

PINELANDS PRESERVATION ALLIANCE

Mission Statement

To Protect and Preserve the Resources of the New Jersey Pinelands

GOALS

Preserve the Pine Barrens ecosystem, its plants and wildlife, its water, and its landscape throughout the Pinelands National Reserve.

Promote wide public awareness of the values of Pinelands resources and issues involved in their preservation.

Advance permanent acquisition of land and development rights by private and public conservation agencies.

STRATEGIES

Mobilize individuals and organizations into a strong alliance to preserve the Pinelands.

Influence public agency decisions and activities to assure the preservation of Pinelands resources through strong implementation of the Pinelands Protection Act, the Pinelands Comprehensive Management Plan and other federal and state environmental laws.

Promote public understanding and discussion on key Pinelands preservation issues and advocate appropriate solutions.

Assist public and private conservation agencies in acquiring ecologically and culturally significant land and development rights.

Pursue litigation when necessary to ensure that the mandates of the federal and state statutes are upheld.

Develop a broad membership and network of citizens to support the work of the Pinelands Preservation Alliance.

Maintain a high-quality professional staff, a body of scientific advisers, and an extensive volunteer network.

Evaluate the effectiveness of the Comprehensive Management Plan and the impact of implementation activities of the Pinelands Commission on the ecological objectives of state and federal Pinelands legislation.

Identify and advocate scientific research necessary to ensure the protection and preservation of the Pinelands and disseminate research results to the general public.

Propose changes in legislation, regulations, policies and plans that would strengthen the effectiveness of Pinelands preservation.

Promote cooperation among public and private agencies and groups involved in actions which affect the protection and preservation of the Pinelands.

Promote the appointment of conservation-minded members to the Pinelands Commission.

Serve as an information source and coordinating network for individuals and organizations interested in Pinelands preservation issues.