Pulling a Fast-Track One
New Jersey’s Democratic Governor makes big public visit to Arctic

by Glenn Scherer

In the run-up to the 2004 election, those who have high hopes that a change in administration will automatically mean the curbing of environmental abuses by government should look to recent events in New Jersey for a cautionary tale. In the Garden State, Democratic Gov. Jim McGreevey, who has historically been a friend to the environment, has perplexed and outraged environmentalists by taking several pages from the Bush administration playbook.

In July, McGreevey signed sweeping legislation that developers fast-track access to 1.5 million acres of the state. The law tightly streamlines the permitting process for new construction in urban and suburban areas, and even rural areas designated as town centers. Critics fear that such rapidly permitted developments will come at the expense of the environment and public oversight.

The New Jersey fast-track legislation contains extraordinary provisions. It forces the state Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), Transportation, and Community Affairs to either approve or disapprove a developer’s permit application in just 45 days — after which time, unresolved requests get automatic approval. The act also privatizes the permitting process, letting developers hire private consultants to write and review permits, largely extinguishing agency oversight. In another proviso, approved fast-track permits, when contested in court, become final without a single judge’s ruling. No public or agency appeal is allowed.

Environmentalists say the fast-track law imperils the last remaining open space in New Jersey’s designated “smart growth” zones, encompassing 20 percent of the state. It puts endangered species like the black-crowned night heron, peregrine falcon, and bald eagle at risk, denying them vital urban nesting grounds along the Atlantic Flyway. And, the critics say, it could adversely affect about 85 percent of the state’s people, allowing fast-tracking not just of housing and commercial developments, but even new highways and port projects.

Playing Fast and Loose
McGreevey’s process with fast-track emulated Bush administration tactics in a number of troubling ways. First, the bill was written behind closed doors.

A Visit to Prudhoe Bay

By George Schinder

Like to see Prudhoe Bay? Well, let’s go. I’m here (actually early June) at the University of Alaska-Fairbanks, courtesy of the Elderhostel organization, having just arrived on a flight. At the airport, having just arrived on a flight, I met Andy Keller, an Elderhostel organizer of Alaska-Fairbanks, at a University here (actually early June) at the University of Alaska-Fairbanks. The flight was from Anchorage, having just arrived on a flight. At the airport, having just arrived on a flight, I met Andy Keller, an Elderhostel organizer of Alaska-Fairbanks, at a University here (actually early June) at the University of Alaska-Fairbanks.

The pipeline: one short section between the Brooks Range and the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, by Andy Keller, an activist who has watched and studied...
Statements from Candidates for Chapter ExCom

KEN JOHNSON
I have been active with the Chapter (now the NJ Chapter) for a number of years and currently serve as Vice-Chair of the NJ Chapter of the Legislative, Media, and Political Affairs Committee and Chair of the litigation Oversight Committee. I have also been heavily involved with Sierra Club related work and personnel matters. The Chapter is fortunate to have an excellent staff and an outstanding group of knowledgeable and dedicated volunteer activists. I look forward to continuing to work with these fine people to help protect the environment of this State. We’ve accomplished a lot over the past few years, but much remains to be done.

BONNIE TILLERY
Current member of the Executive Committee, serving as Secretary for four years, and as Publication Issues Coordinator for the past 1-1/2 years. I received national Sierra Club recognition as Population Activist of the Year for education outreach about population-related issues. I have been telephoning around the country about NJ activities at Lobby Days in Washington, D.C. I was one of 13 choses to participate in a study tour to Ecuador, seeing how integrated people help family. The NJ General Assembly also recognized my work. I am committed to Sierra Club goals, and would appreciate your vote.

GEORGE DENZER
As a lifelong resident of Egg Harbor Township, I have watched as sprawl and strip development choked the clogged roadways that have taken over our state. As a Sierra Club member, I have worked for increasing mass transit and have had positive changes in the surrounding counties. To counteract this, as a Chapter, we have had some success on this issue, but we have more work to do! I have held positions at the Chapter, regional and national levels, and am currently (Deputy) Treasurer, where I have been successful in increasing funds to help our strong grassroots activists to protect New Jersey’s environment. I would appreciate your vote.

LIE SYDNEY
As a Life Member of the Club, I have served as Pinelands Coordinator for the West Jersey Group since 2007, and for the New Jersey Chapter since 2008, actively working with the NJ Pinelands Commission, Pinelands Preservation Alliance, NJ Conservation Foundation and other organizations and individuals to protect New Jersey’s natural resources. As an active part-time volunteer, I participate in many Sierra Club and Pinelands related meetings, training and activities. I have been a member at the Sierra Club Training Academy. As a member of the ExCom, I will proudly represent the interests of the NJ Chapter.

TINA SCHOJDO
Life member of Sierra Club and for over 10 years, I’ve volunteered as a Sierra Club member, chair of the West Jersey Sierra Club, and a Sierra Club member of the Pinelands Preservation Alliance. I engage Sierra Club volunteers in organizing our Chapter, and have represented Sierra Club at local, county, state, and national levels. I currently live in Egg Harbor Township in the Pinelands and work as an administrative assistant for the New Jersey Pinelands Commission. My professional work has allowed me to engage with environmental organizations, governments, media, and governmental officials. My volunteer efforts are focused on protecting the Pinelands ecosystem. I am also interested in creating a stronger Pinelands ecosystem and am an environmental activist. I have been involved with the Pinelands Preservation Alliance, NJ Conservation Foundation, NJ Sierra Club, and the New Jersey Environmental Protection Authority. I am the current editor of the “The Jersey Sierran”.

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Environmentalists in New Jersey took a big hit in July, with Governor McGreevey's presumed deal with the developers, also known as the Fast-Track Bill. It was passed by the Legislature without debate, without opportunity for comment from the DEP, and with much painful arm-twisting, fresh on the heels of what was an environmental victory: the Highlands Bill.

For a taste of what's so disastrous about the Fast-Track Bill, see the article on p. 1 by Glenn Scherer.

What went wrong? How could an “environmental” Governor, a responsible DEP Commissioner, and a green-blooded Governor’s environmental advisor (Cartis Fisher) commit such an act of betrayal? The effect on me and some other members of the Club’s Executive Committee was devastating: instant depression and doubt about whether the fight is worth continuing. With friends like these, who needs enemies?

At least previous Governor Whitman was honest with us about her environ-
mental policy: it had to take second place to economic development. When Governor McGreevey has met with us, his declared priorities were environment (and education) first.

In my years of personal political crisis, I have often taken refuge in the wisdom of a guru, the old muckraker Lincoln Steffens, whose 1931 Autobiography remains the best work of non-fiction I have ever read. Steffens devoted his life to a humane understanding of the motivations of politicians, many of whom would have accepted the adjective “corrupt.”

Here’s what Steffens wrote in 1904, in the Introduction to “The Shame of the Cities”: “There is no essential difference between the pull that gets your wife into society or for your book a favorable review, and that which gets a lawyer into office, a thief out of jail, and a rich man’s son onto the board of directors of a corporation, none between a dummy director of a trust and the caucus-bound member of a legislature . . .”

So I think Steffens would explain McGreevey’s corruption as follows: All politicians are desperate by pressures (lobby-
ing) from many directions. Being able to please is one of the defining desires of most politicians. Decent people enjoy giving favors. In contrast to lawyers, it’s hard for politicians to say no. Lobbyists can be quite persuasive, offering tempta-
tions both fair and foul. Steffens’ advice would probably be that all politicians is NECESSARILY stinky (like making sausage!) — And remember Lord Acton: “Power corrupts”; the best a democratic society can do is keep up the scrutiny, expose the corruption, use elections to replace worse politicians with better politicians, and never give up the fight.

Steffens’ own reporting helped open up a phase of American history known as the Progressive Era (roughly 1900-1914). But in his later years he noted that each of the political reforms he had encouraged had eventually been reversed – and some-
times reversed again. It’s like a seesaw.

So we shouldn’t be depressed. We should expect setbacks from ALL politicians. We should file a lawsuit. And we shall!

Incidentally, my colleagues on the Chapter’s ExCom urge me in this editorial to “spare” any blame of Commissioner Campbell and advisor Curtis Fisher. Loyal assistants, like marriage partners, are tra-
ditionally expected to accept some bad along with the good. Both men were known to have been exiled from the closed deliberations that resulted in the Fast-Track Bill. Did you know that a quar-
ter of all campaign contributions to New Jersey legislators come from property developers and builders?

Editorial comment from our wry and future-seeing Chapter Conservation Chair.

Feelings of elation that we experi-
cenced earlier in the year are now no more than memories. But these feelings have not been replaced by feelings of despair and hopelessness. Rather, they have been replaced by feelings of deter-
mination and resolve. We know from our earlier successes that we are a force to be reckoned with in New Jersey and that we can bring about meaningful change. We have a knowledgeable and highly effective staff, a dedicated group of volunteer activists, a team of experi-
enced attorneys and the backing of over 90 organizations and thousands of citi-
zens throughout the State. Our goal is to minimize the impact of the fast-track bill through regulatory and legislative mea-
sures and eventually to overrule or repeal this misguided piece of legisla-
tion. This will not be an easy task but, with the continued support of our mem-
bers and friends, I am confident that ulti-
ately we will prevail.

Ken also chairs our Legislative Committee and oversees our Litigation efforts. He is an attorney.

You have more to give than you know

Maybe you can’t make a gift to protect the environment during your lifetime, but you can become a financial hero by remembering the Sierra Club in your will. You can even direct your gift to a special Club program or to the New Jersey Chapter.

For information about making a bequest to the New Jersey Chapter call George Denzer at 609-799-5839.

Vice-Chair’s Message

Feelings
(with apologies to Morris Albert)

by Ken Johanson, Chapter Vice-Chair

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It seems like the New Jersey environ-
mental community has been on a roller-
coaster ride lately. Following our impres-
sive legislative victories in reducing auto-
mobile emissions, strengthening the abil-
ity of municipalities to control develop-
ment within their borders and protecting major portions of the Highlands region from overdevelopment, we experienced feelings of satisfaction for what we had accomplished and optimism for what we hoped to accomplish in the future. These feelings were dashed when we learned that the administration had agreed to support a horrendous bill, the so-called Fast-Track Permitting Bill, that threatens to weaken environmental pro-
tections and restrict public participation in environmental decisions throughout much of the State. The bill was pushed through the Legislature in just three days and has now been signed into law.

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ISSUE COORDINATOR’S REPORT:

Ecuador Study Tour: Water and Youth (Part 3)

By Bonnie Tilley, our Population Issues Coordinator

As I write this in August, it has been one year since my trip to Ecuador and the Galapagos Islands, but the memory of the warm, friendly and giving people stays with me still. The regions are eco-

logical treasures, and the people are try-

ing to preserve them despite population pressures that increase demands for jobs and natural resources.

From the Terra Fundacion forested preserve near the hot springs of Papallacta, to the three rural commu-

nities visited in the highlands of Ecuador, water is a crucial resource. All the communities wanted more water; one to increase crop produc-

tion to better feed their families, and perhaps some produce left over to sell at market; anoth-

er not only to increase crop production, but also help with their nascent trout farming; and the third to increase their already regionally-famous cheese production.

The forested preserve near Papallacta provides water to the ever-increasing population of Quito, the capital city. People from the rural areas, unable to support their families on their meager, depleted plots of land move to Quito in search of work. They can wait up to 10 years for water to be supplied to the houses they build on steep slopes of active volcanoes. Near Papallacta, a pipeline was built to transport water to Quito. A delay was encountered when an Andean condor nest with a chick was dis-

covered. The Andean condor, the largest flying bird in the world, with a wingspan of three meters, is considered a mystical, almost sacred, creature. So, the pipeline, while desper-

ately needed, was delayed and diverted to allow one more condor to fly the Andean skies.

The Galapagos Islands, formed by volcanoes and 1000 miles from the main-

land, are very dry. While jobs pay twice as much as on the mainland and are eagerly sought, more people put a strain on the already scarce water supply. At the Interpretive Center on San Cristobal Island, the goals for preserving these eco-

logical treasures were outlined; one is to “have a stable island population.”

Danny Glover, a Goodwill Ambassador for the United Nations, is a frequent visi-

tor to the Galapagos Islands, where he has worked with Maria Elena Ordonez, the creator of the children’s program Arcandina (the Andean ark filled with rare species). Through Spanish-language television programs, music and films such as “The Enchanted Treasure of the Galapagos Islands,” children learn “to love and protect the Earth.” You can learn more about Arcandina at www.arcandina.org.

On the last evening of our study tour, I asked Ron Burkard, the Executive Director of World Neighbors (see www.wn.org) how he stays so positive when he sees such desperate need as we did in Ecuador and in the many other countries where World Neighbors works. He cited the water project we toured, developed by a young, 25-year-old, Ecuadorian graduate student whose pilot program, of using aquatic plants to treat waste water, has been adopted on a larger scale by commu-

nities surrounding Lake San Pablo near Otavalo. Not only does the system provide a 90% purification rate, but, as long as no heavy metals are picked up, the plants can be purified with salt, dried and then used for animal feed or fertilizer. This, Ron said, was what kept him going; the enthusiasm and vision of young people to make this planet a better place.

We need such enthusiasm and vision in our leaders, and that includes the vision to see that a stable world population is healthy for the planet and its people. Unfortunately, the Bush administration and the fringe it caters to are creating more problems than they are solving. On November 2, we need to vote for candi-

dates who support family planning - not just through rhetoric, but through actions such as funding the United Nations Population Fund, and supporting contra-

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PRUDHOE BAY

(Continued from page 1)

widely through north-

ern Alaska, and John

Ringstad, formerly of the Alaska legislature and now employed by BP (British Petroleum). Both men speak effec-

tively, 180 degrees out of phase. We also hear from Lucy Beach, a Native American living on the southern edge of the refuge, impressive in her defense of the Gwich’in way of life, which will be degraded if drilling is allowed.

There’s another presence here, too, in a spir-

it. Many people in Alaska revere Margaret and Olaus Murie, and their book, Two in the Far North. The Murie family and its members are, of course, heroes of the wilderness preservation movement. If they were alive today we can imagine what they would think of drilling in ANWR.

We are turned over to the North

Alaska Tour Company for the trip north. It’s a fly-in, bus back arrangement. We get into a small plane and are flown over the gorgeous snowy peaks of the Brooks Range, then over the North Slope as we near Prudhoe. It’s just like the photo-

tographs. We can’t yet see the coast, though. It’s covered by a fog that has drifted in from the Arctic Ocean. The pilot drops below the fog and lands at the Deadhorse airport, adjacent to the epi-

center of the current drilling and pump-

ing operations. It’s now 30 degrees F. We register at the Prudhoe Bay Hotel, cour-
esty of the Alyeska consortium of oil com-

panies in charge here. A photograph of a field full of caribou against a backdrop of a pumping station hangs on an inside wall. This of course says nothing about whether caribou will calve here. (They don’t.) We are ushered into a conference room and seated to watch a videotape of oil company propaganda.

Later an oil company bus takes us for a tour of the facilities. We are supposed to be impressed by the size of the oil rigs and supporting structures, They are huge and complex, with many roads, but we’ve seen oil facilities before. The oil people also hope we’ll be impressed by the wildlife. There are a few caribou around, and birds, but scattered sparsely here and there, nothing like the pho-

tographs. Granted, the Alyeska people seem to keep a “neat house” here, and presumably would do so in ANWR, but a neat house isn’t an ecosystem.

Finally we’re driven to a very small spit of gravel, man-made, jutting off the coast. The bus driver gets off first to “look for polar bears.” This seems a bit disingenu-

ous, since a polar bear here would have caused an uproar all over the area. We ask why the tiny peninsula. The bus driver tells us it’s because of a regulation requiring “public access.” Some public access! It’s real purpose, the driver says, is to see that a stable world population is healthy for the planet and its people. Unfortunately, the Bush administration and the fringe it caters to are creating more problems than they are solving. On November 2, we need to vote for candi-

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ceptive coverage, so that we can all enjoy the planet we as Sierra Club members work to preserve and protect.

George Schindler is a founding member of the New Jersey Chapter (1971), and served long as our Forestry Issues Coordinator. He lists as chief contributions the leading of many backpack trips and day hikes, his 25-year battle to save Sunfish Pond (Warren County) and efforts to keep the Delaware River freeflowing by preventing a dam at Tocts Island.

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View of Lake San Pablo near Otavalo

Aerial view of peaks of the Brooks Range, stretching east-west 600 miles, 100 miles wide.

North Slope, camera pointed northeast from the air. The white line on the ground is the pipeline.

Prudhoe Bay “Hotel” on the shore of the Arctic Ocean: residence of pipeline workers and occasionally carefully supervised visitors.

(Archived by Lauren Beal, 10/20/04)
**Resolutions Adopted by the Chapter’s Executive Committee in June, July, and August:**

1. A “smart growth reform bill” [later known as “Fast Track” or “E-Z Pass for Polluters!”] is coming up for a hearing in both houses of the Legislature (S 1638A/ A-3008). This bill calls for an ombudsman to expedite permits, and to expedite per-
mit reviews, i.e., DEP must review an application within 20 days, and act with-
in 45 days or it is automatically approved. This applies to almost the entire State. “Pre-qualified” outside con-
sultants may be certified to review appli-
cations. The Bill was approved and signed into law. It is discussed in the art-
icle by Glenn Scherer on p. 1.)

2. Contraceptive Equity: The Chapter will continue to work with the New Jersey coalition on contraceptive equity legisla-
tion and other reproductive health issues. (Following challenges to National Club policy on Immigration and Animal Rights, we urged that qualifications that establishes in future elections for Board of Directors include membership of the Sierra Club for a period of at least three years, and service in a leadership position on a Chapter or Group Executive Committee, Regional Conservation Committee or National Committee for at least two years. (July)

3. Additional Congressional Endorse-
ment: Bill Pascrell was endorsed to run for Congress in the 5th District, oppos-
ing Scott Garrett. (Confirmation by the Chir.

4. (August)

5. The Natural and Trails and Waters Coalition has been working at the National level for a number of years. The Coalition is coordinated and directed by a seven-member steering committee, with one representative from each of the following organizations: New Jersey Audubon Society, New Jersey Natural Lands Alliance, Bluewater Network, Colorado Mountain Club, Sierra Club, Southern Utah Wilderness Alliance, The Wilderness Society, and Wildlands CPR.

6. For the latest news from this national group, visit the following website: http://naturallandscoalition.org/index.html

7. The coalition is currently focusing its efforts on strengthening rules restricting ATV usage in National Forests. It is also concerned with the safety of ATV use and misuse. A coalition was a record-breaking year for serious ATV injuries and deaths. A report released October 5, 2005 by the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) estimates that ATVs caused 11,900 injuries and 14 deaths requiring emergency room treatment in 2002. This increase continues a trend dating to 1993. The CPSC estimates that ATV-related deaths were the highest ever, rising from 509 in 2000 to at least 654 in 2001.

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My First ICO Hike

By Marty Cohen

On a sunny, warm May 15 I joined an ICO hike led by Anne Dyjak, along with two other volunteers: Anne and Joe Filo. The Hudson County Boys and Girls Club bus arrived from Hoboken and deposited 9 boys and girls ranging in age from eight to about thirteen, along with a number of teachers and educational/adventure in the wilderness. The wilderness in this case was the Blue Mts. located in the Colonial National Recreation Area in northwestern NJ, quite a beautiful piece of property saved, in part, by the efforts of our federal government (and an upwelling of grass roots voices which forced the cancellation of the construction of a bad idea called the Tocks Island dam, but that’s another story). Despite the expected presence of little critters (bugs) and the expected absence of big critters (bears), the children had a delightful time and, if the kids are happy, so are the volunteers. Joe is naturally a “naturalist by profession and so the children, without realizing it, were getting quite an education about the abundant flora and fauna. I love birds, but quite a number of birds at this hike. Since it was a warm day, even though the water was on the cool side, the lake and nearby stream provided their magnetic effect on the children (and adults) drawing them down to the water’s edge and, in some cases, (up to the ankles). Frogs were in abundance and had to flee, as the children were determined to catch them despite their slimy nature (none were caught but several were touched, much to the delight of the touchers). Also inspected at close range were water bugs, on all of which Joe expounded in an interesting way. As Anne had brought several pairs of binoculars which she distributed to the children, they were able to identify “close up.” Joe and Anne were able to identify them.

What did the kids learn that day? Well, to respect nature by not littering, each had to carry out his or her lunch remnants and, as a not insignificant touch of self-reliance, each had to pack his or her own water and lunch; and to respect nature by not harming the critters (except the ones that were being eaten). “Why are those bugs biting me?” one exclaimed. I answered “It wants to drink a drop of your blood,” which elicited a pensive, if not somewhat concerned look on the face of the eight-year old whom I was addressing.

The kids thought it a great day off from school, while I considered it a great school day.

Preparation and execution of these educational (and fun) ICO outings requires a certain amount of dedication; if you would like to join the fun please contact North/Central NJ ICO at nhico@sierraclub.org. Volunteers of all ages are welcome to join this exciting program. ICO has the more children get into the woods.

Get On The Road To Somewhere

By Dan Sullivan, Chair of the Club’s National Political Communications Committee

T is fall all political eyes will be focused on the handful of battleground states where experts say the presidential race is being decided, and many other races will be decided. It is in these states that we will be focusing its efforts to educate and mobilize its members and sympathetic environments and those who live in those states will be at the center of the action and will have countless opportunities to participate - attending and organizing rallies, making phone calls, writing neighborhoods. But what about the rest of us in the red and blue states — isn’t there some way for us to be a part of what is usually the most important election of our environment in our lifetimes? Yes. The answer is to get on the Road to Somewhere - either literally or figuratively.

This fall, the Sierra Club will be trying to get as many people as possible to work at understanding environmental and social issues, and to get to know people and organizations with whom we can work for change.

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The Origin of Singles Hikes in New Jersey

by Bruce Freeman

I led two singles hikes in October, 1984, maybe a few before that as well. They were fun, but not all that successful, but I had resumed leading by May, 1985. At the 1985 SIERRA convention I led three singles hikes or cross-country ski outings every two months, alternating between singles and singles. In 1985 I took Joe Hallow (who in the spring of 1980, there was a larger attendance. In addition, I encouraged others to take the lead as I was only available about during this leading period during this lead. Leslie Torresson (now Mrs. Segal) led one hike in August. I was working at the state, prechuling her leading more) and fifty hookers showed up. She was rather overwhelmed, but I was backing her up, as were one or two other experienced hikers, and the outing went well. Yet there were problems. One would be a hike leader scouted a hike in August, and the hike leader’s announcement for a November singles hike to her group with an idyllic location. I’ll never forget her polite phone call to me when she learned that her hike announcement was not get published in the Jersey Sierran (which was, at the time, the only official way to publish an outings announcement). She was so discouraged that, as one of her friends said, she “had no choice but to lead a Sierra Club hike. When I quizzed her about her hike announcement to have “lost” her announcement. I found it quite suspicious that he happened to be there.

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I continued to lead singles hikes and cross-country ski outings at least through the spring of 1986. However, the flak I’d been receiving had a toll on me. Some time in the spring of 1986, I conjectured that my outing went well.

Now, many years later, my affairs have rearranged themselves once again and I am resuming the leading of singles hikes. One of the first of these was a commemora- tion of the first singles hike in the New Jersey Chapter — held Saturday, July 7, 2004, in Hortherswood — almost 20 years to the day after that first hike, and in the same park. Were you there?
**HOW TO IDENTIFY YOUR GROUP (BY COUNTY)**

**Northwest Jersey Group** (Sussex & Warren Counties, approximately)

Web site: We are accessible from the NJ Chapter Web site.

**OFFICERS:**

Chair: Dennis Miranda 973-209-1814 dmmg@earthlink.net

Active Person: Pat Mangino 862-452-7552 pmangino@aol.com

Vice Chair: Open position!

Treasurer: Open position!

Secretary: Open position!

Political Chair: Open position!

Publicity Chair: Open position!

Outgoing Chair: Open position!

ACTIVITIES: Working to preserve open space and clean water in the NJ Highlands within Sussex and Warren Counties.

**OPENING:** The Group has an opening for Treasurer. Secretary, Conservation, and a number of other positions as it renews its efforts to preserve open space and clean water within the NJ Highlands. Free training provided. For those interested in helping please contact Dennis at 973-209-1814, or at: dmmg@earthlink.net for details. Thanks!

**GENERAL MEETINGS:** Please contact Dennis Miranda for information regarding future meetings and discussions of plans for preserving the NJ Highlands from overdevelopment. For directions or more information, please call Dennis, at 973-209-1814.

**Hudson-Meadowlands Group** (Sussex, Warren, and Bergen Counties, approximately)

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**North Jersey Group** (Passaic and Bergen Counties, approximately)

**OFFICERS:**

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Conservation:

Co-Chair: Mike Herson 201-262-9472 mikeherson@hotmail.com

Ellen Friedman 201-848-1080 Ellen874@aol.com

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Treasurer: Mary Ellen Shaw 201-489-1588 MaryEllen.Shaw@qsg.com

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These designations are approximate members are welcome to participate in whichever Group(s) they find convenient.

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE/CONSERVATION MEETINGS:** Held at least four times a year (once every quarter). For the date and location, please contact Betsy (see above).

**GENERAL MEETINGS:** Held on the first Wednesday of each month at Liberty State Park, Motions for using public transportation, local parks, and other issues discussed at monthly Chapter ExCom meetings and pursued by our Issue Oversight Committee which has had one meeting: Point persons on 4 potential park projects designated as our 2004-5 priorities: a) Hoboken Park: Leah Healey, former head of Hudson River Walkway Conservancy b) Guttenberg Park: Renee Pollani c) North Bergen: Jill Hawkins (New Jersey Fisherman’s Association, our ExCom, et al) with Connie Ferra (our ExCom) currently doing research d) Edgewater Park—Grand Cove Marina e) Edgewater Master Plan:Revision f) 5) Replacing the “Superfund Site” sign on toxic land in Edgewater: Tina Munson

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**STIRLING FOREST:** Plans are still in place to develop 571 acres in the middle of Sterling Forest State Park. The region is especially rich in herpetological species, providing essential habitat for the threatened Timber rattlesnake. Because of the high density of dens, the NYS DEC has ruled out the golf course that was proposed on the site. The developer is now pressing for more luxury homes. To find out more, contact Tom or Betsy (see above).

**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:** Help with conservation issues, legislation, public education, publicity, tabling, petition drives, and campaigns to elect pro-environment candidates to public office. Or take on an issue such as air quality, brownfields, energy, environmental justice, global warming, overpopulation, recycling, superfund sites, transportation, or another that interests you. To find out more, contact Betsy (see above).

**TO RECEIVE E-MAIL NOTICES OF ISSUES, EVENTS AND MEETINGS:** Send a message with your e-mail address (to be kept confidential) to BetsyKohn@aol.com

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**NEWS:** As you can guess, the Hudson-Meadowlands Group is suffering “growth pains.” It takes active volunteers to operate the Sierra Club, people interested both in local issues (environmentally responsible development of the Hoboken waterfront area, oversight of Liberty State Park, motivations for using public transport, local parks, Meadowlands issues, etc.), and people interested in the larger regional and state-wide issues discussed at monthly Chapter ExCom meetings and pursued by our Issue Coordinator. Hudson (and southern Bergen) County always presents interesting political/ election endorsement opportunities.

**ISSUE PRIORITIES FOR 2004:**

1) Closing of Indian Point/Oyster Creek (held informational meeting Sept, 2003— Kyle Rabin)

2) Regional transportation issues (held informational meeting July 15, 2004—James Souder from Senator Corzine’s Office)

3) Preserving urban parkland (held informational meeting June, 2004—resulted in the formation of a committee which has had one meeting: Point persons on 4 potential parks designated as our 2004-5 priorities: a) Hoboken Park: Leah Healey, former head of Hudson River Walkway Conservancy b) Guttenberg Park: Renee Pollani c) North Bergen: Jill Hawkins (New Jersey Fisherman’s Association, our ExCom, et al) with Connie Ferra (our ExCom) currently doing research d) Edgewater Park—Grand Cove Marina e) Edgewater Master Plan:Revision f) 5) Replacing the “Superfund Site” sign on toxic land in Edgewater: Tina Munson

**Thanks for RECYCLING! AND THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**

**HUNTERDON COUNTY GROUP**

**OFFICERS:**

Chair: Ruth Prince 908-284-9103 ruthp@2parkmedia.net

Political Chair and Treasurer: Arnold Kuschnick akuschnick@aol.com

For meeting times and locations, please contact Ruth Prince.

**ACTIVITIES:**

Planning: We are involved with the development of the Hunterdon County Growth Management Plan, an effort that has been funded by the state DCA, and continue to attend county meetings and workshops. We are coordinating with the Hunterdon Coalition on the State Plan cross-accounting process, regarding fast-track permitting impacts.

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**Group News FROM AROUND THE STATE**

The Jersey Sierran: October-December 2004
GROUP NEWS

Essex County Group

web site: nj.sierra.org/nj/GROUPs/essex

We are also accessible from the NJ Chapter web site.

OFFICERS:
Chair: Michel Cuillerier 973-577-1472 schatzidog@earthlink.net
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Conservation: Jon-Eric Dentz 908-233-2414 j_dentz@yahoo.com
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Treasurer: Lori Tanner 973-857-0519 ljensen@montclairfair.org
Secretary: Janine Schaefer janschaefer@prodigy.net
Fundraising: Open Position!

EVENTS:
Essex County Park and Open Space Trust Fund is implemented in a fair and consistent way, and to establish a Committee meeting. We have open positions on our Executive Committee. If you are interested and would like to find out more, please contact Paul Sanderson.

Executive Committee Meetings:
Please contact Michel at 732-60913 for dates and locations.

General Meeting:
Please call Maria de Wakefield at 973-736-0913 for dates and locations.

Loantaka Group

(Morris and Union Counties, approximately)

WEB SITE: http://loantaka.sierra.org

OFFICERS:
Group Co-Chairs: Paul Sanderson 908-253-2414 paulsanderson@aol.com and Chris Mills 973-577-1472 ChrisMills@sierraactivist.org
Treasurer: Lisa Melanie 908-272-4478 lisamelin@comcast.net
Secretary: Open Position!

General Meetings:
Meetings are held on the FIRST THURSDAY of the month at 7:30 pm at the Library of the Chathams, 214 Main St., Chatham, NJ.

This is your club and there is always an open invitation to attend an Executive Committee meeting. We have open positions on our Executive Committee. If you are interested and would like to find out more, please contact Paul Sanderson.

General Meetings:
Meetings are held on the SECOND WEDNESDAY of each month at 7:30 pm at the Lawrence Branch of the Mercer County Library, 2751 Brunswick Pike, Lawrenceville 08648. Check our website for a map. From Trenton: Exit Rte. 1 North to "Business Rte. 1 and Rte. 206" ramp on right. At traffic circle, bear right onto Rte. 1 North. Exit on the right in about 2 miles to Darrah Lane. (Dodgeway's bed and breakfast is on the left.) Continue straight on Darrah Lane. The library is on your right. From the North: Take Rte. 1 South. After I-295 overpass there is a traffic light at Franklin Corner Road. Stay to the right onto Rte. 1 South. Turn right at next traffic light onto Darrah Lane. The library is on the right. Meeting rooms are on the far right side of library.

We welcome everyone at our meetings and hope you can participate in some way. We are involved in many conservation issues at the local, state and national levels.

Program Schedule:
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New 10: This month’s program is still open. Want to discuss the election, see a film, show slides from your summer trip? Contact an ExCom member with your suggestion. Check our website for further details.

ATTENDANCE:
October 13: A program on "Energy Policy and Sustainable Energy" will be presented by Jeff Hapner.

October 20: A program on "Storm Water Management and the Environment" will be presented.

Dec 8: Fletcher Harper, an Episcopal priest, is Executive Director of Partners for Environmental Quality, an interfaith environmental coalition based in New Jersey. An award-winning spiritual writer, Harper preaches, teaches and speaks weekly at houses of worship from a wide range of denominations in New Jersey and beyond about the moral and spiritual basis for environmental stewardship and justice. He offers classes and forums for adults, teenagers and children and has spoken in churches, synagogues, mosques. He also leads PEQ’s Sustainable Life Program, in which PEQ helps congregations “green” their sanctuaries and their operations by saving energy and water, reducing solid waste production and eliminating the use of toxic substances on the congregation’s property. He has initiated PEQ’s Environmental Health and Justice Program, in which PEQ connects houses of worship with ongoing environmental justice campaigns in poor neighborhoods, focusing particularly on addressing the impact of environmental health threats on children. PEQ’s newest program, Lighting the Way, enables New Jersey houses of worship to receive a solar energy system at no up-front cost.

ACTIVITIES:
The Loantaka Group is working with concerned citizens and local environmental organizers to protect open space and habitat land in Morris and Union Counties, and to safeguard the water resources on which we all depend. We are also organizing volunteers and helping them maintain and improve trails in the Morris and Union County Park Systems. In addition, the Group is actively involved in State-wide initiatives involving air quality, transportation, and environmental legislation. Volunteers are always welcome: Call Paul (908-233-2414), Chris (973-577-1472) or Bob Johnson (908-771-9607) for more information.

Central Jersey Group

(Mercer County, parts of Somerset and Middlesex)

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WEB SITE: To get the most up-to-date information and news on our issues and activities, visit www.sierraactivist.org/getbusy.

You can find the most comprehensive website for local, state and national environmental news at www.sierraactivist.org.

ExCom Meetings:
Meetings are held on the FIRST THURSDAY of the month at 7:30 pm. Please contact Laura Lynch for the location, which may vary. These meetings are open to all Sierra Club members.

General Meetings:
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Dec 8: Please join us for our annual Holiday Party at the library. Bring your favorite holiday treat to share as we celebrate our 2004 successes and wash down our disappointments—come and help us close the books on another year! Remember, your vote counts! 2005 Sierra Club calendars on your shopping list? Buy them from our Group Fundraising Committee meeting.

EMAIL NOTICES: If you’d like to receive those last minute reminders of meetings or outings, please send your e-mail address to Corinne Egner (above). If you’d like to receive issue alerts, please send your e-mail address to Laura Lynch (above).

Baritan Valley Group

(Middlesex and Somerset Counties, approximately)

WEB SITE: www.nj.sierra.org/-njrar/

OFFICERS AND CONTACTS:
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Program Sandi Lowich abstract46@aol.com

Contact one of our Issue Coordinators (see the list on p. 12) if there’s an issue that interests you!
West Jersey Group
(Camden, Gloucester and Burlington Counties, approximately)

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New Jersey Group
(past and future place in history. You will leave with a greater sense
of seeing the two juveniles that were born this summer, and that feed at dusk. Contact
nificant and diverse waterfalls in our area. Following the 40-minute presentation, there
present the Heritage Trail.

Jersey Shore Group
(Monmouth and Ocean Counties, approximately)

Web site: http://njsierra.org/~njshore/

OFFICERS:
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GENERAL MEETINGS:
Held at 7pm on the THIRD WEDNESDAY of the month except for July and August. Meetings are held at the Unitarian Church, 401 N Kings Highway (Rte. 41), Cherry Hill (located between Rte. 70 and the convergence of Rtes. 38 and 73, just north of a traffic light at Chapel Avenue). Handicap accessible parking and entrance in rear of building.

OUT: Celeste Tracy, Trail coordinator for Delaware River Greenway Partnership will present the Heritage Trail.

Now 9: To be announced. Please check the website and local newspapers for topic.

Dese 14: Year-end wrap and holiday celebration. Join us as we review our accomplishments
for the year and make plans for protecting the environment in the coming New Year. Bring a favorite munchie to share.

South Jersey Group
(Atlantic, Cape May, Cumberland and Salem Counties, approximately)

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The central conservation issue, for which the Group was founded in the 1970s, continues
to be protection of the Great Egg Harbor Wild & Scenic River, and continues to consu-
me the energies of those few officers who remain active — both within the Sierra Club and in two other organizations that have "spun off" from the South Jersey Group. Very few of our local members seem interested in the meetings we’ve scheduled in the past few years, and many of them have been cancelled for lack of interest. For the pre-
sent, we’ll continue to be listed in this Newsletter, and offer a point of contact for Club
members in South Jersey who want help with local issues. If you have topics (and places) for meetings, please let the officers know about them. Please contact the offi-
cers specified in advance of each meeting, if you wish to attend; otherwise we'll can-
cel. We welcome general comments from Club members in South Jersey.

Current Issues: Club officers and staff have been following closely the several studies
seeking to determine sustainable water supply levels for southeastern New Jersey, with
the hope that final regulations will be adopted by planners (such as those employed by the
Pinelands commission) to limit population growth. Another hot issue is a proposal to
develop a large tract of environmentally sensitive land in Milville.

Sept 28 (Tues): 7pm: Opportunity to catch up on conservation planning for the Great Egg Harbor Wild and Scenic River, at a public (membership) session of the Watershed Association (an organization that once got its start as our Group Executive Committee!). Clay Sutton will describe his study of birds on the Great Egg Harbor River. For information or to confirm, call the Akers. Warren Fox Nature Center.

Oct 16 (Sat): 5pm Afternoon walk in the Unexpected Wildlife Refuge, with prospect of seeing the two juveniles that were born this summer, and that feed at dusk. Contact Fred Akers if interested.

Now 23 (Tues): 7pm: Another bi-monthly meeting of the Watershed Association.

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Dec 20 (Mon): 7pm at a place TBA: Share some potluck holiday food, read a classic environmental essay (to be provided), and join in a “Great Books type” discussion of it. Contact Dick Colby for more information.

Seniors Section
(A new chapter-wide special interest section offering hikes/cleanup/s, social gatherings, movies, meetings, etc.)

The Sierra Seniors held their 2nd meeting on Sat, May 8 at East Windsor Public Library. Discussion involved upcoming outings for hikes and topics for future meet-
ings. The group hopes to make the most of upcoming time in letter writing campaigns,
in social outings, and in increasing membership in a dynamic group compo-
nent of NJ Sierra Club. For further information, contact Nancy Carringer (ncarringer@yahooho.com) or Richard Isaacs (ricaux@aol.com).

OUTINGS
Sept 19 (Sunday): The Sierra Seniors will visit Princeton Battlefield State Park for an

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GROUP NEWS

easy hike. Meet in the parking lot at 1 pm for a 2-mile ramble on easy terrain. Sight- ing of the nesting pair of bald eagles—possible, but not guaranteed! Leader: Ken Mayberg.

Oct 17 (Saturday): A visit to the NJ Audubon Society’s Plainsboro Preserve for an easy hike around Lake McCormack to enjoy beautiful fall foliage. This will be followed by an organizational meeting and a potluck supper. Leader: Nancy Carringer. Contact Nancy by e-mail for the exact meeting time and place: ncarriinger@yahoo.com.

Singles Section

(A chapter wide special interest section offering hikes/cleanup, social gatherings, movies, meetings, etc.)

Please join us! The NJ Singles Section was specifically created to offer a variety of single-oriented activities to NJ Sierra Club members and those who would like to know more about us. We are not a local group, we are a statewide additional “layer” of Club involvement. Everyone is welcome to attend our events. Come out and meet fellow Club members and others who want to meet singles to enjoy activities together. Be prepared to only offer as much as you are willing to give. We have volunteers to run them — if you have the slightest urge to get involved, please give in to it!

Webpage address: http://singles.njsierra.org
email address: singles@njsierra.org (Join “Sierra Club” in your subject line)

Phone announcements: (973) 564-7757

Press 1 for: Final Friday Film Fest (last Friday of each month)
Press 2 for: Ron Pate’s upcoming hike
Press 3 for: 2nd Monday monthly meeting
Press 4 for: Tuesday of the month dinner meeting in the Library (214 Main St). Contact Joyce Haddad.
Press 5 for: Joyce Haddad’s outings
Press 6 for: Dance-and-Movies or Volleyball
Press 7 for: Book Club
Press 8 for: Gardening
Press 9 for: Rte. 24 East to Exit 8 (Summit Ave) over Route 18 (Rte. 24 East) through the traffic lights at University and Hillside Avenues. The Library is to the right about 1/2 block past the Hillside Ave traffic light. From Parkway take I-78 West. Take exit 7A for Chatham and bear right onto Rte. 124 (Main St). Follow Main St through the traffic lights at University and Hillside Avenues. The Library is to the right about 1/2 block past the Hillside Ave traffic light. From Parkways take Rte. 24 West to Main St and then follow above directions. For further directions, contact the library at 973-635-6003.

PLANNING/ECCOM MEETINGS each month at various locations. All welcome. Contact any officer for date and location.

SOCIALLY GATHERINGS:
Upcoming Fundraisers: Watch for upcoming details regarding our Sierra singles fundraising event this October. Join our listserv to be notified of upcoming events.

SOCIAL DINNER: First Wednesday of each month at 6:30 pm. Join us for dinner in Montclair at the Famished Frog. RSVP required; join our listserv for further details.

SOCIAL DINNER: Third Tuesday of each month at 7 pm. Join us for dinner in a Montclair restaurant. Location will be announced 2 weeks before the social. RSVP is required to jkhardad@juno.com or 973-564-7753, ext 4.

Now 16: “Dinner in Montclair” social will feature a speaker from Energy House who will talk to us about sustainable energy for the developing world.

SINGLE DINNER AND A MOVIE: Saturday, Nov 27: RSVP required - Please join us at 6pm at The Plaza, 1 Heights Plaza at Summit Ave., Montclair, NJ. Approximate cost is $27 (plus $5 extra fee for non-members, please bring membership card, for a full buffet dinner including soft drinks, coffee, dessert, tax, tip, and a movie ticket valid for one year at all Clearview Cinemas. Please include full name in e-mail and include the subject “Sierra Dinner and a Movie.” If you must cancel, please do so by e-mail ASAP. We will decide at dinner which movie to attend based on interest, and may split up to attend different movies. RSVP required by Nov 26th to: MistyAngell2005@yahoo.com, or 973-564-7753, ext. 8.

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OCTOBER

Oct. 3 (Sat) Social Biking Ride. Out on bike trip. Depart Union 8:30AM. 12 miles having fun. All riding levels are welcome. Leader: Gordon Brown 201-784-8417 email: eblumenkrantz@hotmail.com

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Oct. 6 (Sun) Social Hike at the Pocono's. Contact leader for meeting times and places as well as making camping reservations. Leader: Paul Serdiuk 609-462-3593 pis1@cccnj.net

Oct. 8 (Fri/ Sat) Columbia Day Weekend Work Service Trip. It copies the goats and winterites. We will spend our mornings hiking the various-gorge near Shica, NY (Butternut Falls). Robert Trentman and possably Walamio's, all of which will challenge us with hundreds of steps, consequently the CGI, and offer beautiful stream and waterviews. In the afternoon we will visit some winterites -- New Jersey is 2-foot in California is 2-winterites, and most of them offer more lovely like views. Diners in Shica or nearby. Many great restaurants to choose from, including the famous Moosewoods. We will stay at local B&Bs, 5 nights lodging, breakfasts, lunches, dinners, snacks and lots of water. Leader: Ellen Blumenkrantz 718-847-6147 email: elblumenkrantz@hotmail.com

Oct. 8 (Fri) Social Fall Foliage Hiking & Camping Weekend. Hike at camp and South North Lake camp. Bring lunch or snack & 2 quarts of water. Meet before 10:30 AM at Lake Skannantati and Lake Askoti parking lot of Hilton Hotel, Rt 70 Cherry Hill to carpool/caravan or meet at 10:00am at Park HQ on Rt 32, on the pa side. Leader: David Ogens 609-462-5955 or pis1@cccnj.net

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Oct. 11 (Mon) October Public Biking Event. Call Joe at 201-784-8417 for more information.

Oct. 12 (Wed) Social Hike at the Pocono's. Contact leader for meeting times and places as well as making camping reservations. Leader: Paul Serdiuk 609-462-3593 pis1@cccnj.net

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Oct. 19 (Sat) Social Hike. "The Pines were roaring on the height, the winds were moaning in the night . . ." -- JRR Tolkien

Oct. 22 (Sat) Social Hike/Clean-up in Harriman State Park. We will hike 3 to 4 miles of somewhat rocky terrain. Bring dinner or snack & 2 quarts of water. Leader: Ellen Blumenkrantz 201-784-8417 email: elblumenkrantz@hotmail.com

Oct. 22 (Sat) Social Hike. 9:30AM Next to last trip of season, only if there is water. Bring picnic lunch. Contact leader for meeting time and place. Leader: David Ogens Bandit29@aol.com. (E)

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Dec. 4 (Fri) The Tipop Loop/Harriman State Park 10:00AM Starting from the Anthony Wayne parking lot we will do one of the most strenuous loops in Harriman State Park, ascending and descending 4 different hills. Bring lots of energy and good physical condition. Bring picnic type food to share at talatage social after hike. Leader: David Ogens Bandit29@aol.com. (E)
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