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Saturday, December 6th
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12 noon to 4 p.m.



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PINELANDS WATCH



The Black Run Preserve in Evesham Township, Burlington County

Vote Yes on Question 2 this November to Protect Clean Water, Open Spaces, Farms and Historic Sites for Future Generations

This November 4, New Jersey voters will have a chance to vote YES on the dedication of state funds to protect clean water and ensure our children and grandchildren continue to have access to parks, open spaces, family farms and historic treasures.

This measure will ensure dedicated long-term funding for the now-depleted Green Acres, Blue Acres, farmland and historic preservation programs, and continue investments to improve water quality, remove underground storage tanks and clean-up polluted sites.

Pinelands Preservation Alliance, a member of the NJ Keep it Green coalition, strongly supports this measure and urges a YES vote on Question 2 this November. NJ Keep It Green represents more than 185 conservation, recreation, farmland and historic preservation organizations

throughout the state united in support of Question 2.

What is Question 2?

Question 2 would dedicate a percentage of existing corporate business tax revenues on a long-term basis to ensure reliable funding for land and water protection efforts. The state currently dedicates 4 percent of the money collected from the Corporate Business Tax to help pay for some environmental programs. The ballot measure changes the way some of those programs are funded and raises the amount from 4 percent to 6 percent (of existing revenue) beginning in July 2019.

Under the measure, Green Acres, Blue Acres and farmland and historic preservation programs will receive approximately \$71 million annually for the first five years and then \$117 million annually thereafter.

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An estimated \$29 million annually for the first four years will provide continued funding for critical environmental programs currently supported by the Corporate Business Tax revenue including:

- Watershed management (\$5 million)
- Underground storage tanks (\$9 million)
- Brownfields (\$10 million)
- Public clean-ups of polluted sites (\$5 million)

While funding for several of these programs would be reduced somewhat at the outset, critical baseline funding remains and is expected to grow over time. In 2019, when the dedication grows from 4 percent to 6 percent, nearly a quarter of the funding will be dedicated to these environmental programs.

It is important to note that the measure only changes the dedication of existing tax dollars and does not increase taxes.

Providing for Parks

If it passes, the ballot measure will continue to fund park acquisition and development through the Green Acres program. Green Acres has a proven track record of providing for the purchase and development of parks – state, county and local – across New Jersey.

In fact, Liberty State Park, the most visited state park in New Jersey and the crown jewel of the state park system has received over \$29 million under Green Acres to create and improve the park.

Moreover, Green Acres provided more than \$336 million in grants to counties and municipalities for park development projects between 2000 and 2012.

In addition, the measure will support the stewardship and upkeep of the parks and open spaces New Jersey already enjoys. It will fund critical repairs to parks, natural areas and lakes, rivers and streams across New Jersey making it easier for the public to visit and enjoy them.

Why Now?

All funds from the statewide bond measure that voters approved in 2009 are fully allocated. Put simply, there is no new money left for preservation programs in New Jersey, but tremendous needs remain.

According to a report by the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, more than 650,000 acres still need to be preserved to protect water and natural resources and to provide recreational opportunities to a growing population. At least 350,000 acres of additional farmland must be preserved to maintain a viable agriculture industry, according to the New Jersey Department of Agriculture. The Pinelands Commission identified at least 65,000 acres of lands of high ecological integrity in need of protection.

Watersheds that are largely forested are much more

likely to provide good water quality than watersheds with greater proportions of urban lands. A forested watershed inherently provides ecosystem services like water filtration, flood and erosion reduction, stream flow maintenance, rain absorption and infiltration, and groundwater recharge. Acquisition of intact forested lands are desperately needed to ensure clean and abundant water for current and future generations. A basic need that is being threatened in many areas throughout the world and even in New Jersey.

Your YES Vote is Critical

By voting YES on question 2 this November, you can help protect clean water and our children's future. Your yes vote will:

- Protect clean drinking water and New Jersey's rivers, lakes and beaches
- Ensure future generations continue to have access to parks, open spaces, clean water and family farms.
- Protect quality of life by preserving our natural areas, farmland, parks and historic treasures
- Continue critical funding to improve water quality, remove underground storage tanks and clean-up polluted sites
- Dedicate a small fraction of existing tax dollars for Green Acres, farmland and historic preservation without increasing taxes

Join the Campaign

You can make a big difference in New Jersey's future by joining the Vote YES on 2 campaign to protect clean water and our children's future.

To volunteer or make a donation, please contact Megan Tinsley at megan.tinsley@njaudubon.org or (609) 335-1014.

For more information, visit www.njkeepitgreen.org and follow the campaign on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram @njkeepitgreen or contact Jaclyn Rhoads, Pinelands Preservation Alliance, jaclyn@pinelandsalliance.org or 609-859-8860 ext. 18.

This November 4 Vote YES on 2 to keep New Jersey's drinking water clean and preserve our quality of life for today and future generations!

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Distributed to members of the Pinelands Watch Network and other members of the public.

Due to the importance of the Open Space Ballot question we have sent the Pinelands Water newsletter to all PPA members in place of our normal Aug/Sept 2014 newsletter. If you would like to join the Pinelands Watch Network please email Tom Dunn at tom@pinelandsalliance.org or call 609-859-8860 ext. 14.

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Speak out for Pinelands Protection!

Attend your County Freeholder Board meetings.
Locations for Freeholder Board meetings,
agendas and
times are listed on the below web sites:

Atlantic County

http://www.aclink.org/Freeholders/mainpages/freeholder_mtg_schedule.asp

Burlington County

<http://press.co.burlington.nj.us/PRESS/Meetings/Default.aspx>

Cape May County

<http://www.capemaycountygov.net/Cit-e-Access/Meetings/?TID=5&TPID=385>

Camden County

<http://www.camdencounty.com/government/freeholder-meetings/2014-freeholder-meetings>

Cumberland County

<http://cumberland.iqm2.com/citizens/Default.aspx?AgencyName=Cumberland>

Gloucester County

<http://www.gloucestercountynj.gov/opengov/freeholderagenda/2014agenda/default.asp>

Ocean County

<http://www.co.ocean.nj.us/AgendaListings.aspx?Name=1>



Get Involved!

Attend a Pinelands Commission Meeting

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

Friday, December 12, 2014 at 9:30 a.m.

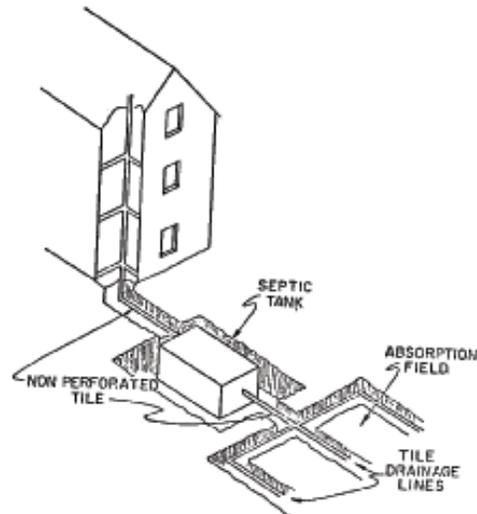
Pinelands Commission meetings are held at the Richard J. Sullivan Center for Environmental Policy and Education, 15C Springfield Road, New Lisbon. Agendas are posted one week prior to the meeting date at:

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

Septic System Maintenance is Important

Did you know that as a homeowner you're responsible for maintaining your septic system? Did you know that maintaining your septic system protects your investment in your home? Did you know that you should periodically inspect your system and pump out your septic tank?

If properly designed, constructed and maintained, your septic system can provide long-term, effective treatment of household wastewater.



Protect Your Septic System:

1. Regularly inspect your system and pump as necessary.
2. Use water efficiently.
3. Don't dispose of household hazardous wastes in sinks or toilets.
4. Avoid driving or parking vehicles on your drainfield. Plant only grass over and near your drainfield to avoid damage from roots.

Reproduced from *A Homeowner's Guide to Septic Systems*, EPA

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Chairman's Circle will receive the book *Seasons of the Pines* and a personalized tour of the Pinelands



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