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INSIDE THE PINELANDS



Credit: Ernest Cozens

The Bishop Farmstead is preserved as open space in perpetuity thanks to a Green Acres grant.

Voters Approve Long-Term Funding for Open Space Preservation

by Jaclyn Rhoads, Assistant Executive Director

Nearly 65% of New Jersey voters approved a ballot referendum on November 4, 2014 to dedicate a portion of the Corporate Business Tax annually to fund the acquisition of open space, farmland, historic and flood-damaged properties in the state and the stewardship of those acquired lands. It is clear that New Jersey residents support clean water, open space, and a green environment and they recognize that more still needs to be done to meet these goals.

All funds from the statewide bond that voters approved in 2009 are fully allocated, and there was no new money left for preservation programs in New Jersey even though 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 in order to protect natural and water resources and to provide outdoor recreational opportunities to a growing

population. At least 350,000 acres of additional farmland must be preserved in order to maintain a viable agriculture industry, according to the New Jersey Department of Agriculture. The Pinelands Commission has indicated that there are at least 65,000 acres of ecologically sensitive lands in need of greater protections or acquisition in the Pinelands.

With the passage of the ballot measure, a dedicated steady source of funding will now provide the monies needed to continue buying and stewarding these lands for years to come. Under the measure, Green Acres, Blue Acres, farmland and historic preservation programs will receive an estimated \$71 million annually for the first four years and then an estimated \$117 million annually thereafter.

Currently the state dedicates 4 percent of the money collected from the Corporate

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Rancocas Creek Watershed Ambassador - Nina Odunlami

Hello! My name is Nina Odunlami and I am the AmeriCorps NJ Watershed Ambassador for the Rancocas Creek Watershed. I graduated from Rutgers University in New Brunswick with an Environmental Science degree and a concentration in Pollution Science. I was first introduced to the Pinelands when I visited the cranberry bogs as a kid for my elementary school trip. I really didn't take it in as much as much as I would have liked and little did I know that it would become a larger part of my life further down the road.

After graduating from Rutgers, I began hunting for jobs like most graduates, looking for a worthy career that would have me. I had a sense of what I wanted to do, but just needed the entry. Then late summer, while working as a science instructor at a summer camp in my hometown, I stumbled upon this volunteer position offered through AmeriCorps, and administered by the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection and was beyond excited that I got the position!

As ambassador for the Rancocas Creek Watershed, I have been to a wide array of beautiful sites within, and surrounding, the Pinelands. I have enjoyed every second of raising public awareness about these places. I have been involved in environmental stewardship projects, presentations for schools, groups, and organizations, and stream assessments for streams in my Watershed Management Area that are tributaries of the Rancocas Creek. It has been great to learn about the chemistry of these waters and about what lies within these environments. The knowledge I have gained makes what I do enjoyable and has made my outreach to the public such a rewarding experience.

During my service I will continue to reach out to people about the streams that are in their community. I look forward to taking part in projects that benefit the watershed management area and I look forward to the journey ahead of me. Feel free to contact me using the information below.

Nina Odunlami

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I am leading a Rain Barrel Workshop on March 28th at 10am in historic Whitesbog Village in Brendan Byrne State Forest. Learn the benefits of rain barrels and then create a rain barrel to install in your home. Installation directions will be provided. Upon registration contact the PINES Office at 609-893-1765 or by email at pinelands@bcc.edu for a list of tools that you are welcome to bring. Pre-registration is required. Fee \$20. To register, call (609) 894-9311 x3027. Course #: CFG 272 80 This workshop is sponsored by Burlington County College Pinelands Institute for Natural & Environmental Studies.



To learn more about the AmeriCorps Watershed Ambassador program visit the NJ Department of Environmental Protection on the web:

www.nj.gov/dep/wms/bear/ameriCorps.htm

Pinelands Commission Nominations Aim to Reverse Pipeline “No” Votes

by Carleton Montgomery, Executive Director

After the Pinelands Commission narrowly disapproved a special waiver agreement its staff had negotiated for the proposed South Jersey Gas pipeline in the Pinelands Forest Area, the governor submitted two nominations to replace Pinelands Commissioners who had voted “no” on the deal. The sequence of events made it clear that those nominations were designed to change the vote of the Commission on the pipeline deal. The governor’s nominees have to be confirmed by the State Senate before they can take effect. So far, as we write these words, enough Senators of both parties are opposing this effort to pack the Pinelands Commission and these nominations have not advanced – but that could change at any moment.

On January 10, 2014, the Commission voted down the proposed special exemption from the Pinelands rules needed to build this pipeline through the Forest Area by a seven-to-seven vote with one forced recusal. On May 19, Governor Christie nominated Robert Barr and Dennis Roohr to replace two of the “no” votes on the pipeline deal. One of those the governor sought to replace was D’Arcy Rohan Green, a Republican whom the governor had nominated in 2011; the other was Robert Jackson, whom Robert Barr is nominated to replace. The governor only chose to replace two “no” votes. Given the timing of these nominations, it is inconceivable the governor would have nominated people at that juncture unless he was sure they would vote the “right” way on the one big issue before the Commission.

PPA and other groups organized a big public effort to persuade Senators on the Judiciary Committee not to advance the nominations because they were in reality an attack on the integrity of the Commission and the Pinelands. Senate President Stephen Sweeney held up the nominations for several months, then apparently decided to support the

governor’s efforts and brought them to the Senate Judiciary Committee last October. But at that committee hearing several Senators made clear they were deeply concerned, the nominations were tabled, and they expired at the end of 2014.

Now the governor has revived one of those nominations, that of Robert Barr to replace Robert Jackson. Again, Pinelands supporters are answering the call and asking Senators on the Judiciary Committee not to advance the nominations while the South Jersey Gas pipeline issue is still pending. When the nomination came before the Judiciary Committee on January 26, once again the votes were not there to approve, so the Committee tabled the nomination. We do not know whether or when this nomination, or others with the same purpose, will come back to the Judiciary Committee.

PPA does not lightly challenge any governor’s choices for the Commission, but this case is so important, and the circumstances so disturbing, that we are asking everyone who cares about the Pinelands to weigh in against the pending nomination. So far over 425 people have used our Take Action tool to email the members of the Senate Judiciary committee about this important issue.

We have learned that the independence of the Pinelands Commission and the integrity of the Pinelands Comprehensive Management Plan are the critical ingredients for saving the Pinelands and the ecosystem services its forests and aquifers provide us. This pending nomination is designed to deprive the people of New Jersey of an independent Pinelands Commission and threatens the integrity of the Pinelands Plan.

Take Action on this Issue

www.saveh2onj.org/takeaction

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Every Drop Counts: Water Conservation in Hammonton

by Geoffry Richter, Outreach Manager

PPA is excited to announce its involvement in an ongoing water conservation campaign in Hammonton, NJ. The township's publicly owned water utility, Hammonton Water Department, operates 4 wells that draw water primarily from the shallow Kirkwood-Cohansey aquifer. The aquifer's importance is due not only to the fact it provides 90 percent of the water to the streams, rivers, and wetlands of the Pinelands, but in that it has some of the cleanest water on the East Coast. Using US Geological Survey data, PPA analyzed the scope and scale of wetlands water table reductions throughout the township and found that there have been significant losses of wetland areas. The full analysis is published in the New Jersey Future report "Effects of Land Development on Water Resources of the Pinelands Region." The report can be found on their website www.njfuture.org.

In a proactive manner, Hammonton more than doubled the rate at which it charges customers for water (in some cases almost quadrupling the price per unit) in 2012 to encourage water conservation. The past two years have shown a modest decrease in indoor water usage and a significant decrease in outdoor water usage among homeowners. To address the related issue of excessive wastewater discharge (from indoor water usage), improvements have been made to the township's aquifer recharge facility. However, water continues to be drawn from the aquifer at an unsustainable rate.

To supplement the efforts of the municipality, PPA, along with the Association of New Jersey Environmental Commissions, will conduct a water conservation

campaign that aims to educate and engage residents, businesses, and community organizations. Our goal is to first familiarize residents and businesses with the idea of water conservation and why it is important for their particular area, which will include workshops on lawn watering, efficient appliances (for which the town has a rebate program), and the state of the town's water system. From there, we hope to move residents to commit to techniques that will cumulatively have a significant impact on groundwater withdrawals.

PPA will also be working with the National Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) to increase agricultural irrigation efficiency. Hammonton, being the Blueberry Capital of the World, has a great deal of farmland that uses a large amount of water. NRCS is a section of the US Department of Agriculture that specializes in providing technical and financial assistance to farmers that want to improve their environmental impact. Funding for our work in Hammonton is provided by generous grants from the William Penn and the Geraldine R. Dodge Foundations.

Annual Native Plant Sale

*April 25th, 11am – 3pm
at PPA Headquarters*

Our biggest sale yet with thousands of plants native to the Pinelands & South Jersey!

Trees, shrubs, vines, grasses, ferns and wildflowers at prices between \$2.50 for plugs and \$18.00 for specialty shrubs

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3:00 pm to 6:00 pm**

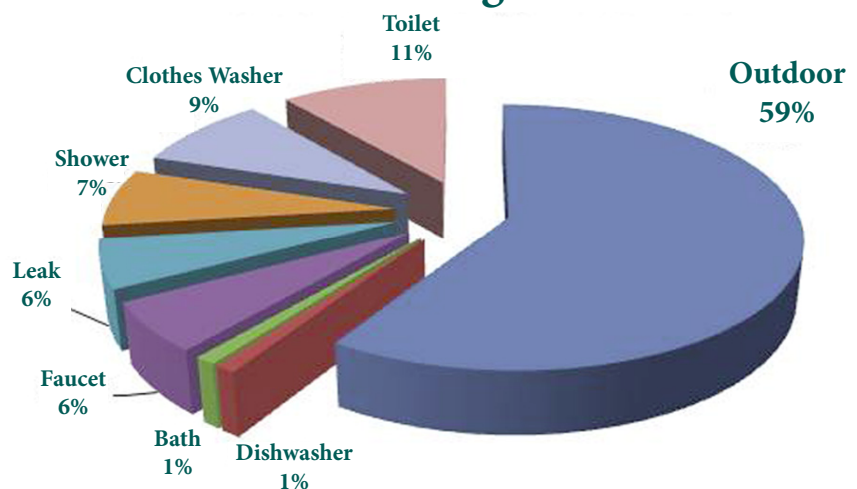
Must be a current PPA member (or become one that day) to attend!

A plant price list will be available on our website by mid-April.

For more information:

www.pinelandsalliance.org

Residential Average Water Use



Source: American Water Works Research Foundation, End Uses of Water

NJ Voters Approve Long-Term Funding for Open Space

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Business Tax (CBT) to help pay for some environmental programs. The ballot measure changes the way some of these programs are funded and raises the amount from 4 percent to 6 percent beginning in July 2019. The measure only changes the dedication of existing tax dollars, and does not increase taxes. The measure also dedicates money received from leases and other uses of state open space lands to pay for open space, farmland and historic preservation.

There was some public concern about the re-allocation of the CBT funds from existing environmental programs, but many of the programs will continue to be funded. An estimated \$29 million annually for the first four years will be allocated to other critical environmental programs already provided for by CBT funds, including watershed management (5%), underground storage tanks (9%), brownfields (10%), and public clean-ups of polluted sites (5%). While funding for several of these programs will be reduced somewhat at the outset, critical baseline funding for all of the programs remains and will likely grow over time.

The measure will continue to fund park acquisition and development as well as the care and stewardship of parks through the Green Acres program. In 2019, the percentage of the corporate business tax dedication increases from 4% to 6%, with 22% of the funds dedicated to these environmental programs.

The finer details on funding for these programs as well as the allocation breakdown for green acres, blue acres, historic and farmland preservation and stewardship will be defined in the implementing legislation. This legislation will be developed and passed in the coming months by the legislature.

The New Jersey Keep it Green Coalition (KIG) has over 185 members including the Pinelands Preservation Alliance. KIG has worked on the successful passage of many open space ballot measures over the years and will continue to work to make sure the money from the CBT funding is implemented appropriately. KIG will make sure that the voices of all the members are heard by the legislature in developing the appropriate breakdown for acquisition programs, stewardship programs and supporting the existing environmental programs.

This is truly a victory for New Jersey! We now have the opportunity to combat the state of deregulation that is slowly eroding our waterways, air quality, and rare plant and animal populations by purchasing the lands before they succumb to development. Thank you for your support.

Pinelands Commission Meetings

The **Pinelands Commission** is an independent state agency overseen by a 15-member board of unpaid Commissioners.

Regular monthly meetings are open to the public and they need to hear from you. Join us!

Fri., April 10, 9:30 am

Thurs., May 7, 6:00 pm

NJ Pinelands Commission
15 Springfield Rd.
Pemberton, NJ

Phone: (609) 894-7300

www.nj.gov/pinelands

Great Photographs Needed!

Photos of people enjoying the Batsto, Mullica, Oswego and Wading Rivers are needed as well as photos showing other activities in the Pine Barrens.

If you share images, we'll need your permission to use them as well as that of anyone identifiable in the photo.

Send images to Rob at
Rob@PinelandsAdventures.org

Minimum size 1000 px wide (or high if vertical) or send the best that you have and we'll work on it.

Forked River Mountain Clean-up

Sunday, April 19

9:00 am – 1:00 pm

Bring lunch and dress appropriately. 4WD vehicles needed. Sponsored by Forked River Mountain Coalition, Ocean County Parks and PPA.

Pre-registration required.

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Celebrating Two Pinelands Heroes: Dave Moore & Michael Catania

by Becky Free, Director of Membership & Communications

Over 100 people gathered on October 25, 2014 at Duke Farms in Hillsborough to honor the 2014 Pine Barrens Hall of Fame inductees, David Moore and Michael Catania. The Pinelands Preservation Alliance sponsors the Pine Barrens Hall of Fame to honor those individuals in the fields of science, policy, education and activism who have played a significant role in preserving and protecting the Pinelands. Previous Pine Barrens Hall of Fame honorees include author Howard Boyd, Governors Brendan Byrne and Jim Florio, citizen activists Elmer Rowley, Janet Jackson-Gould and Nan Hunter Walnut.

The 2014 Hall of Fame induction ceremony took place during the Pinelands Preservation Alliance's Celebrating Pinelands Heroes event; a fun evening with food, music, local beer and local wine. PPA also held a silent auction featuring exclusive Pinelands experiences like an aerial tour of the Pinelands, a private tour of historic Batsto Village and mansion and much more.

This event would not have happened without the gracious support of our honorees, our amazing board of Trustees and the event committee. In particular we would like to thank Plexus Publishing for their sponsorship and event committee members John Bryans (and his talented artistic wife Jenny), Anne Heasley, Janet Jackson-Gould and Barbara Solem.

It was a real privilege to honor two people who have made such extraordinary contributions to the protection of New Jersey's Pinelands. We were honored to be joined by former Governors Thomas Kean and James Florio who

introduced Dave and Michael respectively. In case you don't know the honorees here is a little bit about them:

Dave Moore is a visionary and a pioneer in the effort to protect land in New Jersey. He has helped create organizations like New Jersey Future, the Association of New Jersey Environmental Commissions, the Highlands Coalition and the Pinelands Preservation Alliance. He served as Director of the New Jersey Conservation Foundation (NJCF) from 1969 to 1999. During his tenure over 77,000 acres were preserved as public open space. Under his leadership, NJCF was also a major force behind the Pinelands Protection Act, the Freshwater Wetlands Protection Act, Coastal Area Facility Review Act, State Planning Act, Highlands Water Protection and Planning Act and others. Dave served as chair of the board of the Pinelands Preservation Alliance from 2000 to 2014 and continues to serve as a founding board member.

Michael Catania has been involved in the preservation, restoration or stewardship of more than 65,500 acres throughout the Garden State. He began his career as an attorney with the Office of Legislative Services where he drafted many of New Jersey's conservation and environmental laws including the Pinelands Protection Act. As state director of The Nature Conservancy in New Jersey, he was instrumental in the protection of thousands of acres in the Pinelands National



Gov. James Florio, honorees Dave Moore and Michael Catania, Gov. Thomas Kean and PPA Executive Director Carleton Montgomery

Reserve. More recently he played a key role in the protection of the 4,200-acre Lenape Farms in Egg Harbor Township. Michael currently serves as executive director of Duke Farms in Hillsborough, NJ.

During his comments Dave Moore ended by saying, "As we gain in population the pressure to alter the natural world ever increases, be it scattering civilization all over the landscape or loving our parks to death. Thus far we have managed to blunt every attack, if not defeat it. So eternal vigilance is PPA's mantra. Compromise is the enemy of preservation. Without PPA's vision and oversight over the years I'm convinced there would be no Pinelands National Reserve today."

Dave and Michael both received a bronze statue of a Pine Barrens Tree Frog handcrafted by Turner Sculpture on the Eastern Shore of Virginia. For each sale of this sculpture, Turner Sculpture donates \$130 to support the New Jersey Endangered and Nongame Species Fund.

Our work is entirely funded by foundations and donations from people like you.

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Calendar of Events Pinelands Programs and Field Trips

March to April 2015

The events listed below are just a few of the great Pinelands trips this spring.

Visit www.pinelandsalliance.org and click on **Event Calendar** for a complete listing of Pinelands programs and trips provided by a wide variety of groups and organizations.

Pinelands Short Course

Sat., March 14, 9 am, Sponsored by the NJ Pinelands Commission

The 26th Annual Pinelands Short Course features lectures and field trips and takes place at Richard Stockton College of New Jersey in Atlantic County. Cost is \$40 for adults and \$35 for seniors and students. Learn more on the Commission website here: www.state.nj.us/pinelands/about/events/. The best one-day learning experience about the Pinelands around!

Rain Barrel Workshop - Burlington Cty.

Sat., March 28, 10am to noon, Whitesbog Village, 120 Whitesbog Road, Browns Mills 08015

Join Nina Odunlami, AmeriCorps Watershed Ambassador for the Rancocas Creek Watershed, to learn the benefits of rain barrels and then create a rain barrel to install as your home. Installation directions will be provided. Upon registration contact the PINES Office at 609-893-1765 or by email at pines@bcc.edu for a list of tools that you are welcome to bring. Pre-registration is required. Fee \$20. To register, call (609) 894-9311 x3027.

Course #: CFG 272 80

Sponsored by Burlington County College Pinelands Institute for Natural & Environmental Studies

Canoe/Kayak the Rancocas Creek (Burlington Co.)

Sun., March 29, 10:30 am, Sponsored by the West Jersey Chapter of the Sierra Club

Experienced cold weather /water paddlers only. Contact

leaders to confirm trip. George & Leona F, 609-259-3734 or by email at leona@pineypaddlers.com

Exhibition - Pine Barrens Life and Legends

Thru Sept. 13, 2015 at the Noyes Museum of Art of Stockton College, 733 Lily Lake Road, Oceanville NJ 08231

Learn about work and play of life in the Pine Barrens. Industries of charcoal, glass, paper and iron once thrived in the Pines, while music and merrymaking filled the dance halls and stories of witches and the Jersey Devil abounded. A collaboration between the South Jersey Culture & History Center and the Noyes Museum of Art. For more information call 609-652-8848 or www.noyesmuseum.org. Other events happening during this exhibit include:

Talk: Life in the Pines
March 26, 6:30 - 7:30 pm

Budd Wilson, archaeologist and Ted Gordon, botanist

Pinelands Jamboree
April 16, 5:30 - 7:30 pm

Music by Ong's Hat Band, refreshments in the local tradition

Pine Barrens Storytelling & Music on May 2, 2pm - 3 pm

Russell Juelg, storyteller and musician

Pine Barrens Crafter
June 20, 1:00 - 2:00 pm

Niki Giberson: Wool spinning and felting with hands-on experience

The Wild Difference

April 11, 1-2:30pm, Offered by Woodford Cedar Run Wildlife Refuge (Medford, NJ)

Learn the difference between wild animals and pets and what it means to be imprinted. We discuss how you can make a difference to the animals that live near you and what to do if you find injured wildlife. Make enrichment items for our on-site animals and tour the wildlife housing area. \$5/person. Pre-registration required. Call 609-983-3329. www.cedarrun.org

Walk on the Wild Side

April 12, 1:30pm, Offered by Woodford Cedar Run Wildlife Refuge (Medford, NJ)

Join one of our Educators at for a themed hike through our many trails. Trails are family-friendly. \$10/adult, \$8/child age 4 and up, ages 3 and under free. Pre-registration required. Call 609-983-3329. www.cedarrun.org

Refuge Night Hike-Explore the Refuge at night!

April 18, 7pm, Offered by Woodford Cedar Run Wildlife Refuge (Medford, NJ)

One of our Educators will take participants through our trails from dusk to dark in search of some of our night-time visitors. \$10/adult, \$8/child. Suitable for ages 8 and up. Bring flashlights, water and comfortable shoes. Advanced registration required. Call 609-983-3329. www.cedarrun.org

Forked River Mountain Clean-up

April 19, 9am, Wells Mills County Park, Waretown NJ

Last year volunteers helped clean up 36 tons of trash from the Forked River Mountains! Bring lunch and dress appropriately. 4WD vehicles needed. Sponsored by Forked River Mountain Coalition, Ocean County Parks and PPA. Pre-registration required. Call 609-971-1635.

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