



SUPPORT REPEAL OF THE FAST TRACK ACT (AKA EZ PASS FOR POLLUTERS)



Jaclyn Rhoads, PPA staff, gave an update on the Fast Track Law at the Burlington County Town meeting.

by Jaclyn Rhoads

The Fast Track Act - also known as the "EZ Pass for Polluters" was signed into law almost a year ago in June 2004. The following events have occurred since that time:

- July/August 2004** Save New Jersey Coalition formed.
- August 2004** Governor James McGreevey formerly announced his resignation.
- November 2004** Gov. McGreevey issued Executive

Order to allow for public comment on pre-proposal of Fast Track program for qualification and registration of professionals and rules implementing the other provisions of the law.

- November 2004** Senate President Richard Codey stepped into Acting Governor role.
- December 2005** Fast Track Repeal Bill introduced.
- March 2005** 58 co-sponsors signed on the Fast Track Repeal Bill.
- April 2005** Prime sponsors of Fast Track Repeal Bill call on Acting Governor Codey to put the bill on the floor of the Senate for discussion and voting.

The residents of New Jersey and the Save NJ Coalition have come a long way since this terrible legislation passed in June, but unfortunately time is running out. The law could go into effect any time after June 30th, yet Acting Gov/Senate President Codey will not put the repeal bill up for a vote. With 58 co-sponsors of the bill, only one Assembly person from Burlington County has signed on to the repeal bill: Assemblyman Herb Conaway, District 7. Assemblyman Conaway recently expressed his concerns about the Fast Track Act and his support of the repeal bill on April 11, 2005 at the Burlington County Fast Track Town Meeting. Although there is a majority of support by the Legislature in total, further support by the South Jersey Legislatures could ensure victory if the bill is called out of committee for a vote.

We need your help in getting a repeal or another moratorium on the rules of the legislation until a new Governor is appointed in November 2005.

The following tables list the co-sponsors of the repeal

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bill and their district for each county and the legislators that did not endorse the fast track legislation. Remember, all Assembly members are up for re-election in November. Find out how your representative voted below!

What can you do?

- Contact your Legislative Representatives in your district and ask them to support the Repeal Bill. You can contact PPA or check the Legislative web site at www.njleg.state.nj.us if you want to find out your district.

- Call or write Governor Codey asking him to bring the Repeal Bill to the Senate for a vote.

- Attend a local town hall or press conference where you can express to the press and your local elected officials and legislators your support for Fast Track repeal. Watch the local newspapers, the Save NJ website - www.savenj.net, and/or contact PPA at 609-859-8860 Ext 18.

- Write a letter to the editor expressing your support and/or ask your legislators or local officials to do so as well.

- **SPREAD THE WORD!**

FAST TRACK REPEAL BILL SPONSORS A3650/S2157	
SENATE	
Leonard Lance – District 23	Nia Gill – District 34
Shirley Turner – District 15	Byron Baer District 37
Ellen Karcher – District 12	Robert Singer – District 30
Thomas Kean – District 21	Sharpe James – District 29
Robert Martin – District 26	Joseph Palaia – District 11
Andrew Ciesla – District 10	Joseph Vitale – District 19
Leonard Connors – District 9	Barbara Buono – District 18
ASSEMBLY	
Robert Lewis Morgan – District 12	Bonnie Watson Coleman – District 15
John Rooney – District 39	Nellie Pou – District 35
Michael Panter – District 12	Upendra Chivukula – District 17
Bill Baroni – District 14	David Wolfe – District 10
Scan Kean – District 11	James Holzappel – District 10
Louis Manzo – District 31	Charlotte Vandervalk – District 39
Reed Gusciora – District 15	Michael Doherty – District 23
Christopher Bateman – District 16	Loretta Weinberg – District 37
Steve Corodemus – District 11	Gordon Johnson – District 37
Peter Biondi – District 16	Joseph Vas – District 19
Linda Greenstein – District 14	Anthony Chiappone – District 31
John Bramnick – District 21	Mims Hackett – District 27
Kevin O'Toole – District 40	Alfred Steele – District 35
David Russo – District 40	Robert Gordon – District 38
Herb Conaway – District 7	Joan Voss – District 38
Brian Rumpf – District 9	Frederick Sculera – District 36
Christopher Connors – District 9	Joseph Malone – District 30
Joseph Azzolina – District 13	Linda Stender – District 22
Eric Munoz – District 21	Patrick Diegnan – District 18
Richard Merkt – District 25	Peter Eagler – District 34
William Payne – District 29	
Craig Stanley – District 28	
Nilsa Cruz-Perez – District 5	
Sheila Oliver – District 34	

The following Legislators DID NOT VOTE for the Fast Track Law in June 2004.

SENATE		
NO		ABSTAIN
Buono – 18 th District		Connors – 9 th District
Gill – 34 th District		Kean – 21 st District
Turner – 15 th District		Lance – 23 rd District
Karcher – 12 th District		McNamara – 40 th District
Palaia – 11 th District		Singer – 30 th District
Ciesla – 10 th District		
ASSEMBLY		
NO		ABSTAIN
Azzolina – 13 th District	Manzo – 31 st District	Conaway – 7 th District
Baroni – 14 th District	Merkt – 25 th District	Gregg – 24 th District
Bateman – 16 th District	Morgan – 12 th District	
Biondi – 16 th District	Munoz – 21 st District	
Bramnick – 21 st District	Myers – 23 rd District	
Chiappone – 31 st District	O'Toole – 40 th District	NOT VOTING
Connors – 7 th District	Panter – 12 th District	Caraballo – 29 th District
Corodemus – 11 th District	Rooney – 39 th District	Cruz-Perez – 5 th District
Doherty – 23 rd District	Rumpf – 9 th District	Egan – 17 th District
Gibson – 1 st District	Russo – 40 th District	Greenstein – 14 th District
Gusciora – 15 th District	Vancervalk – 39 th District	Watson-Coleman – 15 th District
Holzappel – 10 th District	Wolfe – 10 th District	Weinberg – 37 th District

PINELANDS COMMISSION 2005 MEETING SCHEDULE

Friday, May 13, 2005 (9:30 a.m.)

Friday, June 10, 2005 (9:30 a.m.)

Friday, July 8, 2005 (9:30 a.m.)

Friday, August 12, 2005 (9:30 a.m.)

Friday, September 9, 2005 (9:30 a.m.)

Friday, October 14, 2005 (9:30 a.m.)

Thursday, November 10, 2005 (7:00 p.m.)

Friday, December 9, 2005 (9:30 a.m.)

Pinelands Commission Meetings are open to the public. For meeting location call the Commission at 609-894-7300

Regulation Update

Critical Habitat Protection Rule

The New Jersey Endangered and Non-Game Species Conservation Act (ENSCA) was enacted in 1973, which made it illegal to kill endangered wildlife throughout the state of New Jersey. Since this time, rules have not been adopted to protect the habitat of endangered animals. The Acting Governor Richard Codey now has the opportunity to adopt rules that are now sitting on his desk from DEP.

You can help get these rules adopted by:

- Contacting Governor Codey,
- Contacting your local newspaper, and
- By telling others how they can help.

Additional information can be found at:

<http://www.njaudubon.org/Conservation/HabProRule.html>
or feel free to contact PPA at
jaclyn@pinelandsalliance.org or



Photo courtesy Robert Zappalorti, Herpetological Associates

Northern Pine Snake *Pituophis melanoleucus*

State Status : **THREATENED**

State Rank: S3 Global Rank G4T4

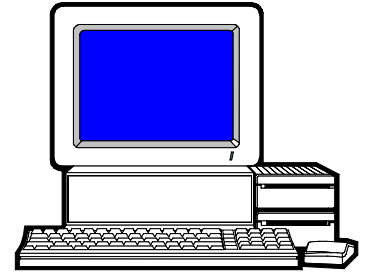
Length: 48-66 in

Habitat: Dry pitch pine/oak areas.

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NEW JERSEY CONSERVATION FOUNDATION

www.njconservation.org

SIERRA CLUB, NEW JERSEY CHAPTER

www.sierraactivist.org

THE NATURE CONSERVANCY

www.nature.org/newjersey

THE FORKED RIVER MOUNTAIN COALITION

www.frmc.org

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

www.lwv.org

GARDEN STATE ENVIRONET

www.gsenet.org

ASSOCIATION OF NEW JERSEY ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSIONS

www.anjec.org

NEW JERSEY ENVIRONMENTAL FEDERATION

www.cleanwateraction.org/njef

SAVE BARNEGAT BAY

www.savebarnegatbay.org

ALLIANCE FOR LIVING OCEAN

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