

Assessing the McGreevey Years

, Chapter Director

With Governor McGreevey's resignation, it is time to look back at his record: what were his achievements, what were his failures? The best way the last three years would be the Clint Eastwood movie, "The Bad, and the Ugly." We had Governor McGreevey and his administration

on an environmental agenda. He picked up on many Sierra Club initiatives such as Category One upgrades to waterways, protection of the Highlands, and putting enforcement back into the DEP. At the same time we fought him on permitting issues. Unfortunately, all his modest advances have been outweighed by the passage of Fast Track. The Sierra Club filed more lawsuits in McGreevey's three years than in eight years of Whitman and DiFrancesco -- for putting office buildings on a park in Plainfield, approving

"Center" designations in the Highlands and many others. Now we have a new Acting Governor, Richard Codey, with whom we have had a long relationship. He has supported some of our environmental initiatives, but he has not been an environmental leader, and we have never endorsed him as a candidate for the State Senate. He supported establishing an Environmental Prosecutor, expanding private well testing and he was helpful in passing Clean Car legislation. So for now we will wait and see, and hope that he will fix Fast Track. The first indications are not so hopeful.

The Good: Governor McGreevey ended the **Liberty State Park Development Corporation's** prolonged attempts to build golf courses and water-parks. We saw a **doubling of enforcement efforts** against violators of environ-

mental laws, though we fell below the levels of enforcement of the Florio administration. He cancelled Whitman's **Open Market Emission Trading** program which had brought more air pollution to New Jersey. He proposed a **renewable energy** by the year 2010 pilot program for **recovery of Resource Damages** is good, but it could be even larger. His administration Commissioner Brad Cammer implemented the Sierra Club's **recommended upgrading of major reservoirs to Category One** by adopting strong **Water Management Rules** that establish 50-foot buffers around these **Category One** **stopped the Millstone Nuclear Transfer of Developments**

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Petty's Island be Saved?

ola, our Delaware River Issues Coordinator (and much more!)

Delaware River, just off the north end of Pennsauken's riverfront, sits Petty's Island. The acres that are home to CITCO with its refinery equipment and chemical tanks. Strangely, for a number of years, it has also been a nesting site for bald eagles.

A pair of eagles prefers to be perched rather than to nest in the southern and rural reaches of the Delaware Estuary is not known. It is just because we now have 25 nesting pairs of bald eagles in New Jersey and the newcomers find their own territory. It is because in recent years the decline in water quality and the loss of a fish ladder on the river, which is a tributary to the Delaware running through Camden, has reduced the food supply for the eagles. It is because two other eagles claim the territory on Burlington Island and a pair on along Mantua Creek. What the reason, these eagles are unable to live on the wooded island that is not used by the eagles they can often be seen along the Delaware River and up the Cooper River and Newton River fish.

It isn't the only inhabitants of Petty's Island. It is also a refuge for a heron rookery (nesting site for a host of other wildlife including wetlands.

The Delaware Riverkeeper has offered to clean up the island and has generously offered to establish a wildlife stewardship fund.

Petty's Island. So, despite of a grass-roots effort to get the DEP to accept CITCO's generous offer, Pennsauken Township has initiated condemnation proceedings in an effort to force CITCO to sell the island and go away. The developers are not happy being allowed to develop just the riverfront. They want the island too.

CITCO is promising a fight to follow through on plans to clean up the island and turn it into a wildlife refuge.

As this issue of the *Sierran* goes to press, here is what has happened so far:

- In the spring of 2004, CITCO announced plans to establish a wildlife preserve on Petty's Island. This prompted various environmental and citizens groups to send letters, emails and faxes, including a Sierra Club Action Alert, to the DEP encouraging acceptance of the CITCO offer.

- On September 30, 2004, a hearing was held in Camden at which CITCO presented a proposal to The Natural Lands Trust, an advisory arm of the DEP. Citizens' comments were all in favor of accepting the CITCO offer. Of the eight members on the Board of Directors for the Trust, five voted to accept, and three voted against. However, the Board is made up of five citizen members and three state officials, and at least one of the state officials must vote yes. So, despite the majority vote in favor of preserving the island, the motion failed because none of the votes in favor of the plan were cast by the state officials.

- On October 30, volunteers fanned out in Pennsauken Township armed with 11,000 copies of a fact sheet put together by Delaware Riverkeeper. Their goal was to deliver one to every residence in the township.

- Attempts are now underway to convince the US Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) to accept the CITCO offer. FWS's New Jersey field office has supported

Going Into 2005, Political

By Richard Isaac, Chapter Political Chair



Although the environment wasn't a major issue in the 2004 presidential campaign, the Sierra Club is committed to making it part of the State's 2005 gubernatorial and legislative election campaigns.

By the time this newsletter reaches you, our Chapter will have sent out questionnaires to gubernatorial candidates on the issues below, which constitute a legislative "wish-list." We will follow up in the Spring with similar questionnaires to candidates for the State Senate and Assembly. The Chapter's Political Committee will do everything it can to stay on message. And here is that message:

1. REPEAL FAST-TRACK: A3008/S1368

On July 2, 2004, with little or no press, ex-Gov. McGreevey signed the Fast-Track Act into law. It established a "Smart Growth" Ombudsman whose role is to lobby on behalf of developers in so-called "smart growth" areas. The ombudsman can over-ride rules and regulations from all state agencies, and expedite the state agency (DEP, DCA, DOT) permit approval process for new development in areas designated for growth in the State Plan.

As the worst environmental bill in decades, the act was opposed by all the state's environmental organizations, and is currently being challenged in court. So the Chapter will be asking candidates if they support repeal of this Law.

2. RESTORATION OF THE PUBLIC

called "Smart Growth Ordinance" established by the Fast-Track Act. The State needs to restore the Office of the State Advocate, and the Chapter will be asking candidates whether they agree

3. CLEAN AIR: A3182/S1717

The harmful exhaust from diesel engines, trucks, buses and cars is responsible for more than 40 known and potential carcinogens, plus particulate matter commonly known as soot. These pollutants are believed to cause as many as 10,000 deaths every year as motor vehicles, boats and shootings. The DEP estimates that reducing diesel emissions from 370 New Jerseyans from 2000 to 2010 would prevent 16,000 deaths every year.

The diesel emissions bill would require the retrofitting of diesel vehicles with cleaner filters and exhaust systems. It would also mandate the use of ultra-low sulfur diesel fuel. While a step in the right direction, the bill as it is written would reduce fine particulate diesel emissions only by 2.2% for targeted engines: on-road diesel engines). The Chapter will be asking candidates to support a bill that would reduce fine particulate diesel emissions by 10%.

4. FAMILY PLANNING/POPULATION: A3556

New Jersey is the most densely populated state in the nation.

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changed with the developer, to keep building all around the hibernation dens? Remember the rattlesnake deal was cut, biologists happened upon a snake run over by a car on one of the roads, and then a nest with a clutch of eggs on land that was under development? Because they had as a "threatened" species, habitat is supposed to be protected from "irreversible adverse impacts" and regulations. Well now it's a vu all over again, as the commission has announced agreement with the developer, allowing him to proceed with the pine snakes' upland change for leaving two (2) lots where the nest was found.

So, the Pinelands Commission is to settle with the developer (a) by conducting any study of the population or its needs, (b) by protecting the critical foraging pine snake population, (c) by allowing that the pine snakes will be allowed to use their established foraging sites even as people and their developer, (d) without any scientists

The predictable result: The snakes will be killed and harassed. This scenario is confirmed by a study the Commission just completed of the rattlesnakes at the site - a study it only undertook after it approved development of the snakes' habitats. That study found, among other things, that snake-proof fences don't work and that two out of nine rattlesnakes the scientists radio-tracked were killed by people during the study period. Not surprisingly, neither killing was reported to the government. We only know because the snakes had radio-transmitters implanted under their skin, so scientists found their corpses.

The Pinelands Preservation Alliance, New Jersey Audubon Society and Natural Resources Defense Council have been fighting the Pinelands Commission and developer over the destruction of threatened and endangered species habitat at the Sanctuary for the past six years and expect to mount a legal challenge again if the Commission approves the proposed pine snake settlement. Contact the Pinelands Commission at 609-894-7300 or www.state.nj.us/pinelands/ if you'd like to urge them to follow their own regulations and protect the snakes. ☺

POPULATION ISSUES REPORT:

Environmental Activist Wins 4th Nobel Peace Prize

Wangari Maathai, our Population Issues Coordinator

With her bright smile and colorful personality, she belie the difficult years experienced by Kenyan Wangari Maathai became the first environmentalist woman from Africa to be awarded the Nobel Peace Prize. She was a peace activist and at one point forced to flee her homeland; but she persevered, and her professor of zoology campaigned for her, eventually winning the Nobel Prize and being appointed ambassador for the environment.

How do you recognize an environmentalist? In her own words, "The everyday survival of those who depend on natural resources - forests, rivers, and oceans - for their livelihoods is at the heart of the battle for peace and justice. When natural resources are depleted, wars are started. If we manage our natural resources wisely, we can help promote peace."

For this honor began in 1977 when Wangari Maathai planted seven trees in her honor of Kenyan female environmentalists who eventually formed the Green Belt Movement and today in Kenya there are approximately 10,000 women who have joined that Movement, and have planted an estimated 30 million trees to combat deforestation. Between British and Kenyan farmers, as well as the corrupt regime of President Moi, an estimated 75% of the

In an interview on NPR, Maathai said that the poor are over-mining the environment to try to maintain their lives and the rich are over-consuming. Her life's work has revolved around getting people to cooperate in order to sustain the planet.

Green Belt members are re-learning the knowledge of their ancestors: planting indigenous crops, using organic methods, and providing food for their families from kitchen gardens. Through paid employment for planting trees, women are able to better care for their children and provide for their future.

Recognizing that a sustainable planet includes a sustainable population, the Green Belt Movement works with women's organizations to find solutions to poverty, HIV/AIDS, orphans and food insecurity. They "assist, especially young girls and women, to face the challenges of growing up, making complex decisions about their sexual and reproductive health, and gaining knowledge and skills to protect themselves from HIV and AIDS."

The head of the Nobel Committee said, "Peace on earth depends on our ability to secure our living environment." To which Maathai adds, "In managing our resources...we plant the seeds of peace,



Preparatory school in West Orange, Essex County, known as the Governor George Brinton McClellan Estate. This tract contains at least 50 trees aged 100 years or more, an arboretum of rare trees at record size, and rare wildlife, including red fox, hawks, eagles and owls. Seton Hall Prep plans to clear-cut the entire property to build a parking lot and bleachers for 1500 people, baseball fields, tennis courts and practice fields. (Sept)

We asked the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection to **oppose the Christ Church Development** at 140 Green Pond Road, Rockaway Town, Morris County. Objections include its location in the Highlands Core Preservation Zone, its need for new sewage treatment capacity, poor site drainage, and the proposed cutting of trees that house an endangered species of bats. (Oct)

We retained the Columbia Environmental Law Clinic to represent

Meadowlands, Hudson County. We **opposed the proposed development of Intrawest Village**, 20 units and 500,000 square feet of commercial and retail space, in Vauxhall, Sussex County, by authorizing Rutgers and/or Columbia Environmental Law Clinics to initiate proceedings. The proposal threatens endangerment of bitterns, owls, rails and woodcock and includes injection of 3 million gallons/day of treated sewage into a stone aquifer. (Oct)

We **agreed to fight the development of Hopatcong Village Grande**, a 100 Tract in Hopatcong Borough, Hudson County, on 294 acres of Highlands Core containing four threatened and endangered species. The proposed development is Hopatcong's Master Plan, which will impact the Musconetcong River. We retained Wild & Scenic River Environmental Law Clinic to represent and take the case. (Oct) ☺

Election Aftermath: Reactions to John Kerry's Loss to George W. Bush

From Greg Tondi, NJ Sierra Club Liaison to the Kerry Campaign

The fight is far from over. Now, more than ever, the environment needs our help. We need to let this administration know that we are not walking away from protecting this beautiful planet that we treasure so much. One of the ways that we can help is to let our congressmen and senators know that we are here for the environment. We are fortunate to live in a state which has many pro-environment politicians, but they still need to hear that we support them on the issues.

From Sunil Somalwar, Chapter Chair:

What now? We can count on the Cheney/Bush team to strive for the worst, but ideological blindness is the biggest chink in their armor. I expect better payoffs for our efforts now because there won't be another September 11th for Bush/Cheney to cash in. Who knows how the next four years will be, but I am optimistic that they won't be as tough as the last four years.

From Laura Lynch, Chapter Conservation Chair:

"So take that look out of here
It doesn't fit you
Just 'cause it's happened
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Come up screaming
Cry out for everything you ever might
have wanted"

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We are not going to give up. We are going to focus on what is important to us and work to make things happen. We are going to follow up on track bills in Congress, and urge our representatives to do the same. If we did nothing before, we are writing letters now. If we wrote letters before, we will make phone calls now. We will meet with them if we have the chance, all, we will not give up. We will not hate and anger consumers used to losing. We learn from our losses when we win, the victory is much more.

From Dick Colby, Newsletter Editor:

I take a bizarre comfort in John Bush's re-election not as a sign of neo-conservative victory, but as a measure of the realignment of values and policies, but rather as a referendum on "cuddling the incumbent." The London *Economist* remarked that the candidates were fundamentally sound, but John Bush as incompetent and incoherent. I see no reason why environmental candidates can't succeed in 2006 and 2008. We need to find some that have parental warmth and common sense. Clinton, a Reagan, or a Carter to Church is probably part of the problem. Such people are EXTREMELY rare, even among elected officials. I hope that there are so few of them in our population of 190 million that we should start looking now! ☺

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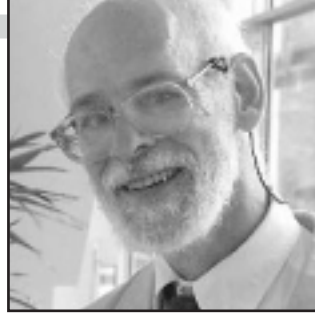
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Laurie Lynch 11-21-04

Editorial

-Mart Zoning

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uch a sociological as an environmental issue in New Jersey, but may we lose quality of life. The destruction that Wal-Mart is wreaking on our older (urban) communities. Wearing their hats, as a Planning Board in Egg Harbor City, Atlantic City watched in dismay as many storefronts on our shopping street peel-up; I'm sure the same thing is happening in many other older, communities.

That the threat to the quality of life is quite analogous to what was experienced during the Gilded Age (1870-1900, roughly), when robber barons of the oil, steel, railroad and other industries gained monopolistic power. It had to be subdued by the passage of the anti-trust laws and the reforms of the Progressive Era (1890-1920, roughly).

That is a modern robber baron, who is exploiting the free market system of the late 19th century. As D. Rockefeller did in the question is what to do about it. There are two approaches, depending on whether you are on the Environmental Commission, the Planning Board and the citizenry are all in favorable to the development, that come in a "big box."

That is even a big-box-hostile environment needs new tools to cope with the mythology of a Wal-Mart We

shopping malls could be made to require the collective approvals of all municipalities that are affected: say all within 20 miles. Perhaps protections should be provided to all historic shopping districts, regardless of whether they have status as Historic Districts. Or, if we support agricultural subsidies, perhaps we should provide small business subsidies, paid for by taxes on big businesses.

The other approach is for use in communities that WANT development at the expense of the environment: we need to be able to use the environmental protections afforded to wetlands, farmlands, threatened species, habitat corridors, stormwater discharge pathways, and other environmental criteria. There need to be hotlines and response teams, empowered to issue cease & desist orders.

I have specific information about a proposed Wal-Mart on Old Tilton and Fire Roads in Egg Harbor Twp, Atlantic County. The site is a former executive complex of Atlantic Electric, which took care to retain groves of large 100-year-old trees when originally developing the site. The land is currently owned by a developer; Wal-Mart has not yet purchased it, but they have preliminary approval from the local planning board.

front of my computer, bleary-eyed and dejected, trying to make some sense out of it all. I must admit that I was one of those who truly believed that John Kerry was going to pull this one off. After all, how could the American people return a man to office who, during his first term, launched an unprecedented assault on our natural environment, committed us to a senseless and perhaps unwinnable war, trashed our economy, severely restricted our personal liberties, failed to deal effectively with threats to our national security, destroyed our standing and prestige in the world community and slashed benefits to the poor and disadvantaged? Well, they did.

So what are we going to do about it? One option is to roll over and admit defeat. I reject this option. We need to keep fighting for the things in which we believe. But we also need to learn how to become more effective in getting our message across. To do this we need to figure out what it is about Bush and his administration that so many people find attractive. I think part of the answer lies in the fact that Americans today are feeling anxious and overwhelmed. Bush tells them that he will take care of them and that everything will be all right. They desperately want to believe this, so they do. Then we come along and tell them the sky is falling and that we are headed toward a global cataclysm. Well, we probably are, but this is not what people are prepared to hear. They already feel anxious and overwhelmed, so their self-defensive mechanisms kick in and they filter out and ignore information about environmental threats and concerns that can only heighten their level of anxiety and unease.

Messages of doom and gloom do not work. Nor do warnings of environmental threats that people do not see as having a direct impact on their lives and over which they have little or no control. We need to educate people about the environment and the environmental policies of the Bush administration. But we need to present the message in a manageable form, so that people can digest and deal with the feeling overwhelmed. We need to be able to demonstrate to people that our concerns are their concerns, and conditions that concern us have a direct impact on their health and personal well-being. But also we need to show them that there are things that we are in fact capable of doing about meaningful change.

The next four years will be critical. While I am confident that we will be able to achieve significant victories at the state and local levels, the Bush administration controls the major branches of the federal government. This means that victories at the national level may be few and far between. We do not make the victories we need to achieve any less important. We need to celebrate our victories and let the country and the world know that positive change is possible. We are not about to roll over and accept defeat. And we need to resolve and renew our commitment to the environmental cause before ourselves that, yes, in spite of everything we are making a difference. ☺

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Yet another Wal-Mart battle is being fought in Salem County: over a proposed site here: All 13 of New Jersey's Congressional Districts won easy re-

ing the 400-acre "Fast Track." (The Highlands is a core Preservation Area and excludes some of the most properties, such as the Valley. The map was generally to benefit large developments as Milligan Farm, owned by and Windy Acres, owned by a major problematic development in the Highlands, 54 left out of the Preservation grandfathered, or have been .) With respect to C-1 McGreevey added only 30 of waterways we proposed, the Wallkill and Ramapo all the streams along the ayshore. Also, the rules to the C-1 program - regulating er quality planning, stream er and other concerns - formulated. McGreevey's on cut money for **repairs and ts to our state parks** to lev- w those of the Whitman ge was \$12-18 million/year; now is \$2 million/year with on backlog on needed emer- pairs. The **DEP's Site n Program** has been weak- ch that, instead of cleaning ated sites, the strategy now uncleaned site and develop **State Plan** has become a rub- or developers to make map s and Center designations in ally sensitive areas - justify- awl developments such as Heritage Minerals tract. **Key re appointments** were given s and polluters: the head of lanning Commission is a d the head of the Clean Air lobbyist for the Chamber of and opponent of Clean Car. also convened a **Developers** 0 of the wealthiest and most onnected developers in the ises made, promises broken" heme in this administration ch as adoption of the **threat- dangered species rule** and nt of the **Public Advocate**, een Acres the power of **emi-**, passing **timed growth leg-** pling towns to have **building** s and collect **impact fees** for ts, and executing real **Pay-to-** And, despite overwhelming y, the administration autho- **bear hunt** in thirty years.

There are many issues and would fall under this categor- limit myself to six in which came down on the wrong the Bush administration!

land, a four hundred-acre the Delaware River near with a pair of nesting bald other endangered species, is itting, which wants to clean ation and donate the island s Natural Lands Trust as a

higher priority for cleanup since it is next to the Hackensack River. In 2003 the EPA put it on the list. In 2004 McGreevey and Campbell asked the EPA to REMOVE it from the list. As a Superfund site, the responsible party would have to spend over \$70 million for cleanup. By removing from the list, it could be capped for under \$4 million and redeveloped as an industrial site for a politically connected developer.

Encap is a proposed development in Lyndhurst for a golf course and 2000 units of housing on top of a landfill. Without a cleanup plan it may put thousands of residents in harm's way. Worse: the proposed cap would consist of contaminated dredge spoils from Newark Bay containing high levels of dioxin. Even worse: on top of the cap will be construction debris that may include asbestos, arsenic, and even PCB's. Yet worse: on top of that will be sewage sludge from the Passaic Valley Sewerage Authority that contains heavy metals, PCB's and dioxin. Internal DEP documents say the cap will not work, and that it is one hundred times more pervious than the DEP standard for a cap on a contaminated site. A million gallons of contaminated leachate will go into the sewer systems of Bergen and Essex County where vapors can back up into people's homes and sewer overflows will be experienced during heavy rains. DEP documents are also concerned that the 2000 units of housing will cause cracks in the cap and toxic gases to escape into peoples homes. Both the EPA and US Fish and Wildlife Service have raised serious concerns about this site and its effects on both the Hackensack River and people who will live in this development. Commissioner Campbell has refused to require an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) or an Environmental Analysis of the site and has also taken action to remove liability for the developer for future contamination to groundwater or soils. Close to \$300 million in public subsidies have been authorized for this project.

Xanadu, a 6.5 million square foot shopping, entertainment and office complex on public land in the Meadowlands, is the largest development being proposed on the Eastern Seaboard at this time. The state permits and EIS were rushed through without any real public scrutiny or even a chance to get the information necessary to examine the size, scope and impacts from the project. Over 100,000 cars a day will be added to an area that already has severe traffic problems, millions of gallons of sewage will be sent to a plant that can't handle its current flow and that allows partially treated and raw sewage into the Hackensack River when it rains. The project as proposed will fill seven acres of wetlands that the EPA has rated as priority. In both 1972 and 1978, when the Meadowlands Complex received its original approvals, the State and the EPA would not allow these wetlands to be filled. DEP's approval of the

Estimates that adding such coverage would cost each enrollee less than \$1.50 a month. S556 would fix this deficiency.

5. BUILDOUT ANALYSES: A1683/S444

These bills would require municipalities to include a **buildout analysis** in the required six-yearly reexaminations of their master plans. Such a tool would offer citizens a clearer vision of growth capacities (or lack of it) and would direct development so as to prevent sprawl. (New Jersey is likely to be the first state in the nation to reach buildout.)

6. WATER FEES: A1475/A2342/S192

New Jersey continues to experience deterioration of its water resources - resources that must be held in trust for future generations.

These bills would establish a Trust Fund, sustained by user fees on water - to transfer water between public water systems during a water emergency in all or any part of the State, to protect existing water supplies through the acquisition of watershed and wetlands areas, and to maintain existing open space in a manner which would protect water supplies.

7. EMINENT DOMAIN: A2336/S196/S205

To prevent deterioration of our water resources as well as greater severity of both droughts and floods, more land needs to be preserved in critical watershed areas.

These bills would authorize the State, with prior approval by the State House Commission, to use eminent domain power to acquire lands protective of drinking water sources - for conservation and recreation purposes.

8. RECYCLING ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT: A3057

built - even though there are already DOT studies showing that this project will cause gridlock at three major interchanges in the region. The EPA and US Fish and Wildlife Service have sent letters stating that the project violates the National Environmental Policy Act, and fails to properly analyze the wetlands issue. Not only is this project being built on public land, held by the NJ Sports and Exposition Authority, but the developers are receiving close to \$500 million in public subsidies to run water and sewer lines, and build internal roadways.

Finally, if you didn't think things could get worse, all of the above projects are subject to the **Fast Track Law** that will allow them to be built more rapidly and with virtually no public oversight. The McGreevey administration stonewalled this Law through the Legislature over a three day time period; it is a blank check to wealthy, politically connected developers. The Law requires that permits for virtually all land use, clean up and pollution prevention programs be deemed

This Bill would shift the responsibility for the collecting of discarded electronic equipment from the taxpayers to the manufacturer of the electronic equipment.

9. The CAFRA LOOPHOLE

The Coastal Area Facility Rules (CAFRA) fails to regulate residential projects with 49 parking spaces or fewer, and commercial projects located within 150 feet of the beach or a dune.

Many legislators think the hole was closed but, unfortunately, it exists and continues to be used in sensitive coastal areas with no enforcement. This State needs public officials willing to close the CAFRA lo-

10. STEWARDSHIP OF LANDS: OPPOSING A2923, A559

Realizing the importance of open space and farmland to safeguard public drinking water, serve wildlife habitat and maintain the quality of life, voters overwhelmingly approved an Open Space Tax in 1998. Tens of thousands of acres have been protected. However, proposed A2923 would allow a loophole, in certain situations, to both past and future acquisition of open space and recreation. A559 would authorize the use of special permits to allow owners of permanently preserved farmland to in or accommodate commercial or cultural activities on their farmland.

Club members interested in viewing candidates for Governor for the State Senate and should please contact the Political Chairs, or Rich Chapter Political Committee almost monthly on the r State ExCom meetings. ☺

Administrative Law Judge, a decision cannot be appealed. This applies to lands where over half the state's population lives and is under unprecedented scrutiny by agencies such as the EPA, NOAA, US Fish and Wildlife Service and the National Environmental Policy Act. Coastal Zone Management Act and federal laws that delegate enforcement authority to the state.

Governor McGreevey's 2001 administration the State address committed to ending mindless sprawl instead he has given us mindless sprawl. Why does an administration that starts off with so much potential promise end up setting back environmental protections in New Jersey? the blame goes to the people and the political system we elected. the Governor was out campaigning on environmental issues, he was being behind closed doors in the Developer's Council, made decisions who contributed millions



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 n, have accomplished over the past thirty years. It is also
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State Senators Ellen Karcher, Barbara Buono, Nia Gill, and Shirley Turner: the four female legislators who voted against the Fast Track Bill, described elsewhere in this Newsletter, resisting all the pressure from Governor McGreevey's office to vote otherwise.

State Senator Tom Kean Jr.: one of only a few few male legislators to vote and resist likewise, and for work on government reform.

Curtis Fisher, environmental advisor to Gov. McGreevey: for leadership and tenacious efforts instrumental to the passage of the Highlands Water Protection and Planning Act, which will protect and preserve the Highlands region for future generations.

Chapter Chair Sunil Somalwar: Completing three years as our leader, Sunil "managed" the expansion of our

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 Millstone Bypass, Princeton
 Mercer Airport, for scruti-
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 Impact Statements and
 lifestyle that we all strive for

**Volunteer Chapter ac-
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 County) residents towards
 preservation. He started
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 stop development in a fores
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 Way. He was so successful in
 neighborhood that the
 Planning Board hearings
 moved to a high school
 Rocky has since founded Sa
 Open Space, an organization
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 be saved from development
 done all this with grace, ca
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 soned activist, let alone o
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Congressman Rush Ho
 District) was also present,
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 standards for the rest.



Our Chapter Chair and Vice Chair, Sunil Somalwar and Ken Johanson and Bob Johnson in the background. Photograph by Greg More.



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South Jersey Group: Gloucester, Camden & Burlington
North Jersey Group: Atlantic, Cape May, Cumberland & Salem

Designations are approximate: members are welcome to participate in whichever Group(s) they find convenient

West Jersey Group

(Hudson and Warren Counties, approximately)

are accessible from the NJ Chapter Web site.

Chair:	Dennis Miranda	973-209-1814	dmmg@earthlink.net
Secretary:	Pat Mangino	862-432-7552	pmangino@aol.com
Treasurer:	<i>Open position!</i>		
Conservation:	<i>Open position!</i>		
Political:	<i>Open position!</i>		
Publicity:	<i>Open position!</i>		
Membership:	<i>Open position!</i>		
ExCom Members:	<i>Open position!</i>		

Working to preserve open space and clean water in the NJ Highlands of Hudson and Warren Counties.

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

MEETINGS: Please contact Dennis Miranda for information regarding future meetings and a discussion of plans for preserving the NJ Highlands from over-development in various directions or more information, please call Dennis, at 973-564-9589.

Hudson County Group

Chair and Treasurer:	Ruth Prince	908-284-9103	ruthp2@patmedia.net
	Arnold Kushnick		apkushn@eclipse.net

For meeting times and locations, please contact Ruth Prince.

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 meetings and workshops. We are coordinating with the Hunterdon Coalition on a cross-acceptance process, regarding fast-track permitting impacts.

NOTE: We have opposed several proposed DEP permits for groundwater allocation stream encroachment throughout the county, based on technical and regulatory concerns. We continue to help in the Friends of Holland Highlands opposition to proposed Shire Rd (Musconetcong Mountain) development, and have completed the permit applications regarding wetlands and stream encroachment for the Mill Brook on the property. We are also providing municipal land use reviews opposing unwise developments in and around Hunterdon.

It can be two people! - if you ask the right questions - let us know if we can help!

North Jersey Group

(Hudson and Bergen Counties, approximately)

Chair:	Betsy Kohn	201-461-4534	BetsyKohn@aol.com
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Mar 17: at Pequannock Public Library, 477 Newark Turnpike, Twp, NJ 973-835-7460: a **slide presentation by nature photographer Al Sierra** on the distinctive flora and fauna in Highlands watersheds and the Great Swamp. Topics include wildflowers, mushrooms and other fungi, reptiles, amphibians, and other creatures.

WAYS TO VOLUNTEER: You can take on an issue, such as air quality, energy, environmental justice, global warming, hazardous waste, recycling, and transportation. You can help organize programs or tabling. You can join the Hudson-Meadowlands Committee, which monitors or proposes bills or the political committee candidates for public office. You can keep an eye on your planning board on local conservation issues or help stop McMansions in Sterling Forest. For more, please contact Betsy or Mike (see above).

TO RECEIVE E-MAIL NOTICES OF ISSUES, EVENTS AND MEETINGS: Send an e-mail to BetsyKohn@aol.com. Your e-mail address will be kept confidential.

Hudson-Meadowlands Group

(Hudson County and southern Bergen County: Lyndhurst, Rutherford, Rutherford, Carlstadt, Ridgefield, Edgewater, Cliffside Park and Fairview)

OFFICERS:

Chair:	Louise Taylor	201-886-9362	l.g.taylor@earthlink.net
Treasurer:	<i>Open position!</i>		
Secretary:	Connie Ftera	201-869-7950	
Programs Chair:	<i>Open position!</i>		
Publicity:	<i>Open position!</i>		
Political Chair:	Melissa McCarthy	201-324-3964	mc.mel@verizon.net
Membership:	Louise Taylor	201-886-9362	l.g.taylor@earthlink.net
ExCom Members:	Tina Munson, Gil Hawkins, Donald Kopczynski		

NEWS: As you can guess, the Hudson-Meadowlands Group is suffering "grassroots" issues. It takes active volunteers to operate the Sierra Club, people interested in environmental issues (environmentally responsible development of the Hoboken waterfront, oversight of Liberty State Park, motivations for using public transportation, Hudson-Meadowlands issues, etc.), and people interested in the larger regional and national issues discussed at monthly Chapter ExCom meetings and pursued through the Hudson-Meadowlands Coordinators. Hudson (and southern Bergen) County always presents interesting local election endorsement issues.

GROUP BALLOT: Candidates for Hudson-Meadowlands Group Executive Committee

Vote for nine, maximum. The first column of boxes is for "individual" members. Family (joint) members are entitled to express two opinions by using both boxes. (To learn more about the candidates, contact Group officers listed in the Hudson-Meadowlands News section of this Newsletter.) Please cut on the dotted line, and mail the completed ballot by February 1, 2005, to H-M Group Ballot, Sierra Club, 1390 St. Trenton NJ 08618.

<input type="checkbox"/> Louise Taylor, 201-886-9620	<input type="checkbox"/> Gil Hawkins, 201-944-5111
<input type="checkbox"/> Connie Ftera, 201-869-7950	<input type="checkbox"/> Melissa McCarthy, 201-324-3964
<input type="checkbox"/> Donald Kopczynski, 201-224-2641	<input type="checkbox"/> Dr. Rosemary Arena, 201-324-3964
<input type="checkbox"/> Betty Leung, 201-224-3542	<input type="checkbox"/> David Case, 201-332-7500
<input type="checkbox"/> Mike Selender, 201-451-5411	<input type="checkbox"/> Write-in _____
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Please include your membership number (from the mailing label on p. 1).

Essex County Group

web site: http://NJSierra.org/NJS_Groups/Essex. We are also accessible from the Chapter web site.

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our activities, go to: <http://loantaka.njsierra.org>.

mailing list, send a blank email to:
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<http://sierra.org/listinfo.cgi/loantaka-group-announcements-njsierra.org>.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

held on the **FIRST TUESDAY** of the month at 7:30 pm at Library of the 214 Main St., Chatham, NJ

club and there is always an open invitation to attend an Executive Committee meeting. Right now, we have open positions on our Executive Committee. If you are interested in a position and would like to find out more, please contact Paul Sanderson.

MEETINGS:

held on the **SECOND WEDNESDAY** of the month at 7:30 pm at the Library of the Chathams, 214 Main St., Chatham

general meeting and learn something new and make some new friends. This is the chance to meet you and to introduce ourselves at a general meeting. See the meeting schedule which follows and join us!

Directions: Directions are posted on our website <http://Loantaka.NJSierra.org>

SCHEDULE:

Dr. Dennis Denholm of the NJ Department of Agriculture will speak on the possible **impact of the Asian Longhorned Beetle** on the forests and agriculture in the northeast region. This invasive insect has the potential to destroy the forests of the region with many irreversible plant and animal extinctions. Citizens can play a role in controlling its spread while our biologists explore possible defenses.

Archell of PeaceWorks will show a short video about **local resistance by a community in Nicaragua** to plans for a port at the Atlantic terminus of a trans-isthmus canal called "dry canal." This will be followed by a discussion session about the social and mental impact of development projects in emerging markets, and what we can do to help fight damaging projects.

Local Government Responsive To The Environment. A presentation by the Conservation Group Chair Mike Herson on how Citizens can help protect the environment by monitoring or participating in local decision-making. Mr. Herson, environmental and shade tree commissions, and other governing bodies. Drawing on his own planning board experience, he will discuss the rules and procedures for creating and updating a master plan and ensuring zoning is consistent, and evaluating (approving or rejecting) development proposals. He will also give a brief overview of the process of acceptance and NJ State regulations. The legal rights of citizens to participate in the process, to be heard, receive advanced notices, obtain minutes and agendas, review proposed laws, submit proposals, etc. - will also be outlined.

A Group is working with concerned citizens and local environmental organizations to protect open space and wildlife habitat in Morris and Union Counties, and the water resources on which we all depend. We are also organizing volunteers to help maintain and improve trails in the Morris and Union County Park

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

Meetings are generally held on the **FIRST THURSDAY** of the month at 7:30 pm. Contact Laura Lynch (above) for the location, which may vary. These meetings are open to all Sierra Club members.

GENERAL MEETINGS:

We meet on the **SECOND WEDNESDAY** of each month at 7:30 pm at the Library of the Mercer County Library, 2751 Brunswick Pike, Lawrenceville, NJ 08648. Check our website for a map. Our meetings are free and open to all and the general public. We always share information about our involvement in state and national conservation issues, and suggest ways in which everyone can be involved.

PROGRAM SCHEDULE:

Jan 12: Don Griffin, our group's former long-time Outings Chair returns with photographs and experiences with a national Sierra Club service outing to the National Park in Oregon working on trail maintenance and vegetation.

Feb 9: Celeste Tracy, Trail Coordinator for the Delaware River Greenway, will bring us up-to-date on the latest efforts to make the proposed Delaware Heritage Trail a reality.

Mar 9: Note: The location of our March meeting has yet to be determined. Please check <http://sierraactivist.org/getbusy/central/html> for the location. If you are interested in backpacking and bicycling leaders will offer **best-practice tips and secrets for your next outdoor experience even better.** If you have questions about the meeting to use and how to use it, where to get the best deals, places you should visit, and other do's and don'ts, this meeting is a great time to get some answers.

E-MAIL NOTICES: If you'd like to receive those last minute reminders of our outings, please send your e-mail address to Corinne Egner (above). If you would like to receive issue alerts, please send your e-mail address to Laura Lynch (above).

GROUP BALLOT: Candidates for Central Jersey Group Executive Committee

Please vote for five, maximum. The first column of boxes is for "individual members." Family (joint) members are entitled to express two opinions by using both boxes. (To learn more about the candidates, contact Group officers listed in the News section of this Newsletter.) Please cut on the dotted line, and mail your ballot by February 1, 2005, to C-J Group Ballot, Sierra Club, 139 West Street, Trenton NJ 08618.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Ken Mayberg | <input type="checkbox"/> Harold Rapp |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lisa Ridge | <input type="checkbox"/> Tim Ridge |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Rocky Swingle | <input type="checkbox"/> Write-in _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Write-in _____ | |

Please include your membership number (from the mailing label on p. 1)

Raritan Valley Group

(Middlesex and Somerset Counties, approximately)

WEBSITE: www.njsierra.org/~njrar/

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Secretary:	<i>Open position!</i>		
Treasurer & Webmaster:	Don McBride	732-560-0369	dtmcbride@yahoo.com

ISSUES:

We are fighting development along streams, wetlands, flood plains and other sensitive areas. Group members are involved in local issues, answering questions for concerned citizens, and regarding development and stewarding local master plan initiatives. This includes

Watersheds. Stony Brook-Millstone Watershed Association Acting Director will speak on **water quality, why water is important, what the watershed current water issues in New Jersey**. The watershed is the oldest in New Jersey and one of the largest in the country.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS: Held at 7pm on the **FIRST THURSDAY** on alternate months for July and August. Currently, meetings are usually held at the Bound Brook Presbyterian Church, 409 Mountain Ave. in Bound Brook. All Sierra Club members are invited to attend. Please contact us first in case there is a change of plans.

Shore Group

Atlantic and Ocean Counties, approximately

<http://njsierra.org/~njshore/>

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r: Regina (Maurer) Knowlton	732-335-1183	rmaurer@sprintmail.com

MEETINGS:

on the **FOURTH MONDAY** of each month - except in July, August, and September - at the Old Wharf House, Old Wharf Park, Main Street and Oceanport, NJ. Come early to socialize and enjoy refreshments. For directions and more information, please call Regina Knowlton at 732-335-1183, or visit our web site.

State of the Oceans. Are we depleting the oceans' resources by our methods of commercial fishing? Will enough fish survive to produce the next generation? What effects are the drugs we use having on aquatic life? Hear Tom Fote, New Jersey's representative on the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission, answer these and other questions about the status of our fisheries.

Time - Cleaner Environment. Energy efficiency enables us to improve our quality of life while reducing household costs. In turn, the reduction in costs makes it more viable to use increases in labor productivity to reduce the workweek and increase pay. Join us as Dan Aronson, Sierra Club member, economics professor at the 2004 "Take Back Your Time" annual convention, explains to us how we can help ourselves while helping the environment.

Highlands: Treasures at Risk. We've all no doubt read or heard about the natural treasures located within the Highlands of New Jersey. Come see for yourself what those treasures are, as Wilma Frey of the Highlands Coalition presents a slide show which showcases this region.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS: The Group's Executive Committee meets at members' homes. All are welcome to attend. For more information, please contact Dennis Anderson at 732-888-3158.

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Gloucester and Burlington Counties, approximately

www.snip.net/~ginacee/home.htm

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Secretary/Treasurer:	Julie Akers	856-697-3479	akers@gowebway.com

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 assume 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 Sierra Club. 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. If you're interested, we'll continue to be listed in this Newsletter, and offer a point of contact for members in South Jersey who want help with local issues. If you have suggestions for places) for meetings, please let the officers know about them. Please contact the officer(s) specified in advance of each meeting, if you wish to attend; otherwise, we'll cancel. We welcome general comments from Club members in South Jersey.

Current Issues: Club officers and staff have been following closely the science of water, seeking to determine sustainable water supply levels for southeastern New Jersey with the hope that findings will be used by planners (such as those employed by the Pinelands Commission) to limit population growth. Another hot issue is to develop several large tracts of environmentally sensitive land in Millville.

Jan 12 (Wed): 6:30pm: Bi-monthly meeting of Citizens United to Protect the Great Egg Harbor River and its Tributaries. Meeting place: Millville Public Library, 210 Cumberland County development issues are usually discussed, including the Holly Farm and the Airport Race Track. Call Fred Akers-856-697-6114.

Jan 25 (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 Great Egg Harbor Watershed Association (an organization that once got its start as our Group's Executive Committee!). For information or to confirm, call Fred Akers -856-697-6114. Fox Nature Center.

Feb 16 (Wed): 7pm: Great Egg Harbor River Council: Comprehensive Management Plan implementation meeting. Contact Fred Akers -856-697-6114. Warren Fox Nature Center.

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Seniors Section

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

The Section hopes to promote Senior participation in letter writing campaigns, social outings, and in increasing membership in a dynamic group component of the NJ Sierra Club. For further information, contact Nancy Carringer (ncarringer@yahoo.com) or Richard Isaac (risaacx@aol.com).

Singles Section

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

Please join us! The NJ Singles Section was specifically created to offer a variety of fun and interesting 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 membership. Everyone is welcome to attend our events. Come out and meet fellow Club members and others who care about the environment. We can only offer as many activities as we have volunteers to run them - if you have the slightest urge to get involved, please give us a call.

Signer: David Szalay
Open position
 Diana Eichholz
 Lynn Forrest
Open position

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opportunities: We need volunteers in all areas of the state to run events. We need people for the positions of: hike leaders, Conservation Chair, Fundraising Chair, and members of all committees, including social event planners for 2005. Please attend an executive committee meeting or email any of the officers listed above if interested. You may co-chair any position with a friend, if desired. We're excited to help you learn the ropes.

MEETINGS: Monthly meeting, introduction to club issues and activities, and letter writing. The first meeting is on the 1st of each month starting at 7pm with optional pizza, at the Chatham Library (100 Main St). Guest speakers at each meeting at 7:30pm. \$5 donation at door (required for pizza only) to joycemwhite@att.net or 973-364-7573, ext. 3, by 5:00pm before. (Please leave name and specify plain or veggie-topping pizza.) (RSVP required) if you're not having pizza.

to the Chatham Library: From I-287 take Rte. 24 East to Exit 8 (Summit St) and turn left at the top of the ramp and then left again so you go back onto 24 heading west. Take exit 7A for Chatham and bear right onto Rte. 124 (Main St). Follow Rte. 124 through the traffic lights at University and Hillside Avenues. The Library is to the left about 1/2 block past the Hillside Ave traffic light. From Parkway take I-78 heading west. Take exit 7A for Chatham and follow above directions. For further directions call the library at 973-635-0603.

EXECOM MEETINGS each month at various locations. All welcome. Contact the Executive Officer for date and location.

RAISINGS: Fundraiser: Watch for upcoming details regarding our Sierra Singles event this October. Join our listserv to be notified.

DINNER: First Wednesday of each month at 6:30 pm. Join us for dinner in a restaurant. RSVP required; join our listserv for further details.

DINNER: Third Tuesday of each month at 7pm. Join us for dinner in a restaurant. Location will be announced 2 weeks before the social. RSVP is required. Contact: haddad@juno.com or 973-364-7573 option # 4.

DINNER-AND-A-MOVIE: Dinner and a movie required - Please join us at 6pm at The Plaza Grille, 3 Headquarters Plaza, Princeton, NJ. Approximate cost is \$30 (plus \$3 extra fee for non-members, membership card), for a full buffet dinner including soft drinks, coffee, and a movie ticket valid for one year at all Clearview Cinemas. Please email name in e-mail and include the subject "Sierra Dinner and a Movie". If you are interested, please do so by e-mail ASAP. We will decide at dinner which movie to watch. If you are on interest, and may split up to attend different movies. RSVP required. Contact: MistyAngel2003@yahoo.com, or 973-364-7573, ext. 8.

See the Outings section of this newsletter for our hikes. Many of Paul Serdiuk's hikes/events are also oriented toward singles.

Student Coalition
 (autonomous organization of college and high school students)

www.ssc.org/nj
 Contact: Patti Lynch; 732-770-2142; tejal.kuray@ssc.org for information.

Outings Section
 (chapter-wide special interest activity)

Central Jersey: Anne Dyjak
Coordinator: Patti Lynch

732-560-0953 njc outings@aol.com
 njc outings@aol.com

Chapter funding raising letter. You may have already given a donation to the Chapter. If not, there's a good chance you've set the letter aside, planning to send you when you could. But then the holidays were upon us and it just didn't happen. Well, there is still time. Please mail your check to:

NJ Chapter Sierra Club
 295 Princeton-Heights Road, PMB suite 11-303, West Windsor, NJ 08550
 ...and remember, all contributions stay in our NJ Chapter and all funds are used to improve our environment. We have so much to do and need your support in helping to reach our ambitious goals!

For our families and our future,
 Tina Schvejda, Former NJ Chapter Chair



Outings

Learn more about
 the environment...
 take a Sierra Club
 educational hike

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 eblumenkrantz@hotmail.com

Outing Leaders: Please send April-June 2005 write-ups to your Group Outings Coordinator before January 30. If you are planning to lead an outing close to the beginning of one of our quarterly publication periods, please submit it for the previous Sierran, due to the occasional lag in mailing. Also, please send outing rosters or sign-up sheets to the Chapter Office as soon as possible after each outing.

Note: If possible, leaders should send their trip descriptions to the Group Outings Coordinator instead of directly to the Chapter Outings Coordinator. This is particularly important for occasional leaders.

Group Outings Coordinators: Please submit your April-June trip write-ups by February 5.

NOTES ON OUTINGS: All Outings are open to Club members, guests and anyone interested in outings. Unless otherwise specified, the events are free and open to the public. ALL participants must sign liability waivers on ALL outings sponsored by Sierra Club. This is a new policy. Please check with the leader before bringing small children on an outing. A parent or other responsible adult must accompany persons under 18. At their discretion, leaders may permit pets on outings if the event description specifically includes bringing pets.

Sierra Club outings are arranged by volunteer leaders who are in charge of the trip and responsible for the safety, welfare and enjoyment of all participants. Leaders determine qualifications to participate, adequacy of equip-

ment, routes to be followed, and special needs to be taken. Please arrive adequately equipped. If you have any allergies, please bring your medication. The leader has the final say on the conduct of the trip. Your cooperation is appreciated for a safe and pleasant outing.

Please arrive early at the meeting place. The outing can start on time. For day hikes, luncheon, extra clothing, rain gear, and first aid kit should be carried in a small daypack. For easy hikes, sturdy over-the-ankle shoes are recommended. For most trips, you are expected to bring your own equipment. In some cases, it may be necessary to use outdoor/camping suppliers -check the listings in the newsletter. Call the trip leader. If the weather is questionable, you may assume that the outing will not take place unless the schedule indicates otherwise.

Unless registration is required, such as for river trips or river tours, or if you have a question about the trip, it is not necessary to contact the leader before the trip. Do not call to join a trip after the trip has started. When phoning a leader, please provide your requested calling times and call 30 minutes before the start of the outing. Please include a self-addressed envelope (SASE) when writing to a leader. For all trips, Sierra Club members will be given priority.

Watercraft trips let you experience the beauty of our region, but water safety does require special requirements. The size and skill of each participant is appropriate to each river, so participation in each outing is at the discretion of the leader. We ask you to register for the trip in advance. Unless a phone number is provided, please send a SASE with an honest assessment of your paddling experience, whether you need a guide, your phone number, and any questions you may have. You will receive a description of the trip, with directions, and can rent a canoe, and what you will need. If you are interested, trip leaders can arrange for partners to share a canoe. If you will be coming by yourself. Unless stated otherwise, canoes are available, trips do not require special skill or exceptional physical conditioning, but if you are not available, non-members may participate. People who smoke are welcome.

If you are a Sierra Club member interested in an Outing Leader or have suggestions, please contact your Group Outings Chair or the Chapter Outings Chair for assistance and further information. The Chapter Outings Chair for each Group contributing each outing is given in the newsletter write-up, as follows:

(C) - Central Jersey	(JS) - Jersey Shore
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(NW) - Northwest Jersey	(S) - South Jersey
(W) - West Jersey	(NJ) - New Jersey
(H) - Hudson	(RV) - River Valley
(IC) - Inner City Outings	(RT) - River Trails
(E) - Essex County	(ACOC) - Atlantic City Outings

DECEMBER/JANUARY

Dec 27, 2004 - Jan 2, 2005 NEW YEAR'S IN QUEBEC - By request, repeat of past years trips. This is a special New Year's celebration with our fellow club members in picturesque Quebec City, Quebec, Canada. The trip is a 4-day/3-night celebration of the New Year's celebration. The trip is a 4-day/3-night celebration of the New Year's celebration. The trip is a 4-day/3-night celebration of the New Year's celebration.

...ed. Leader available throughout the day for further or advanced instruction or help. Call
...ails. Early registration is important! Leader: Norman Adis 973-994-2933 email:
...net

...ne Skiing or Boarding Instruction at Sterling Forest. Down-home non-intimidating atmosphere
...struction for the beginner or intermediate. Good practice hill for the advanced skier/boarder
...a tubing park. Bag lunch recommended but there is a cafeteria. Leader available throughout
...er or advanced instruction & help. For details and transportation info, call leader. Early regis-
...ant! Leader: Norman Adis 973-994-2933; email: adis.norman@att.net

...n: Southern Harriman Stream/Lake Loop and Beaver search My favorite 8 mile loop through
...the streams to Pine Meadow lake where we will look for signs of recent beaver activity. They
...e last winter, felling trees and trimming off the bark like corn on the cob. Bring lunch, water,
...ot beverage if very cold day. Optional food/drink stop after the hike. Maximum 12 people.
...register. Leader: Ellen Blumenkrantz 201-784-8417, eblumenkrantz@hotmail.com

...Mon.): (Martin Luther King Weekend) CATSKILL MOUNTAINS Alpine Inn. Enjoy all of win-
...c in the special beauty of the high peaks of the central Catskills by skiing the numerous alpine
...y ski trails. Hikers and snowshoers can explore and photograph the scenic mountain beauty
...the spectacular state maintained trail system covering this mountain range. In the evening by
...a great mountaineering color slide program or magic show. Excellent accommodations and
...total cost for 3 nights lodging, 3 breakfasts, 2 dinners, 2 trail lunches and all taxes & gratuities
...oint trip of the AMC, Sierra Club and UCHC. Leader: Al Tatyrek (eve 973-763-2303 - no calls
...se) Will send transportation, activities planned and other info with \$150 deposit and SASE
...co-leader and registrar, Brant Collins W 732-458-8334, 1480 Rte 88 West, Brick, NJ 08724.
...arrival. Trip information website: http://www.geocities.com/petebeck_00/catskills.

...Mon.): MLK ~ Ski Lake Placid Weekend ~ X/Country & Alpine. By popular request, we will return
...mountain for three days of great x/ctry and alpine skiing! Or you can skate the Olympic Oval, ride
...d rides, tobogganing, bobsledding, etc., etc. Or just stroll thru the quaint town of Lake Placid. Full
...uration by motorcoach from NJ and NYC [Penn Sta.], three nights lodging [d/o] at a five star trip
...downtown Lake Placid, three breakfasts, and three dinners. Please register early, this trip will
...t: \$485. Trip insurance included. Send \$250 deposit and large SASE by Dec.10. to leader: Norman
...e Ave, Livingston, NJ. 07039 phone 973-994-2933 Fax: 973-716-0987 e-mail: adis.norman@att.net
...an 1. After this date, call leaders for availability. Co-leaders: Dan Parietti, phone 212-781-2038, e-
...orldnet.att.net. Rob Greenberg phone 973-334-0125 e-mail: helainerob@aol.com

...m: Minnewaska Carriageways A moderate paced, 8-10 mile loop along the carriageways
...osting. Bring lunch, water, thermos with hot beverage if very cold day. Optional food/drink
...tz after the hike. Heavy rain or snow cancels. Maximum 12 people. Hikers must pre-register.
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...register. Heavy rain or snow cancels. Leader: Ellen Blumenkrantz 201-784-8417, eblu-
...mail.com

...m: Singles Moonlight Hike: Campfire & Campout. 6 miles, moderate pace. Hike under the
...e walk on moonlit sand roads and return to a roaring fire. Camping is available call to reserve
...e type food to share at tailgate social after hike. NP/NC. Meet at Lebanon State Forest group
...nce to forest is on Rte 72, 1/2 mile from Jct of Rtes 70 & 72. Leader: Paul Serdiuk 609-462-
...ccnj.net

...n: Singles Hike/X-Country ski at Wawayanda State Park. We will hike or x-country ski (weath-
...approx. 8 miles at a moderate pace. Bring hiking boots or cross country equipment, lunch,
...quarts of water. Well-behaved dogs welcome. Inclement weather cancels. All participants
...ibility waiver. Hikers must pre-register to confirm the time and meeting place of this hike.
...ter hike at a local restaurant for food and drinks. There is a \$3 fee for non-members. Leader:
...n 201-315-3530 or e-mail dthompson8@earthlink.net (E)

...m): Singles Getaway Weekend. Mohican Center, Blairstown, NJ. Enjoy an all-inclusive week-
...odge situated in the mountains of Northern Jersey. We will do several local hike in the area,
...e and Rattlesnake trails. Then do a short moonlight hike around the lake in the evening. Cost
...r person, covers food and lodging. Limited openings, contact leader by Jan 15. Leader: Paul
...3593 eve, or pis1@cccnj.net

...Sun.): Catskill Mountain Winter Weekend Alpine Inn. Enjoy all of winter's white magic in the
...the high peaks of the central Catskills by skiing the numerous alpine resorts and cross-country
...and snowshoers can explore and photograph the scenic mountain beauty of the miles of the
...state maintained trail system covering this mountain range. In the evening by fireside we plan a
...erling color slide program and/or magic show. Excellent accommodations and gourmet food!
...nights lodging, 2 breakfasts, 1 dinner, one trail lunch and all taxes & gratuities \$202. This is a
...AMC, Sierra Club and UCHC. Our several cross country skiing and hiking trips are rated from
...more difficult. Leader: Al Tatyrek (eve 973-763-2303 - no calls after 10pm) Send transportation,
...d and other info with \$100 deposit and SASE envelope to our co-leader and registrar: Balance
...ne on arrival at the Alpine Inn. Info Website: http://www.geocities.com/petebeck_00/catskills;
...ader: Peter Beck H 201-274-4471 P.O. Box 267, Wharton, NJ 07885.

...15am: Tallman Mountain State Park. 7 miles. We will hike through Tallman Mountain State
...the berms and salt marsh. We will then walk the mile-long Piermont pier halfway across the
...include the Long Path. Bring lunch and water. You can take the 10:40 Rockland Coaches 9A
...George Washington Bridge Bus terminal to meet Leader in Piermont by 11:15. Drivers meet in
...Piermont Ave. (building with mural) by 11:15 am. Leader: John P. Jurasek 845-365-3618 (no calls
...urasek@optonline.net (ACOC)

...n: Singles Hike/X-Country ski at Hatfield Swamp in West Essex Park. We will hike or X-coun-
...trying 5 miles at a moderate pace through forested trails along the Passaic River. Meet at
...Environmental Center, 621 Eagle Rock Ave. in Roseland. Take Rte 280, exit 4A (Eisenhower
...go right at 1st light onto Eagle Rock Ave., 1/2 mile on left. Sign reads: "Essex County
...Center". Bring water, snacks and hiking boots. Lunch to follow at local restaurant to be
...e hike. Well-behaved dogs welcome. Rain cancels. A \$3 fee will be charged to nonmembers.
...must sign a liability waiver. Please confirm the time and meeting place of this hike the day
...the number below. Leaders: Joyce Haddad and Ron Pate 973-364-7573 option# 2 (E)

...Ski Mt. Tremblant. Seven days on-slope lodging, d/o; including hot & cold breakfasts.
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...ing for all levels at the highest mt in the Laurentians w/over 4 mtn faces. 4 star hotel with all
...rated nightlife at Tremblant's renowned Pedestrian Village. Great trip at a great bargain!
...\$860.00 includes lodging, breakfast, transportation, and trip insurance. Must have deposit of
...15th. [mail to leader] Past this date, call for availability. Leader: Norman Adis, 163 Hillside
...N. 07039 Ph: 973-994-2933 Fax: 973-716-0987 e-mail: adis.norman@att.net Co-leader: Rob
...73-334-0125 e-mail: helainerob@aol.com

Feb 15 (Sun) 2pm: Washington Crossing State Park, Hopewell Twp. 4 miles, moderate pace. Me-
...lot by bridge next to Delaware River off of Rte 29. Precip. or snow on ground cancels. Ken M
...9138 Kjmayerg@aol.com

Feb 19 (Sat) 11:15 am: Clausland Mountain. 6 miles. We'll climb up Clausland Mountain (700'
...historic Rockland Cemetery to an old Nike missile base. Bring hiking boots, lunch, 2 quarts o
...take the 10:40 Rockland Coaches 9A bus from the George Washington Bridge Bus terminal to
...Piermont by 10:15. Drivers meet in front of 450 Piermont Ave. (building with mural) by 1
...John P. Jurasek 845-365-3618 (no calls past 10pm) or Jurasek@optonline.net (ACOC)

Feb 20 (Sun) 9am: Hartshorne Woods, Monmouth County (Special interest: Recent History)
...hike has elevation gains and a lot of scenery. Please bring drinks and snacks. Hiking shoes are
...9am at the Rocky Point parking area. Take GSP to exit 117. Take Rte 36 toward Sandy Hook
...to the Miller St. exit. Go to the top of the hill make a right. Parking area is Straight ahead
...(includes snow cover) cancels. Confirmation/questions please call. Leader Mike Verange, m-
...mjverange@aol.com (JS)

Feb 26 (Sat) 7:00pm: Singles Full Moon Hike. 6-7 miles. Moderate pace. Hike the pines in v
...Snow moon. Bring snack type food to share at tailgate social after hike. NC/NP. Meet in field
...Ranger Office on Rte 206, between Hammonton and Red Lion, Burl. Co. Leader. Paul Serdiu
...eve. Pis1@cccnj.net

Feb. 27 (Sun) 9:30 am: Singles Hike and Haddonfield Tour. 5 miles, easy pace. We will hik
...Park, then have a guided tour of historic Haddonfield, fee possible. Lunch at a local eatery. M
...Lounge, Brace Road off Rte 561, Cherry Hill to caravan to park starting point. NC/NP. Leader
...609-462-3593 eves, pis1@cccnj.net

MARCH

Mar 4-6 (Fri-Sun): Catskill Mountain Winter Weekend Alpine Inn. Enjoy all of winter's wh
...special beauty of the high peaks of the central Catskills by skiing the numerous alpine r
...country ski trails. Hikers and snowshoers can explore and photograph the scenic mountai
...miles of the spectacular state maintained trail system covering this mountain range. In the
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...and gourmet food! Total cost for 2 nights lodging, 2 breakfasts, 1 dinner, one trail lunch
...gratuities \$202. This is a joint trip of the AMC, Sierra Club and UCHC. Our several cross
...and hiking trips are rated from the easiest to more difficult. Leader: Al Tatyrek (eve 97
...calls after 10pm) Send transportation, activities planned and other info with \$100 deposit
...lope to our co-leader and registrar: Balance of payment is due on arrival at the Alpine I
...Website: http://www.geocities.com/petebeck_00/catskills Registrar & co-leader: Peter B
...4471 P.O. Box 267, Wharton, NJ 07885

Mar 5 (Sat): Alpine Skiing/Boarding at Blue Mountain, PA Spring skiing / boarding at a gre
...slopes, 8 lifts, and a 1100 ft vertical! There is also a tubing park and they have excellent instr
...els with special first-time skiers packages. Transportation can be arranged, dependant upon
...lift price: \$44] Please register early. Call leaders for details and to register. Leader: Norman Ad
...adis.norman@att.net Co-leader: Rob Greenberg 973-334-0125 helainerob@aol.com

Mar 6 (Sun) 10am: Harriman/Claude Smiths den & Sebago Lake. Various trails combine fo
...hike along the lake shore and to the den with some great views. Heavy rain or snow canc
...snacks, water and thermos of something hot if it's very cold. Hikers must pre-registe
...Blumenkrantz 201-784-8417; eblumenkrantz@hotmail.com

Mar 6 (Sun) 9am: Singles Hike and Birthday Brunch. 5 miles, moderate pace. Hike between t
...winter, wildlife sighting possible. Then help celebrate the leaders birthday as we enjoy an all
...fet at Renault Winery Restaurant. NC/NP. Meet at Atsion Office on Rte 206. Between Hamr
...Lion Circle, Burl.Co. Leader. Paul Serdiuk 609-462-3593 eves, or pis1@cccnj.net

Mar 12 (Sat): Alpine Ski/Board [or learn how] at Elk Mountain, PA. Spring skiing at it's best! R
...ski area. 1,00ft vertical, 26 slopes & trail, 6 lifts, and one of the east's best ski schools. If we h
...participants, leader will provide bus transportation from NYC & NJ, so PLEASE register early!
...Group cocktail party is available. Call leaders for information and to register. Leader: Norma
...2933 adis.norman@att.net Co-leader: Rob Greenberg 973-334-0125 helainerob@aol.com

Mar 12 (Sat) 10am: Singles Hike at Eagle Rock Reservation. We will hike 4-5 miles at a mode
...water and wear hiking boots. Meet before 10am at the Highlawn Pavilion Parking lot off Ea
...West Orange. Take Rte I-280 to Prospect Ave (exit 8B) head north, right turn onto Eagle R
...into reservation. We will have lunch at a local eatery after the hike. A \$3 fee will be charged
...All participants must sign a liability waiver. Rain cancels. Leader: Ron Pate 973-364-7573 optio

Mar 13 (Sun) 10am: Social hike in Farny Highlands/Splitrock Reservoir. About 6 miles. The terr
...ups & downs. Bring lunch so that we can take our time and enjoy the outdoors. Arrive before
...Farny Highlands - Fisherman's Parking area at Splitrock reservoir. Directions: From
...Rockaway/Hibernia. Go north on Greenpond Rd (Rte 513) towards Hibernia. At about the 6.
...at the Marcella Firehouse sign onto Upper Hibernia Rd. At the fork in the road go left onto Sp
...road turns to dirt keep going past the dam and the parking area is on the left. Leader: Pete Beck

Mar 13 (Sun) 1:30 pm: Stony Brook Watershed, Pennington. 4 miles, moderate pace, flat. Ta
...off of Rte 31. Meet at headquarters. May be wet in places. Precip. Cancels. Ken Mayerg
...Kjmayerg@aol.com

Mar 20 (Sun) 9am: Manasquan River Reservoir, Monmouth County (Special Interest: birds)
...mile circular hike on one of the largest reservoirs in the area. We may observe waterfow
...drinks, bird books or binoculars. Hiking shoes are not required. This is a great family hike. M
...main entrance to the reservoir on Windeller Rd. Take the GSP to exit 98. Head west on I-19
...9.) Go north on Rte 9. Make first right onto Windeller Rd. The main entrance is 1.5 miles on y
...the parking area at the far left toward the back. Bad weather (Includes snow c
...Confirmation/questions please call. Leader Mike Verange, 908-902-0718 or mjverange@aol.c

Mar 20 (Sun) 10am: Singles Spring Hike. 6 miles, moderate pace. Hike in celebration of the
...and spring. We hike Sandy Ridge area of Pine Barrens. Spring flowers possible. Bring pic
...share at tailgate social after hike. NP/NC. Meeting point is 11 miles south of Tabernacle on
...Burl. Co; look for outdoor club sign. Leader Paul Serdiuk 609-462-3593 eves, pis1@cccnj.net

Mar 20-27: Ski Red Mtn, BC. X/Country & Alpine. Ski the Canadian Rockies! Red Mtn. is the
...Canada and one of skiing's best kept secrets; renowned for it's consistently good snow cov
...vertical & runs up to 4.5 miles! Experts will enjoy deep powder and un-parallel tree-skiing, w
...diate or novice skiers & snowboarders can choose from a wide array of groomed runs and n
...X/ctry skiers delight, with over 30 miles of machine groomed track. \$1230 cost includes airfa
...4-star hotel lodging [d/o], ground transportation [rental vehicles], all breakfasts, five dinner
...ance. [optional, but recommended]. Lift tickets not included. PLEASE REGISTER EARLY! Ea
...needed by Nov 30 to guarantee these low rates. Past Dec 30th, call leader for availability.
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Upcoming ExCom Meetings:
 All members are welcome to attend these

Heavy rain cancels. Optional dinner stop after the hike. Leader: Ellen Blumenkrantz, 201-menkrantz@hotmail.com

Apr 23 (Sat) 9am: Brookdale Community College/Thompson Park. Moderate 6.5-mile hike Swimming River Reservoir. Please bring drinks and snacks. Hiking shoes are suggested. GS west on Monmouth County Rte 520 approx. 2 miles to Brookdale Community College make lead to parking lot #2 Meet in the right back corner at 9am. Bad weather, Confirmation/call. Leader Mike Verange, 908-902-0718 or mjverange@aol.com (JS)</

Apr 23 (Sat) 10:30 am: Social Hike in Palisades Interstate Park. Join us for a strenuous 4-5 mile moderate pace as you enjoy the majestic views of the Palisades. Highlights include Peanut Leap Steps. Hiking boots over the ankles are required and participants must be in good condition snack & 2 quarts of water. Meet before 10:30 am at the State Line parking lot off Palisades Parkway NJ Turnpike north toward George Washington Bridge. When Turnpike divides, bear RIGHT (right). Then stay in left lane, following signs for local NJ exits as you head toward the George Washington Bridge and go thru tollbooths. Take Exit 72 for Fort Lee/Palisades Parkway. At first light go left on Ave. (Rte 9W). Get into right lane & follow Fletcher Ave. for short distance and bear right on Parkway. Then take State Line Lookout exit, just past Exit 2. Follow road a short distance to parking lot. Meet group at the snack bar. Leader: Joyce White at 908-272-4444 joyce00201@yahoo.com. (L)

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