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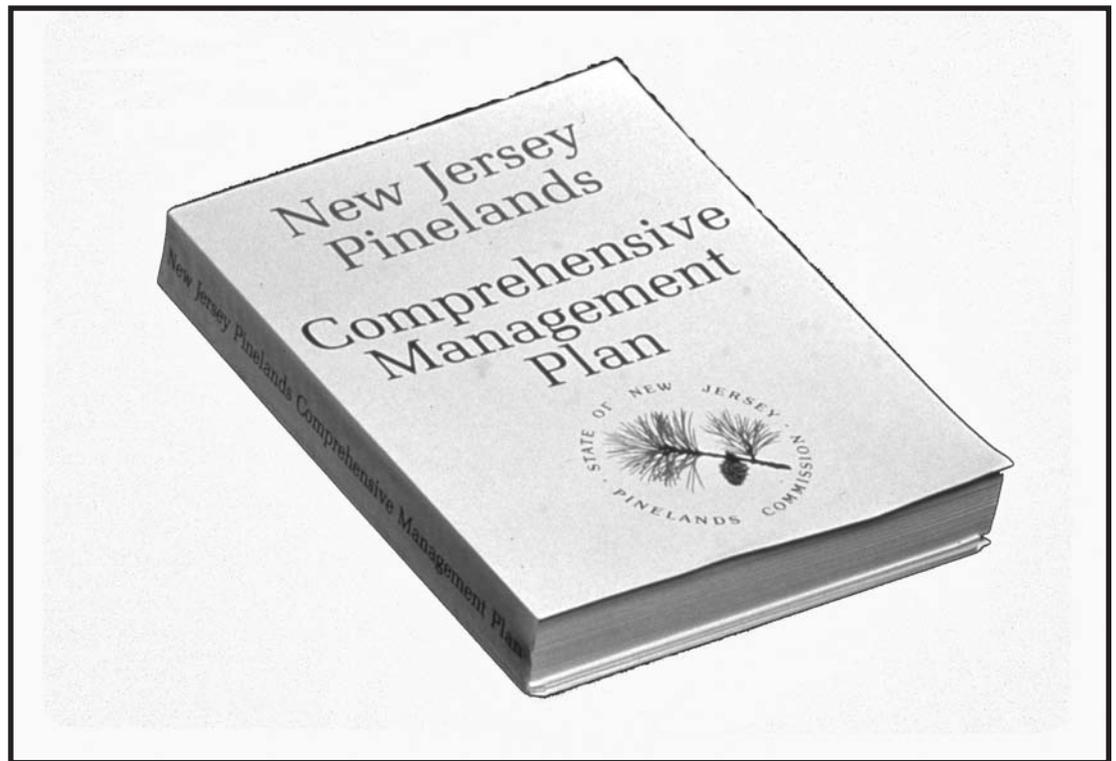
Earth Day Native Plant Sale

PPA will hold our
9th Annual Native
Plant Sale at the
Bishop Farmstead
on
Saturday
April 26, 2014

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PINELANDS WATCH



Pinelands Commission Plan Review Process still ongoing

The Pinelands Commission's plan review process is still ongoing and the public can participate in the process. Meetings are scheduled for April and July after the full Friday Pinelands Commission regular meeting. You can get involved! Come out and support measures to **strengthen the protections** of the Comprehensive Management Plan (CMP).

This is the fourth review of the CMP since 1980. The CMP review is required by the Pinelands Protection Act, which says the Commission is to review the CMP every five years. Previous reviews have taken place in 1983, 1992 and 2002.

The Pinelands Commission started the process in August of 2012 and gathered comments from the public.

The comments that were submitted by the public can be reviewed by going to the N.J. Pinelands Commission Plan Review web page at www.state.nj.us/pinelands/cmp/planreview/ and then

scrolling to the bottom.

Some of the items submitted by the public were:

- making *vitis labrusca* grapes a permitted indigenous species as are blueberries and cranberries in the CMP.
- changing the definition of forestry, or forest management activities from development to agriculture.
- making economic well-being an integral element of the CMP.
- opposing any requirements for posting bonds for the ongoing enduro events that occur in the Pinelands.
- requests for more municipal control to allow more billboards in the Pinelands.
- requests by utility companies to use herbicide as a vegetation management tool for utility rights-of-ways.

During this comment process PPA submitted recommendations where

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changes could be made to strengthen the protections of the CMP. Some of the recommendations submitted by PPA were:

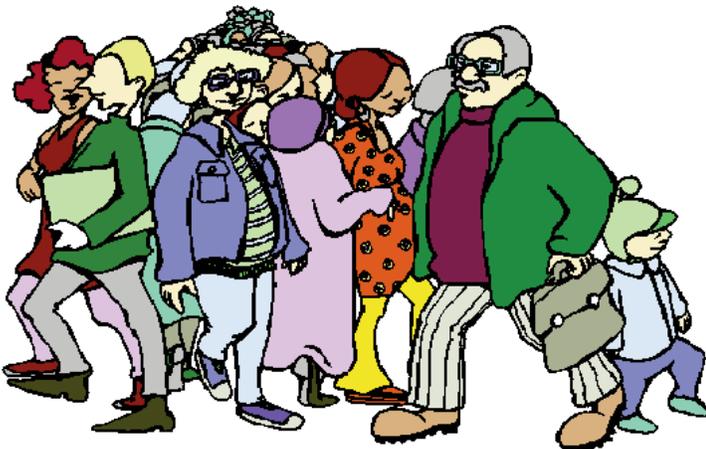
- add requirements that applicants for new and additional water withdrawals avoid hydrologic impacts of groundwater withdrawals.
- asking that rules concerning public comment be changed or fixed to allow for more public input into all CMP procedures.
- amend the CMP threatened and endangered plant list to include all New Jersey's plant species of concern.
- prevent intensive development in the headwaters of the Black Run watershed in Evesham Township, Burlington County.
- add protections to protect native plant populations along roadsides.

Details about each of the suggestions PPA's submitted and links for more information about each of the items can be found on our web site at www.pinelandsalliance.org/protection/hotissues/planning/planreviewprocess/.

What will the Commission do during this review? That question is still up in the air as the Pinelands Commissioners and the staff are still deciding which parts of the CMP need changes. Items are being discussed at the Plan Review meetings and the Pinelands Commissioners are getting presentations from staff as to how the plan has performed since the last review.

What can you do?

- Attend the upcoming Pinelands Plan Review Meetings, see meeting list, and speak in support of strengthening protections for the pinelands.
- Write letters to the editor for your local newspapers to educate others on the CMP review process and opportunities to strengthen protections for the pinelands.
- Regularly visit the Pinelands Commission or PPA's web pages for updates and new meeting dates involving the Plan Review process.



Get Involved!

Attend a Pinelands Commission Meeting

Regular monthly meetings:

Friday, March 14, 2014 at 9:30 a.m.

Friday, April 11, 2014 at 9:30 a.m.

Friday, May 9, 2014 at 9:30 a.m.

Thursday, June 12, 2014 at 6:00 p.m.

Plan Review committee meetings:

Friday, April 11, 2014 at 11:00 a.m.

Friday, July 11, 2014 at 11:00 a.m.

Friday, October 10, 2014 at 11:00 a.m.

Friday, December 12, 2014 at 11:00 a.m.

CMP Policy & Implementation Committee meetings:

Friday, March 28, 2014 at 9:30 a.m.

Friday, April 25, 2014 at 9:30 a.m.

Friday, May 30, 2014 at 9:30 a.m.

Friday, June 27, 2014 at 9:30 a.m.

Pinelands Commission meetings are held at 9:30 a.m. at the Richard J. Sullivan Center for Environmental Policy and Education, 15C Springfield Road, New Lisbon. Agendas are posted one week prior to the meeting date at:

www.state.nj.us/pinelands/about/mtng/

Earth Day Native Plant Sale

PPA will hold our 9th Annual Native Plant Sale at the Bishop Farmstead

Date: April 26, 2014

Time: 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

PPA will have for sale limited quantities of trees, shrubs, and wildflowers that are native to the Pinelands and to Southern New Jersey. A great way to help preserve our native flora -- and our environment in general -- is to plant native vegetation around our homes and businesses. Luckily, New Jersey residents have lots of beautiful interesting native plants to choose from.

When you landscape with native plants not only are you likely to save money and resources by using less fertilizer, soil additives, and water you are also helping to strengthen the complex web of connections linking native species and ecological processes in your local ecosystem.

Plant the Pinelands in your garden this spring!



Illustration by Mary Pat Finelli, courtesy Plexus Publishing, from a *Field Guide To the Pine Barrens of New Jersey* by Howard P. Boyd

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JOIN US IN A CLEAN UP OF THE FORKED RIVER MOUNTAIN AREA

The Forked River Mountain Coalition, in cooperation with the Ocean County Parks Department and the Pinelands Preservation Alliance, will conduct a clean up of the Forked River Mountain Area for Earth Day.

**WHERE: Wells Mills County Park
Route 532, Waretown**

WHEN: Sunday, April 27, 2014
Arrive between 8:30 A.M. and 9:00 A.M.
Return between 12:30 P.M. and 1:00 P.M.

Last year volunteers helped to clean-up 24 tons of trash. Please help make this year's clean-up another success.

All individuals and groups are asked to pre-register. For more information visit the Forked River Mountain Coalition website at www.frmc.org or call 609-971-1635.



Pinelands Commission Has Public Development Web Page

The Pinelands Commission has a web page to assist the public in learning which applications for Public Development or Waivers of Strict Compliance are being reviewed. This page can assist the public in learning which applications have been submitted even before the applicant's public notice is published in the newspaper.

Log onto www.state.nj.us/pinelands, and navigate to "Permitting & Applicant Services" then "Application Status Reports."

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A Benefactor will receive *The Pine Barrens of New Jersey*, a photographic history of this region
Chairman's Circle will receive the book *Seasons of the Pines* and a personalized tour of the Pinelands



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