Dr. James Still, "Black Doctor of the Pines", his brother William Still, Abolitionist and Conductor of the Underground Railroad, and his daughter, Dr. Caroline Still, one of the first African-American physicians in Pennsylvania. Learn how their stories continue to shape the American experience. Registration required. Fee of \$20 includes material and lunch. More information at www.medfordhistory.org or email DrStillProject@comcast.net.

Winter Botany in the Pine Barrens

9am: PPA, 17 Pemberton Road, Southampton, NJ 08088

In the growing season, we focus on blossoms and leaves. In the winter, we switch our attention to fruits, seeds, twigs, and buds. Meet at the PPA for an indoor workshop and then we'll go to the Franklin Parker Preserve for some field studies. Cost: \$20. Register online or call 609-859-8860 x14 or email tomdunn@pinelandsalliance.org

Tuesday, February 26

Low Impact Development Talk

7 pm: PPA, 17 Pemberton Road, Southampton, NJ 08088

Dr. Stephen Souza, President of Princeton Hydro will present about low impact development (LID) techniques - a suite of design and construction methods that reduce the environmental impacts of development Useful for planners, engineers and planning/zoning boards, environmental commissions. You get a free Barnegat Bay LID guide developed by Princeton Hydro and PPA. Registration required - 609-859-8860 x14 or tomdunn@pinelandsalliance.org

Sunday, March 3

Canoe/Kayak Great Egg Harbor River - SC

10 am. Paddle 9 miles from Penny Pot to Weymouth Furnace. Meet at Harley Dawn Diner, Black Horse Pike/Rte 322. Arrive early for breakfast! Experienced winter Pines paddlers only. Contact leaders to confirm trip. George & Leona F, 609-259-3734 or leona@pineypaddlers.com

Saturday, March 9

From Flora to Fire: The Ecological Story of the New Jersey Pine Barrens

11am Medford Leas Theater, One Medford Leas Way, Medford NJ

Residents of New Jersey are often surprised to discover that the New

Jersey Pine Barrens – a 1.1 million acre landscape of cedar bogs, pine forests, rivers, and hiking trails – covers more than 20% of the state. Amy Karpati, Director of Conservation Science at Pinelands Preservation Alliance, will take us on a virtual tour to learn about its rare species, carnivorous plants, and its dependence on fire.

Wednesday, March 13

Native American Indian and Pre Historic Inhabitants of South Jersey

7:30 pm. Join Richard Regensburg, archaeologist and historian for this program. The Township of Hamilton Historical Society invites you to attend their free 2013 guest speaker series. Programs are held in Fellowship Hall of the Presbyterian Church at 6001 Main St, Mays Landing, NJ 08330.

Saturday, March 16

Hike Apple Pie Hill Pine Barrens-SC

Hike at a moderate pace, approximately, 8 miles past Tea Time Hill to Apple Pie Hill. Meet at Carranza Memorial with lunch. Experienced hikers only. Pre-register with the leaders no later than the Friday prior to the hike. Leaders: Beth, 609-533-1335, bethcompagnucci@gmail.com and Paul Foged 732-996-1406, hikerpaul@verizon.net

Saturday, March 23

24th Annual Pinelands Short Course

8-4 pm: Held at Burlington County College, 601 Pemberton Browns Mill Rd, Pemberton NJ, 08068. Sponsored by the NJ Pinelands Commission and Burlington County College PINES Program.

Presentations, field trips and bus tours about the Pine Barrens.

New Workshop! PPA's own Director of Conservation Science, Dr. Amy Karpati will present *Protecting the Pinelands: Current Conservation Issues in the Pines*. Fee: \$35/adults. There are student and senior rates. Call 609-893-1765 for information or visit: www.statenjus/pinelands/about/events/

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 becky@pinelandsalliance.org. Next deadline: March 15, 2013.

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