

Pinelands & Highlands Nominee Background Information

Governor Murphy has made re-nominations for the Pinelands Commission and Highlands Council for the state of New Jersey. The following nominations have been made for the Pinelands Commission, Jennifer M. Coffey, of Hamilton, to replace The Honorable Gary Quinn, Robert Jackson, of Villas, to replace D'Arcy Rohan Green, Theresa I. Lettman, of Manchester, to replace Candace McKee Ashmun, Edward Lloyd, Esq., of South Orange, and Jessica Rittler Sanchez, Ph.D., of Tabernacle, to replace Robert Barr. For the Highlands Council, William S. Kibler, of Califon, to replace Michael Tfrank, Dr. Daniel J. Van Abs, of Princeton, to replace Tracy Carluccio and Wynnie-Fred Victor-Hinds, of Newark, to replace Richard Vohden.

Jessica Sanchez worked on the Clean Water Council, Delaware River Basin Commission, and has developed award-winning Water Resources Plan for the Delaware River Basin. Jessica Coffey will also be nominated to the Pinelands Commission. Jessica is currently the Executive Director off the Association of NJ Environmental Commissions (ANJEC). Ed Lloyd will be re-appointed to the Pinelands Commission as well. Commissioner Edward Lloyd started serving as a Pinelands Commissioner in 2002, and he is a dedicated and strong advocate for the Pinelands.

“Jessica Sanchez is an outstanding appointment and will bring a lot of experience and professional knowledge to the Pinelands Commission. She’s lived in the Pinelands for over 25 and worked in the office of state planning and for the Delaware Basin Commission. Jen Coffee has a lot of knowledge of water issues and will bring a lot of knowledge to the commission. Reappointing Ed Lloyd is good news. He is outstanding in environmental law in New Jersey if not the country. He has a 30-year history of working with the environment and founded the Environmental Rutgers Law Clinic,” **said Tittel**. “These appointments to the Pinelands Commission will make a significant difference when it comes to moving forward with issues of climate change, fossil fuel projects, fixing the CMP and more.”

The Murphy Administration have made three nominations to the Highlands Council. The nominees include William "Bill" Kibler, Dan Van Abs, and Wynnie-Fred Victor Hinds. William "Bill" Kibler of Califon, NJ, the Director of Policy at the Raritan Headwaters Association and an avid fly fisherman and clean water advocate, He served as Executive Director of the South Branch Watershed Association from 2005 until RHA was created in 2011. Wynnie-Fred has been involved with environmental issues in New Jersey. The Mayor of Newark, New Jersey, and the Municipal City Council appointed her as a commissioner to the Newark Environmental Commission, where she serves as co-chair. Dan Van Abs is an Associate Professor of Practice for Water, Society & Environment at Rutgers University, School of Environmental and Biological Sciences, Department of Human Ecology, where he has worked since 2012.

“We have been waiting for a year and a half for Murphy to nominate people to replace Christie appointees. He nominated people to the council who we believe care about the environment and the Highlands. I have worked with and known Bill for a long time. He knows water and the water supply in Highlands. More importantly he lives in the Highlands. We believe he will be critical in providing vital information on the Highlands and be able to move the council forward. It is important to have Wynnie-Fred on the council because she represents the people who drink the Highlands water. She is on the Newark Environmental Commission, lives in Newark and has an environmental background. I have worked with Dan Van Abs and have known him for decades. He is a professional and knows water

supply and its issues from his work at the DEP and his work since. Dan has also worked for the Highlands Council and has a long career working for agencies dealing with water," **said Tittel.**