



PINELANDS PRESERVATION ALLIANCE LAUNCHES OFF-ROAD VEHICLE CAMPAIGN

The Pinelands Preservation Alliance (PPA) is launching a campaign to raise awareness and educate the public about the disastrous effects of off-road vehicle (ORV) use in the Pinelands of New Jersey.

The term ORV is all-encompassing of all-terrain vehi-



Off road vehicles on private property in Ocean County

cles, motorized sportbikes, motorcycles, minibikes, motor scooters, go-carts, swamp buggies, mopeds, and snowmobiles and any other motor-driven vehicle which is not authorized to be licensed by the State of New Jersey, Department of Motor Vehicles, for use upon the public highways.

As the popularity of ORV recreation continues to increase and the conflicts between enforcement officials and riders are occurring more frequently, the public needs to be aware of what options are available to prevent ORV use on public and private land. The public and illegal ORV riders also need to understand the destruction that occurs on private property, including farmland, and in

Public Education Meetings Scheduled

Saturday, June 24, 2006

1 - 4 PM

Batsto Village Auditorium
4110 Nesco Rd, Hammonton

Saturday, July 15, 2006

1 - 4 PM

Buena Vista Town Hall
890 Harding Highway, Buena

Saturday, August 19, 2006

1 - 4 PM

PPA Headquarters
Bishop Farmstead
17 Pemberton Rd, Southampton

some of the rarest and most beautiful wildlife communities in New Jersey.

Dry, upland areas that are habitat for Pine Snakes and Pickering's Morning glory are being continually disrupted

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by ORV's. Hiking paths such as portions of the Batona Trail have been transformed into dirt bike racing trails. On many farm fields, ORV's are cutting up fields causing farmers to lose equipment, crops and of course, money.

To give the public tools for addressing these problems, PPA will be holding three public education meetings from June through August to 1) educate residents on ways to prevent ORV use on public and private land, and 2) promote the adoption of municipal ordinances to prohibit the use of ORV's on public and private property and set fines and penalties for illegal riders.

These meetings are scheduled for the following dates and locations:

- ◆ **Saturday, June 24, 2006**, 1 - 4 PM at the Batsto Village Auditorium, 4110 Nesco Road, Hammonton.
- ◆ **Saturday, July 15, 2006**, 1 - 4 PM in Buena Vista Municipal Building, 890 Harding Highway, Buena Vista Township.
- ◆ **Saturday, August 19, 2006**, 1 - 4 PM at Pinelands Preservation Alliance Headquarters, Bishop Farmstead, 17 Pemberton Road, Southampton.

PPA is also continuing its push for state legislation that would require registration and tagging of all ORV's with the funds devoted to enforcement of all laws pertaining to ORV traffic throughout the state. ORV parks cannot be created until laws are set in place to address illegal riding.

It is our hope that if the State does not take the lead in addressing ORV use that the municipalities can band together to deter the illegal use of ORV's on public and private land. The public needs to be aware of the disastrous effects of ORV use and to talk to their local officials about action that can be taken.

What you can do:

1. Attend a public meeting.
2. Contact your town about adopting a municipal ordinance prohibiting the use of ORV's on public and private property. A model ordinance is available through Pinelands Preservation Alliance.
3. Write letters to the editors of newspapers to raise

awareness of the issue.

4. Contact your state assemblyperson and senator regarding state legislation. To find out the contact information for your representative, visit <http://www.nj-leg.state.nj.us/members/legsearch.asp>.

For more information about the campaign and attending the public meetings, please visit www.pinelandsalliance.org or contact Jaclyn Rhoads at 609-859-8860 ext. 18 or jaclyn@pinelandsalliance.org

What can we do to protect valuable lands from illegal ORV activity right now?

1. Continue to appeal to law enforcement agencies.

If you stop calling, they may think the problem has diminished!

2. Continue to appeal to local & state government.

Hold government responsible. Insist on action.

3. Maintain signs.

Make it absolutely clear that ORV traffic is unlawful.

4. Maintain fences, gates, and barriers, especially at bottlenecks.

Do everything you can to make access impossible or inconvenient.

5. Set up volunteer patrols with cameras and cell phones.

Send a clear message that the property is patrolled.

6. Coordinate with adjacent land-owners and land managers.

Make it a neighborhood project.

7. Report trailer and other vehicle tag numbers to local law enforcement.

Give law officers a direct link to the offenders.



Outdoor Recreation Alliance

Common Ground for Parks Campaign

New Jersey's city, county and state parks are chronically under funded (short staffed, poorly maintained, a dire lack of capital, lost educational opportunities, etc.) even in flush times despite their critical importance to our state's economy, public health and environment as well as our citizens' quality of life.

That's why Pinelands Preservation Alliance joined the Outdoor Recreation Alliance (ORA), a coalition of environmental and sportsmen's groups, affordable housing advocates and environmental justice activists urging the Governor and State Legislature to:

- 1) Retain the \$40 million for parks capital repairs in the Governor's proposed FY07 budget;
- 2) Add \$23 million to the Divs. of Fish & Wildlife and Parks & Forestry in the FY07 budget; and
- 3) Secure a long-term stable source of funding for capital projects, land acquisition, and operation and stewardship of state and local parks and natural heritage conservation.

Fiscal Year 2007 Budget Requests

ORA supports the Governor's proposed \$40 million appropriation for emergency capital repairs to New Jersey's parks, wildlife management areas and forests. We also support the passage of the State Green Acres Parks Development Board Act (A2694), which authorizes bonds for \$75 million.

However, we also need to increase the FY07 budgets for the Division of Fish and Wildlife (F&W) and the Division of Parks and Forestry (P&F) in order to provide adequate stewardship of the state's open space and wildlife resources and especially to protect state property from ORV use. More specifically, ORA requests the following increases:

Category	Proposed FY07	ORA Request FY07
State Wildlife Grants Program	\$362,000	\$1.5 million
F&W Inland Programs	\$4.2 million	\$8 million
F&W Saltwater Programs	\$1.4 million	\$5 million
Ceiling for F&W Inland Programs	\$11.3 million	\$15 million
P&F Operating Budget	\$37.5 million	\$48 million
P&F Capital Repairs	\$40 million	\$40 million
TOTAL	\$95 million	\$118 million

Stable Source of Funding

The ORA calls on legislative leadership and Governor Corzine to introduce legislation that will establish a constitutionally dedicated funding source for capital projects, land acquisition, and operation and stewardship of parks and natural areas. This proposal must include funds for matching grants for local governments and urban parks. Stable source funding needs include:

State	Local	Target	Length of Time
\$35M*	\$30M	Capital Repairs (e.g. collapsing park facilities)	~10 years
\$30M	\$30M	Capital Improvements (e.g. new urban nature centers, boat ramps, and viewing platforms)	Ongoing
\$36M**	\$20M	Operation, maintenance and stewardship (e.g. trail creation, wildlife habitat restoration, conservation officers)	Ongoing
\$225M		Land acquisition	10 years

* Governor Corzine's request for \$40 million for state parks capital repairs this year could help offset these final figures. Also, after the 10 years, the annual capital repairs budget could be greatly reduced.

** These are new funds in addition to the existing ~\$44 million in state appropriations.

PLEASE CONTACT YOUR REPRESENTATIVE AND ASK THEM TO SUPPORT THIS CAMPAIGN.
For more information, please visit our website at www.outdoorrecreationalliance.org.

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 A year's subscription to *Inside the Pinelands*
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A Sponsor will receive an *Exploring the Pine Barrens of New Jersey* map
 A Patron will receive a copy of *Exploring the Pine Barrens of New Jersey* book
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