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INSIDE THE PINELANDS



Governor Brendan T. Byrne signs the Pinelands Protection Act in 1979. ©NJ State Archives; Department of State

Gov. Brendan T. Byrne - Father of the Pinelands

by Carleton Montgomery, Executive Director

Former governor Brendan T. Byrne passed away in January at the age of 93, and we mourn his loss. Brendan Byrne was truly the father of the Pinelands. And after signing the Pinelands Protection Act in 1979, he never stopped advocating for the Pinelands in the face of all the challenges and threats he saw over the ensuing years. He was an ever-present inspiration to all of us who advocate for the Pinelands. We at PPA believe it is important that we keep him and those who helped him in our thoughts, both as a tribute to their achievements and to keep us on our toes as we carry on the struggle for the Pinelands.

Brendan Byrne was governor of New Jersey from 1974 to 1982. He is famed for his honesty, charm and humor as well as his many achievements in public life. He brought big changes to the state, including the income tax to fund schools and reduce reliance on property taxes, Atlantic City casinos, and voter registration reforms among others. But the

achievement of which he was most proud was the creation of the Pinelands.

Governor Byrne did not invent the idea of protecting the Pinelands through large-scale planning to control growth. Citizens and scientists had been advocating for protection for some years, seeing the destruction of forests, farms and water that sprawling development was bringing to New Jersey. But Byrne became persuaded this was an important cause, partly through his friendship with John McPhee and reading McPhee's seminal book, *The Pine Barrens*. And he decided to make this cause his own. As he said a few years ago, "I said to myself, if this is a good thing to do, I should do it." And he did.

In his second term, he brought together all the ideas and energies of other dedicated people, from then-Congressman Jim Florio to thousands of citizen activists, and made their dream a reality. It wasn't easy at all. He had to make clear to his

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Native Pinelands Plant Sale April 21

A Sure Sign of Spring

Planting native species around your home or business instead of non-natives limits your impact on the surrounding environment.

Native plants serve as hosts for many native insects and are well adapted for growing in the sandy, acidic pine barren soils. Native plants don't require the additional fertilizers and watering that many non-native ornamentals do. This not only saves money, but also limits the negative impacts fertilizers may have on



our unique pine barren soils and water. Providing cover for animals and attracting native bees and butterflies are some of the other benefits to planting a native garden. Add to the plant diversity of your home or business by planting a native garden this spring!

PPA will hold its annual Native Plant Sale on April 21st at our Bishop Farmstead in Southampton from 11am-2pm. Our PPA members-only pre-sale will take place Friday, April 20th from 3pm – 6pm. You must be a current PPA member to attend.

We will have over 60 species and varieties of plants with prices ranging from \$2.50 for plugs to \$20.00 for larger trees and shrubs. Plants that are native to South Jersey and the New Jersey Pine Barrens will be for sale.

Before you come to the plant sale we urge you to explore the website www.JerseyYards.org. This innovative website allows you to search for native plants based on the ecoregion you live in. You can even create a username and save your list to review later. This website is a joint project between the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, Ocean County Soil Conservation District and the Barnegat Bay Partnership. Planting natives is a great way to eliminate lawn fertilizers and reduce the impacts of stormwater runoff.

PPA also offers a full color brochure to guide people looking for native Pinelands plants. We hope you will make your yard Jersey-Friendly this spring!

Come out to our Plant Sale and meet our staff, we hope to see you there!

Check our website to see what plants we will have available this year. The plant sale price list will be posted in April. Contact Ryan Rebozo, Director of Conservation Science, with any questions regarding the native plant sale – phone 609-859-8860 ext 126, email ryan@pinelandsalliance.org.

Pinelands Volunteer Land Protectors Bring in Remarkable Year

by Jason Howell, Stewardship Coordinator

During 2017, committed volunteers organized by the Pinelands Preservation Alliance spent a total of 1,683 hours working in the field for the protection of the Pinelands. The results of this volunteer work were much more than we expected.

Over 90,000 pounds of trash from illegal dumping was removed from State Forests, Parks, and Wildlife Management Areas. Volunteers created 335 State Forest sign boards to help delineate boundary lines, display rules and regulations, and control motorized vehicles on public land. They also helped to maintain trails at the Unexpected Wildlife Refuge in Newfield, Wharton State Forest, New Jersey Conservation Foundation's (NJCF) Evert Trail Preserve, and Brendan T. Byrne State Forest and planted dozens of trees at Franklin Township's Piney Hollow Preserve in Gloucester County.

Land Protectors also helped to protect many areas from illegal off-road vehicle abuse by installing physical barriers and reporting violations at the Unexpected Wildlife Refuge, NJCF's Franklin Parker Preserve, Bass River State Forest, Wharton State Forest, and at important habitat sites on private property. In addition to the field work, volunteers rallied at the Pinelands Commission and eventually convinced the Commission to unanimously pass a resolution that designates which roads in Wharton State Forest are appropriate for motor vehicle use and which areas are in need of protection from off-road vehicles. These accomplishments were only possible with the help of hundreds of volunteers who believe in the cause.

We have been organizing volunteer events on this scale because there is a large need in the Pinelands to restore habitat and prevent degradation by human activity. If we can help maintain areas and trails with cleanups and maintenance and keep habitat-damaging activities out, such as illegal off-road vehicles and dumping, we can raise the idea of the Pinelands as a place that is worth protecting. As develop-

ment pressure increases in the coming years, it is more important than ever that New Jersey residents and others see the Pinelands as a place that deserves special protection.

In 2018, we hope to grow this base of volunteers to assist other non-profit conservation groups as well as the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) under Governor Murphy in fulfilling its mission in the Pines. One key issue to address will be the implementation of the Pinelands Commission's resolution to protect Wharton State Forest that the volunteers helped to enact. This year's results are a demonstration of the importance of having a group of people that are committed to place and we hope that this will continue to benefit the lands and waters of the Pinelands for years to come.

If you are interested in volunteering for stewardship projects contact me at 609-859-8860 ext 125 or by email at Jason@PinelandsAlliance.org.

13th Annual Lines on the Pines

Sunday, March 11th

Stockton University
101 Vera King Farris Drive
Galloway NJ 08205

Open to the public for free from
11:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Enjoy a wonderful day
meeting over 50 Pine
Barrens authors, artists and
artisans!

Kids activities too!

For more information visit
www.linesonthepines.org
or call 609-338-8220

Volunteers In Action



After the Cedar Run Cleanup



Historic Whitesbog Village



Wharton State Forest
Pond Survey Training



Historic Whitesbog Village

Off Shore Drilling Threatens the Pinelands

by Katie Smith, Policy Advocate

On January 4, the federal administration unveiled a proposal that would open up almost all of the nation's federal waters for off-shore oil and gas drilling, including off the coast of New Jersey. The Draft National Outer Continental Shelf Oil and Gas Leasing Program would allow oil and gas drilling in over 90% of the Outer Continental Shelf area. The proposal is a sharp reversal of current policy, which protects over 90% of this area from oil and gas drilling.

Offshore drilling poses significant risks at all stages. Workers on rigs risk their lives working 12-hour shifts, and any missteps can be fatal. Oil spills at sea devastate ecosystems and fishery- and tourism-based economies. It can take decades for ecosystems to recover from spills, and some species may not rebound at all. Extracting this oil and gas increases our dependence on fossil fuels instead of renewable energy. In turn, the burning of fossil fuels exacerbates pollution and climate change.

Transporting oil and gas from the rig to refineries brings additional risks of ruptures, explosions, and leaks, which would directly endanger drinking water and communities, like those of the Pinelands. Former Governor James Florio, among others, has repeatedly cited the risk offshore drilling would pose to the Pinelands as a driving force behind his support of legal and regulatory protections for the region. The Pinelands sits atop the 17-trillion gallon Kirkwood-Cohansey aquifer, which services almost one million New Jersey residents and provides habitat for over 40 threatened and endangered wildlife species.

Unless the courts reject the

Pinelands Commission's recent decisions, the way the Commission has twisted the Comprehensive Management Plan to approve the New Jersey Natural Gas and South Jersey Gas pipelines leaves little potential for the Pinelands rules to prevent oil or gas pipelines from traveling from the coastline across the Pinelands to refineries in Philadelphia. Approval of this draft plan presents a significant and imminent danger to the Pinelands, and it is our responsibility to step up in opposition. In addition to these ecological and public health catastrophes, approval of this plan would also endanger New Jersey's \$20 billion shore-driven tourism economy and the livelihoods of the New Jerseyans who depend on this income.

The Bureau of Ocean Energy Management is accepting public comment on its proposal until March 9, 2018.

Comments can be submitted online by going to their comments page here: <https://goo.gl/EnVnDz>

You can also call (703) 787-1613 to voice your objection. If you prefer you can send a letter to the address below:

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29th Annual Pinelands Short Course

March 10th

9:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Stockton University
101 Vera King Farris Drive
Galloway NJ 08205

The Pinelands Short Course features educational programs on the history, ecology and culture of the Pinelands. Learn about coyotes, frogs and toads, raptors and reptiles, Pinelands history or take a field trip!

Professional credits available.

Register online at:
www.stockton.edu/pinelands

\$50 per person for adults.

Questions? Call 609-894-7300.

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Stop by our table at this great event!

**Atlantic County Utility
Authority Earth Day
28th Annual Festival**
April 22nd, 10am - 4pm

ACUA Environmental Park
6700 Delilah Road
Egg Harbor Twp, NJ

Rain or Shine

Father of the Pinelands

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staff and to the legislature that this action was critical to him. There was strong opposition from South Jersey politicians and from landowners who did not want to lose development options for the future.

After finally signing the Pinelands Protection Act in 1979, Byrne never stopped advocating for the Pinelands in the face of all the challenges and threats he saw over the ensuing years. He was especially outraged and worried about the South Jersey Gas and New Jersey Natural Gas pipeline developments. He joined former governors Tom Kean, Jim Florio and Christine Todd Whitman in publicly opposing these projects and Governor Christie's efforts to pack the Pinelands Commission with reliable pro-pipeline votes. He joined in a friend of the court brief in PPA's appeal of the Pinelands Commission's approval of the South Jersey Gas pipeline.

If not for Governor Byrne's decision to make protecting the Pinelands one of his primary goals in public life, it is certain we would have lost the vast open spaces we find and value here today. Development would have carved it up, fragmented the forest, polluted the water and driven out much or all of the cranberry farms. He took great pride in the fact that the Pinelands Protection Act has been so successful, and after leaving office, he was not going to stand by while others tried to weaken or undermine that achievement.

On a personal level, Governor Byrne has been an inspiration to me since I first met him when I came to PPA in 1998. Just as important, he was an active supporter of the work we were doing right up to his final days. It was a privilege to know that he

was counting on me and PPA (among a lot of others!) to carry on and safeguard the achievement in his public life for which he most wished to be remembered.

I have the distinction of being the only person who has tipped him over into a Pine Barrens stream – unintentionally of course. I hadn't been at PPA very long, I had only met him a couple of times before our trip on the Batsto River, and he was a great figure to me. So you can imagine how distressed I was when we went over in a deep spot of the stream and he briefly disappeared beneath the water. But he did what you would expect of him: he made jokes instead of giving me a hard time – mostly about "getting immersed in the Pine Barrens again." He made it a bond between us, rather than a terrible memory for me.

A little while ago, I took Governor Byrne and three of his friends for a picnic near Whitesbog Village in Brendan T. Byrne State Forest on one of those absolutely perfect days. He loved it, and so did I.

*A video tribute to
Governor Byrne:*

The Man Who Preserved the Pines

See our video tribute to
Governor Brendan T. Byrne.

[www.pinelandsalliance.org/
protection/brendanbyrne](http://www.pinelandsalliance.org/protection/brendanbyrne)



What is the Pinelands Commission?

The **Pinelands Commission** is an independent state agency overseen by a 15-member board of unpaid Commissioners. Seven members are appointed by the Governor of New Jersey, and confirmed by the state Senate; one member is appointed by each of the seven Pinelands counties; and one member is appointed by the U.S. Secretary of the Interior.

Their regular monthly meetings are open to the public and they need to see and hear from you.

There is always time for general public comments on the agenda.

Upcoming Meetings:

Fri., April 13th, 9:30 am

Fri., May 11th, 9:30 am

Fri., June 8th, 9:30 am

Contact Information:

New Jersey Pinelands Commission

P.O. Box 359

15 Springfield Road

New Lisbon, NJ 08064

Ph: (609) 894-7300

www.nj.gov/pinelands

Get Commission Email Alerts:

E-mail info@njpines.state.nj.us
and ask to be included on
Pinelands News and Events Alerts.
Include your name.

Second Annual Pinelands Juried Photography Exhibit Announced

by Steve Sebastian, Director of Philanthropy

The Pinelands Preservation Alliance worked with a volunteer committee composed of professional and amateur photographers to host our first-ever juried photography exhibit focused on the Pinelands National Reserve in 2017. The exhibit hung in PPA's renovated barn from November 4th to December 10, 2017.

We want to thank all the photographers, volunteers and guests for making our first juried photo exhibit a resounding success! We received over 420 stunning images from 86 photographers. Over 200 people attended the exhibit opening, with subsequent visitors dropping in each day to enjoy the exhibit and the beauty of the Pinelands. Through social media and various news articles, this exhibit helped us reach thousands of people to share our Pinelands message. See the 2017 exhibit webpage for more information on the photographers and a video slideshow of all photos submitted - <http://bit.ly/ppaphoto2017>.

Images were judged by Bill Horin the founder and creative director of ArtC and a professional photographer based in Linwood, NJ.

This exhibit was such a success we decided to make it an annual event. Our 2018 exhibit will honor the life of Governor Brendan T. Byrne by celebrating his greatest legacy, the New Jersey Pinelands National Reserve. We will have two categories: Open (includes Pinelands landscape, flora/fauna, and culture) and Student (22yrs and under). We are looking for powerful images that capture the essence, beauty, uniqueness and fragility of the Pinelands National Reserve.

The 2018 exhibit will open on November 3rd. Photo submissions will be accepted between July 1 - September 14 (more information in the weeks to come).

Help us spread the word! We encourage photographers of all skill levels to participate. Even if your photo is not selected to hang in our exhibit, all photo

submissions will be included in a video slide show that will be shown as part of the exhibit. If you are interested in participating and would like more information, please sign up by emailing Tom at Tom@PinelandsAlliance.org so he can add you to our mailing list.

Photography is a very powerful communication tool and a great way for people of all ages to discover the Pinelands and understand the importance of protecting it for future generations. Bernie Knaupp, a 2017 participant said, "Growing up outside and living all of my adult life in the Pine Barrens I didn't really learn to appreciate the beauty until I picked up a camera."

Congratulations to the 2017 Winners:

1st Place Best in Show 1st Place Communities/Architecture

Batsto General Store
by Bruce Himelman

2nd Place Best in Show 1st Place Landscape

Friendship Bogs
by Tom Jenkins

3rd Place Best in Show 1st Place Flora

Pitcher Plant
by Larry Lyons

Honorable Mention Best in Show 1st Place Wildlife

Taking a Peek
by Sara Ascalon

1st Place People in Nature

Sharing a Secret
by Elizabeth Jackson

1st Place Student

Elfin Dragonfly Awakening
by Daniel Bossett

Explore the Pinelands National Reserve

with Pinelands Adventures!

Opening April 7th

Guided and unguided trips on the Batsto River, bus tours, hikes, canoe lessons and more.

Fun for the whole family!

Visit www.PinelandsAdventures.org to plan your next adventure.

Pinelands Adventures

1005 Atsion Rd.
Shamong, NJ 08088
609-268-0189

Pinelands Adventures is an initiative of the Pinelands Preservation Alliance and our members get 10% off all trips and programs.

Located within beautiful Wharton State Forest.

Thank You!

We are amazed by all the people who choose to become members of the Pinelands Preservation Alliance. You really make a difference!

Join the Pinelands Watch Activist Network!

Pinelands Watch is a network of volunteer activists led by PPA. The goal is to help you get involved in Pinelands issues and to connect you with other like minded people in your county. Through this program you are kept up to date on issues and you learn how to advocate for the Pinelands.

Contact Katie:

609-859-8860 x 122

katie@pinelandsalliance.org

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Calendar of Events Pinelands Programs & Trips

March - April 2018

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.



Opening for the season on April 7th. Canoe and kayak rentals, guided tours, and other outdoor programs. Pinelands Adventures is an initiative of PPA.

www.PinelandsAdventures.org

29th Annual Pinelands Short Course

Sat., March 10, All Day, Sponsored by the Pinelands Commission and Stockton University

The 26th Annual Pinelands Short Course features lectures and field trips and takes place at Stockton College University in Atlantic County. Learn about coyotes, frogs and toads, raptors and reptiles, history, and trends in biodiversity just to name a few topics! The best one-day learning experience about the Pinelands around!

Cost is \$50 for adult. See course listing and register at www.stockton.edu/pinelands

Educators earn 5 professional development credits.

13th Annual Lines on the Pines - "The Jersey Devil's in the Details"

Sun., March 11, All Day, Stockton University in Atlantic County

Meet Pine Barrens authors, artists and artisans! Over fifty talented Pine Barrens artists will be on hand to sign their books, display their artwork or craft, play their music and in general, share their love of the Pine Barrens! Bring your young 'uns so they can enjoy and learn at the "Lines on the Pines for Kids" area!

Dinner by reservation only.

For more information visit www.linesonthepines.org or linesonthepines@comcast.net or contact Linda Stanton at 609-338-8220

PPA Members-Only Preview Native Plant Sale

April 20, 3 pm to 6pm. Held by the Pinelands Preservation Alliance, 17 Pemberton Rd, Southampton 08088

Current PPA Members are invited to attend the plant sale before it is open to the public. This is a great member benefit since we usually sell out of several species. Trees, shrubs, and wildflowers native to the Pinelands and South Jersey will be for sale. A plant list will be available on our website in April.

The Pinelands Visitor Center will also be open, with books, DVDs, clothing and other Pinelands merchandise.

Plants supplied by Pinelands Nursery, New Moon Nursery, and Fernbrook Nursery.

Earth Day Native Plant Sale

April 21, 11 am to 2pm. Held by the Pinelands Preservation Alliance, 17 Pemberton Rd, Southampton 08088

We hold a spring and fall plant sale where you can find Pinelands natives and plants native to southern New Jersey. Trees, shrubs, and wildflowers will be for sale. A plant list will be available on our website in April.

The Pinelands Visitor Center will also be open, with books, DVDs, clothing and other Pinelands merchandise.

Plants supplied by Pinelands Nursery, New Moon Nursery, and Fernbrook Nursery. Our fall plant sale takes place in September.

Blueberry Music Jam

Sun., April 8th & April 22, 11am - 2 pm, Whitesbog Village, 120 Whitesbog Rd, Browns Mills NJ 08015

Stop into the historic village of Whitesbog in Brendan Byrne State Forest to listen to the tunes of local musicians, the open music jam is acoustic

and FREE for musicians and listeners alike to enjoy and join. While you are here, stop in the General Store and support history and local artists and crafters! Organized by the Whitesbog Preservation Trust and you can learn more at: www.whitesbog.org.

April Moonlight Walk

Sat. April 28th, 7:00pm, Whitesbog Village, 120 Whitesbog Rd, Browns Mills NJ 08015

Come explore Whitesbog Village and the bogs by moon light, this special opportunity is scheduled on or as close to the full moon as possible. An experienced guide will share insights about Whitesbog and the nature that surrounds us with a different topic each month. Whitesbog is located within Brendan Byrne State Forest. Organized by the Whitesbog Preservation Trust and you can learn more at: www.whitesbog.org.

Meet your guide in the General Store before the start time and look around prior to the start. All walks are 3-5 miles in length. Dress weather appropriate.

Reservations are requested by calling and leaving your name, phone number and number of participants at 609-893-4646, the walk is \$5/person.

Wilderness First Aid Training with REI and NOLS

The Pinelands Preservation Alliance is pleased to host this two day Wilderness First Aid Training. Whether spending time in the backcountry is your passion or your profession, you should never ask, "What do I do now?" In this 2 day course you will learn skills and abilities to make sound decisions in emergency situations. March 31st and April 1st. Cost is \$265. You must register by March 1st.

Learn more on their website: www.tinyurl.com/reiFirstAid

Find more Pinelands events on our website:

www.pinelandsalliance.org
and click on **Events Calendar**



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- ♦ PPA window sticker
- ♦ 10% off at Pinelands Adventures and on PPA merchandise

Sponsors receive a copy of *The Pine Barrens: Up Close & Natural* DVD

Patrons receive John McPhee's seminal book *The Pine Barrens*

Benefactors receive *The Pine Barrens of New Jersey*, a photographic history of this region

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

Our mission is to protect and preserve the natural and cultural resources of New Jersey's Pinelands.



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