New Jersey voters deserve praise for their approval of Ballot Question #2 on the November, 2006, ballot. We may now begin to address a serious backlog of needed repairs in our state parks, and provide some care for local and county open space. New Jersey is a national leader in preserving open space, historic sites and farmland. Through our Green Acres and Farmland Programs, we have preserved over 350,000 acres in the last 10 years. Precious wetlands and wildlife habitats have been rescued from sprawl development, and communities enjoy natural areas instead of parking garages. Unfortunately, the open space in our most urban communities in New Jersey still lacks the recreational and natural areas needed to provide a high quality of life.

Intense development pressure is causing a loss of open space, according to a Rutgers University study. The funding provided by the November referendum formally establishes the Green Acres Preservation Trust (GSPT) and funds open space acquisition through the Green Acres and Farmland Preservation Programs. GSPT will run out of money in 2007! So unless we renew and strengthen the GSPT, we will run out of money in 2007! So unless we renew and strengthen the GSPT, we will run out of money in 2007! So unless we renew and strengthen the GSPT, we will be unable to create any new recreational areas or preserve any more natural or historic sites.

It is important that the GSPT be not only renewed, but strengthened. We would like it to include a mechanism to provide a high quality of life. The Bylaw change was approved: future electees will serve three-year terms.

The winners in November’s “midterm” elections were not only the Democrats, but also the Environment! As Cathy DuVall, Sierra Club Political Director, noted, “Voters elected a greener U.S. House of Representatives for the first time in 15 years and an old greener governors, and they gave a green light to move in the direction of a new environmental future.”

Green candidates were elected at every level of government and in every region in the country.

Here in New Jersey, our Club helped elect Sen. Bob Menendez, House Speaker For- tieth of the Senate, and I’m confident that he’ll continue to produce an outstanding environmental record. In his victory speech on election night, he blasted the environmental organizations for their support as key to his re-election. The defeat of his opponent, Tom Kean Jr., is in a sense also a win for the environment, because it will return to the State Senate and probably continue to vote “correctly” on most of our issues.

In fact, the Club had many Congressional successes - winning majorities in both Houses, and defeating some of the most anti-environmental legislators (such as California Congressman Pombo). Two gubernatorial races also deserve mention for their use of energy as a decisive issue: Bill Ritter, governor of Colorado, capitalized on his state’s unique homegrown blend of wind and solar energy. And Ted Strickland, the new governor of Ohio, provided basic stewardship, including trail creation and wildlife habitat restoration.

For these reasons, we urge constitutionally dedicated funding for open space acquisition and parks operations at the local and state levels through the renewal and strengthening of the GSPT; we should raise $225 million a year for acquisition, $100 million a year for other capital projects and $56 million a year for operations, with equitability for all communities. These numbers represent only a fraction of the actual need. Tell your legislators to put the GSPT on the ballot for 2007 - by visiting http://actonnet. work.org/campaign/GSPT. You may e-mail me (Crystal.Snedden@SierraClub.org) for more information. ♦

Here in Monmouth County, we are fortunate to have superb-environmental leaders such as the Honorable Frank Pallone in the State Senate and Assembly, Congresswoman Ellen Karcher and Michael Sirott in the State Senate and Assembly, working tirelessly for their towns, but we are fortunate to have superb environmental leaders such as the Honorable Frank Pallone in the State Senate and Assembly, Congresswoman Ellen Karcher and Michael Sirott in the State Senate and Assembly, working tirelessly for their towns, but we are fortunate to have superb environmental leaders such as the Honorable Frank Pallone in the State Senate and Assembly, Congresswoman Ellen Karcher and Michael Sirott in the State Senate and Assembly, working tirelessly for their towns, but we are fortunate to have superb environmental leaders such as the Honorable Frank Pallone in the State Senate and Assembly, Congresswoman Ellen Karcher and Michael Sirott in the State Senate and Assembly, working tirelessly for their towns, but we are fortunate to have superb environmental leaders such as the Honorable Frank Pallone in the State Senate and Assembly, Congresswoman Ellen Karcher and Michael Sirott in the State Senate and Assembly, working tirelessly for their towns, but...
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We initiated possible legal action to protect the Highlands: retaining the Rutgers Environmental Law Clinic to oppose exemptions to the Highlands Act, including the Route 206 widening (Sept.), and of three candidates in local races: Brian Unger for town council in Long Branch (Monmouth County), and Valerie Bardinas and Mary Hogan for town council in Hamilton (Mercer County) (Oct). (All later won their contests.)

Chairman voted officers favored for the Lawrence Township (Mercer County) Living Wage Coalition (Sept).

We initiated yet another possible lawsuit, at the NJ Supreme Court (appeal) to compel the Lawrence Township (Mercer County) Council in Edgewater (Bergen County) (Monmouth County), and Valerie town Council in Long Branch (Oct.).

After I graduated from law school and began my first real job, my favorite spot for lunch was a small neighborhood luncheonette that had the best bacon cheeseburgers. I can still remember how tasty they were. But my days of bacon cheeseburgers are a thing of the past. Perhaps it was the admonition I received from my doctor that I needed to reduce my cho-lesterol level if I hoped to avoid serious health problems. Most likely it was a combination of the two.

Our friends in the medical community have been telling us for some time that a diet high in saturated fats can be lethal. More recently information documenting the conditions under which much of the nation’s livestock is raised, including the confinement of poultry and hogs in pens and the treatment with no regard to move about, is beginning to have an impact on some sections of our society. The bottom line is that much of the meat we feed the nation is produced under inhumane conditions and is contributing to serious, and in many cases, incurable medical conditions.

But whatever the environment? Modern-day factory farms, referred to in the industry as “CAFOs” (concentrated animal feeding operations) or “CAFOs,” produce vast amounts of liquid waste, waste that is released in such a way that it is not safe for the lagoon. It has been said that the lagoon is a “buffer” exchange, which we can purchase eggs from free roaming hens, rather than CAFO-raised hens that are confined to cages and fed with large swings, and we can avoid purchasing seafood that the Monterey Bay Aquarium has identified on its website as seafood to avoid because the species is in serious trouble or because the conditions under which it is raised pose a threat to the environment. These are just a few of the many options to consider. But whatever steps we choose to take, our action will not only help to protect the environment, but to help promote the humane treatment of farm animals, improve our health and hopefully extend our lives.

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The Problem of Compacted Soils on Development Sites

By Fred Akers, Administrator of the Great Egg Harbor Watershed Association

As New Jersey’s towns seek to protect their trees, they should also seek to protect their soil. As builders clear the land to develop with a plan to reduce the heavy machinery they use for the clearing compact and disturb the soil, a degree that it may never perform like natural soil again. According to soil experts, 80% of total soil compaction can occur the first time a heavy weight is applied.

Once the soil is compacted, it no longer contains the air pockets or pore space it needs to grow water and pass rainwater down through the ground to recharge the water table. Compacted soil is also more difficult to grow things in once the soil is packed down, more rainwater ponds on the top and causes more surface runoff and local flooding.

This is a serious problem, as the heavy machinery to cut the land to develop with a new pavement do not only kills the trees, but it also ‘kills’ the soil. Many stormwater basins that were supposed to allow rainwater to recharge the water table to compensate for the new pavement do not work because the soils in the basin were packed down like pavement by heavy machines when they were constructed.

If you look at the history of the Pinelands, almost all the forests were cut down many times mostly by hand, with out being clearcut by heavy machines, and the forests quickly grew back and the soils remained largely undisturbed. So even though the trees were cut, the essential character of the Pinelands grew back again from the pristine soils.

Today, if we can require that a percentage of trees be preserved on development sites, we might also be able to protect the adjacent soils from being compacted and ruined. Municipal ordinances might also be modified to require set-side of some natural areas or be of limits to tree cutting and soil compaction.

Global Warming Tidbit

(supplied by Sunil Somalwar, our energy expert)

According to a Univ. of Chicago study published in Earth Interactions:

If you get 55% of your calories from animal sources (vs. a vegan diet), your global warming emissions equal the difference between owning a Chevy Suburban and a Toyota Camry. That’s as good as cutting the calories from animal sources (alkaseltz, press release). And your Suburban vs Prius.

(Incidentally, you can’t switch from your Camry to a Prius, reduce animal source intake by 15 percentage points.)

Of course, the land and water (habitat) impacts of a meat-heavy diet are far more significant and not accounted for here.

"Mutts" Cartoonist Patrick McDonnell celebrated at Chapter’s annual Appreciation Day

By Bonnie Tillery and Sunil Somalwar

The Sierra Club’s mission is to ‘explore, enjoy and protect the planet.’ Explore is easy enough to do, but protecting the planet is a huge challenge. And some times messengers can get quite heavy as we tackle issues like global warming and habitat destruction – so heavy that sometimes people tune us out. That is why we feel it important to honor friend to Patrick McDonnell, the creator of the cartoon strip Mutts, for getting the environment message out to the general public in such a way that they listen! Mutts is syndicated in 700 newspapers in the United States, reaching an estimated 80% of American households.

McDonnell tackles environmental issues as diverse as habitat loss, deforestation, invasion species, global warming, factory farming, over-population and everything in between. His characters such as Earl, Moosh, and Shintky, gently portrayed by his pen, speak out so effectively for issues that affect our environment.

One cause close to McDonnell’s heart (and pen) is the vanishing wild tiger. The Sierra Club is generally not active in direct international conservation, but the New Jersey Chapter is unusual in running a separately-run project called Saving Wild Tigers — to help protect the highly endangered tigers of India and its habitat and prey. It so happens that there is a great expertise in the metropolitan New York City area on wild tiger conservation and we have helped very successfully over the last 7 years in raising resources and/or sponsoring projects in the tiger habitat in Asia. We have supported direct conservation projects as well as community-based conservation efforts in the areas surrounding the tiger’s habitat. Help with family planning is one aspect of this conservation effort. (Our website is http://savingwildtigers.org.) On behalf of the NJ Chapter and Saving Wild Tigers, we were very happy to recognize Patrick McDonnell, a New Jersey native, for his contributions to conservation awareness and present him with an award and a limited edition tiger-print called "QuietFire" by the award-winning artist Joseph Hautman.

McDonnell receives his award from Sunil Somalwar.

Appreciation Day

(Continued from page 7)

Jenne Fox was honored for a long history of environmental accomplishments. As acting DEP Commissioner, Regional Administrator, and now Director of the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities (BPU), she has protected the environment in the face of political pressure. One prime example is her long opposition to filling in wetlands for construction of RTE 92 across Middlesex County. Obstructing angered labor unions, thus keeping her from becoming the BPU Commissioner, she went to the New Jersey Governor for a job of her choice. She also took on her own party to limit Cranbury permits in the Pinelands, and in the Pinelands the fight to clean up the toxic PCBs and other chemicals in the Hudson River. As President of the BPU, Jeanne has pushed for renewable and alternative energy. Her current leadership in setting a goal of 20% renewable electricity by 2020 will move New Jersey toward a clean energy future. She has also helped consumers by requiring developers to pay for utility improvements in the communities.

State Senator Robert J. Martin (R, 26th District, mostly Morris County) was recognized for leadership in passing New Jersey’s Highlands Act. In a district known as the middle of the Highlands, this was no easy task. Senator Martin has repeatedly stood up for special interests and local pressure. He has also been influential in upholding Pinelands protections. It was his ability to oppose five bad appointments to the Pinelands Commission which were put forward by his own party; it was enabling the next generation of leadership to appoint five great Commissioners. Senator Martin also helped write our first Transfer of Public Properties/Right to Bill and has been an expert in helping to reform land use law.

The Chapter’s Volunteer of the Year Award went to Mike Herson for his success efforts in Ellwood Park, and North Jersey. Mike chaired the Ordrell Environmental Commission and was a member of its Planning Board. He is currently a member of the Highlands Commission, serves on the Chapter’s Executive Committee, is co-chair of our North Jersey Group, and is our Highlands Issues Coordinator. [See interview of him on page 5, oppo-site.] Mike has led countless fights to preserve open space and protect the environment in New Jersey. Some current efforts are to halt smokestack emissions of Marpal Paper, Inc. in Des Plaines Park, and to save Larteri Park in Clifton from development. He is our ‘Jeff Tittel of the North.’

For the award to ‘Mutts’ Cartoonist Patrick McDonnell, see the separate article on page 8, by Bonnie Tillery and Sunil Somalwar.

Honored guests included Assemblyman John F. McKeon (R, 26th District, mostly Morris County) and Assemblywoman Linda R. Greenstein (D, 14th District, mostly Middlesex County). As a member of the Assembly Environmental Committee, McKeon helped shepherd through the legislature just about every piece of environmental legislation in the last three years, including the Clean Car Act, the Highlands Act, and the parks funding referendum that was approved by the voters last November. His current efforts are to reform site review standards and to promote regulations requiring the recycling of electronic wastes. Assemblywoman Greenstein has had efforts to solve the problems of toxic pollution, utilizing public hearings to formulate much needed legislation, and bringing about remediation of such “brownfields” sites as Hackensack River, Mercer Rubber, and Ford Motor. Senator McGreevy goes out to Joan and George Deuter, who for many years have made local arrangements for the Chapter to hold its meetings, and organizing the tasty array of cheeses, wines, hors d’oeuvres, and deserts.


Jenne Fox with Ken Johanson and Jeff Tillet. Photo credit for all Appreciation Day photos: Mailing Chin.

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www.seiora.org, according to an article in the Sept. 28, 2006 New Times, is the website of an organization formed by scientists to elect politicians and understand the importance of using scientific and engineering advice in making public policy. The report came from the Bush Administration’s positions on climate change and other issues.

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Meet our ExCom:
Mike Herson

Mike lives in Oradell, and is Co-Chair of our North Jersey Group, Highlands Issues Coordinator, and our Bill Table Committee, and our NY-NJ Trail Conference, and activist engaged in many conservation battles locally and regionally — species, habitats, as you are about to discover! He was awarded our “Volunteer of the Year” Environmental Appreciation Day. (See story on p.4.)

1. How/why (and when) did you get involved in the Sierra Club?
I grew up in the Bronx, where the Ford Motor Company’s factory sat on the Hackensack River and the Oradell Reservoir. We have lots of development, but relatively little public open space. Just over ten years ago, I led a fight against a “consortium” of developers who wanted to build a 60,000 sq foot supermarket, strip mall and condos on Van Buskirk Island in the Hackensack River, in the town of Hackensack. The Ford Company’s abandoned structures. The 15-acre island is an oasis for Black-crowned Night Herons, Eastern Towhees, Great Egrets, sandpipers and foxes to name just a few species. The defunct water treatment plant had closed down and developers wanted to cover almost every inch of the island with impervious surface, even though it was in the 100-year flood plain and subject to sudden flash flooding. Someone told me I should reach out to the Sierra Club. I made a presentation to the Planning Board, and they passed a resolution recommending our plan that the site be preserved as a County Park. The town meetings were dramatic, attracting 700 people; the Mayor and Police Chief both came from presenting the park proposal. The County Executive urged the town to list the property for park development, and for state funds for park development for the town. In the end our proposal for a peaceful passive park was accepted. The river won out and was enclosed by the town and later by the County Executive.

2. What Club activities are most memorable?
Not long ago, I would have said that helping to save the beautiful 82-acre Camp Todd in the Highlands was my most memorable moment. But now I would say the area in Ringwood where the Ford Motor Company had dumped toxic waste throughout the woods, near streams and near people’s houses. Almost twenty years pre-

3. What Sierra Club “projects” are you currently involved in?
I live in central Bergen County, near Edgewater and Fort Lee, on the north side of Hackensack River and the Hackensack River Water Company’s abandoned structures. The 15-acre island is an oasis for Black-crowned Night Herons, Eastern Towhees, Great Egrets, sandpipers and foxes to name just a few species. The defunct water treatment plant had closed down and developers wanted to cover almost every inch of the island with impervious surface, even though it was in the 100-year flood plain and subject to sudden flash flooding. Someone told me I should reach out to the Sierra Club. I made a presentation to the Planning Board, and they passed a resolution recommending our plan that the site be preserved as a County Park. The town meetings were dramatic, attracting 700 people; the Mayor and Police Chief both came from presenting the park proposal. The County Executive urged the town to list the property for park development, and for state funds for park development for the town. In the end our proposal for a peaceful passive park was accepted. The river won out and was enclosed by the town and later by the County Executive.

4. How has the Sierra Club changed your life?
I had the opportunity to work with great people who are smart and dedicated to helping the world, like everyone else. I have learned a lot from Jeff Titter, former staffer Dennis Schweizer and Betsy Kohn. Betsy has been a wonderful mentor to me; we are Co-Chairs of the North Jersey Group. Our motto is “We do stuff” as it has not just given me opportunities to be involved in local groups and to help save open space and natural resources throughout Bergen and Passaic. We can now point to successes like stopping the Mahwah Truck Weight Station and saving Maple Grove Farm. Our Group’s Executive Committee is loaded with bright and dedicated people; two are accounting/finance types like myself (one is a councilman, the other an entrepreneur), a former school teacher, a writer, an environmental commission chair, a GISS specialist, a scientist and a conservation chair with twenty five years of experience. Two of them sit on national Sierra Club commit-

5. Describe your particular role in the Chapter.
Betsy Kohn and I share duties as Co-Chair and stormwater coordinator, with two other individuals who help each other. I am the Highlands Issues Coordinator as I mentioned. Last year’s newsletter had an article about the Climate Change Task Force on the Chapter Executive Committee, with me as the Sierra Speak for the State’s Board of Directors. After years of attend-

6. What advice might you have for a new club member contemplating activism?
The long answer is that everyone has talents and abilities and many hands make light work. You can help, it’s worthwhile and worth trying. I recently moved to a small town, and everyone wanted to get involved but didn’t think that she could contribute much. I told them to point to successes like stopping the Mahwah Truck Weight Station and saving Maple Grove Farm. Our Group’s Executive Committee is loaded with bright and dedicated people; two are accounting/finance types like myself (one is a councilman, the other an entrepreneur), a former school teacher, a writer, an environmental commission chair, a GISS specialist, a scientist and a conservation chair with twenty five years of experience. Two of them sit on national Sierra Club commit-

LETTER “FROM” THE EDITOR

Are we on a merry-go-round?

By Dick Colby (dick.colby@stockton.edu)

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What the November 2006 Election Means for Alaska

By Julia Millan Shaw (julia@alaskawild.org), our Alaska Issues Liaison

I am happy to report that the tide of change that has just hit DC will bring progress and exciting new opportunities to the halls of power in Alaska. The Democrats have reasserted control of both the House of Representatives and the Senate. From an environmental perspective, these changes could not be more timely.

We expect soon to find ourselves with more friends chairing the committees that consider bad legislation for Arctic drilling and clearcutting in Alaska’s Tongass National Forest. With a friendly political climate, Alaska advocates will start moving away from the defensive posture we’ve been forced into over the past six years. Without constant legislative threats, we will be able to pursue legislation in the 110th Congress that will permanently protect the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge (ANWR), the Tongass, Teshekpuk Lake, and other wild places. Please take advantage of the fresh start in Congress to act now for Alaska! Contact your representative and senators. Congratulate them on their victories. Urge their renewed support for preserving the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge and the Tongass, and urge them to focus in the special areas of the Western Arctic. Remind them that Alaska’s wilderness has no parity affiliation.

Note: On Tuesday, March 20, on the west lawn of the Capitol Building in Washington DC, there will be a rally and lobby organization in defense of the Arctic Refuge. Please contact Julia (at the e-mail address below) for more information.

Julia is a Field Staff member of the Alaska Wilderness League (www.AlaskaWild.org; 215-985-2733).

Cool Cities Campaign: Mayor Scarpelli Urges Local Action on Global Warming

from a Press Release issued by the Mayor

At a Coastal Mayors Forum sponsored by Rutgers University’s Urban Coast Institute, Brick Township (Ocean County) Mayor Joseph C. Scarpelli urged fellow mayors and other local leaders to take action within their own communities to fight global warming. “Mayor’s set the stage in the community and we have to be the leaders on global warming,” said Mayor Scarpelli.

The Coastal Forum, convened by Congressman Frank Pallone in Spring, 2006, highlighted the impacts of global warming on coastal communities. The Forum featured scientific presentations on global warming and its effects on sea level rise by Dr. Jon Miller of Stevens Institute of Technology and Dr. Stewart Farrell of Rutgers University. New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection Assistant Commissioner Mark Mauriollo and other New Jersey Environmentalists made presentations about the role of state and local governments in addressing coastal issues and global warming.

“Coastal communities are the first ones to feel the impact of global warming,” said Mayor Scarpelli.

“Over the next 30 years, if global warming is not aggressively addressed, the New Jersey coast risks permanent inundation as sea levels rise. In coming years, we will experience episodic flooding, beach erosion, and increased saltwater intrusion to low-lying areas. This will have a wide impact on our economy and our natural resources that includes, property and infrastructure damage, loss of coastal wetlands and beaches, declines in coastal bird and wildlife populations, and contamination of groundwater supplies. Beach replenishment and structural devices, like sea walls, are a cost effective, short term solution. But the permanent protection of the coastline will become more costly and difficult as the effects of global warming increase.”

Brick Township has partnered with the New Jersey Environmental Protection and the Sierra Club in devising the Brick Township Green Initiative that includes:

• Signing on to the Mayor’s Climate Control Agreement, pledging to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from five to seven percent below 1990 levels within seven years.
• Requesting an energy audit from the Board of Public Utilities to assess our energy usage and spot energy conservation projects.
• Purchasing only Energy Star equipment and appliances for city use.
• Using green cleaning products in buildings.
• Installing solar power in municipal buildings.
• Planting trees and indigenous species.
• Educating the public through forums and school programs.
• Using high-technology lighting in municipal buildings.
• Adopting and enforcing land use initiatives to reduce urban sprawl (over 1100 acres preserved as open space).
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Volunteer Opportunities

We want to help the environment! Maybe you’re a student interested in learning how to change the world while gaining internship credit. Or perhaps you are retired or in between jobs or your children have grown up and left you with a few free hours per week! We could use some reliable help in our Trenton office. Tasks include answering phones, compiling mailings and reports, investigating issues, planning events, helping our members, etc. Our work is exciting and important and come away with a rewarding experience. If interested, please contact Crystal Snedden (609-656-7612 or Crystal.Snedden@SierraClub.org). (Reasonable travel expenses reimbursed.)

Northwest Jersey Group

Northwest Jersey Group: Hunterdon, Sussex & Warren
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Boca County Group: Essex
Hudson Meadowlands Group: Hudson & SE Bergen
Lamontacka Group: Morris & Union
Central Jersey Group: Mercer
Raritan Valley Group: Somerset & Middlesex
Jersey Shore Group: Monmouth
Ocean County Group: Ocean
West Jersey Group: Gloucester, Camden & Burlington
South Jersey Group: Atlantic, Cape May, Cumberland & Salem

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

HOW TO IDENTIFY YOUR GROUP (BY COUNTY)

Northwest Jersey Group

(Sussex, Warren and Hunterdon Counties; note that the former Hunterdon County Group has merged into the Northwest Jersey Group)

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ACTIVITIES: In Hopsacoqo Roro, the Northwest Group mobilized the residents to oppose 280 acres of development in the 700 new adult housing units. Attending the Planning Board meetings, representatives of the Northwest Group managed to have over 1000 people show up in opposition as well. The application was postposed when we raised issues that violated the Roro’s land use ordinances.

The Northwest Group is helping to mobilize and support citizen groups in Andover Borough and Township to fight poorly planned development. In Wantage, Northwest helped a citizen’s group successfully oppose a large-scale development by identifying the correct COAH requirements for the township’s planning board and council.

GENERAL MEETINGS: The Northwest Group meets at 7pm on the FOURTH TUESDAY of each month. For location and details, please contact Susan Rotter, 973-347-8849. We feature guest speakers, plan hiking trips and address conservation issues.

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Market, 905 River Road in Edgewater, NJ; open 8am to 10pm every day. Leave them

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Essex County Group

Hudson-Meadowlands Group

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dollars annually.

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Essex County, continuing to ensure that the Essex County Park and Open Space Trust

Coalition, of which we are a part, is challenging plans to build a total of 2,000 housing

units on watershed land across the border in NY. (5) Van Buskirk Island on the

Hackensack River is identified in NJ Audubon’s ‘Birding and Wildlife Trail Guide, Meadowlands and More’ as a special nature resource site where the Eastern Towhee, Baltimore Oriole, Black-crowned Night Heron and other species have been observed. The guide features a photo of a great Egret and Black-crowned Night Heron by the island’s waterfall. To find out more about these issues or alert us to others, please contact Mike, Tom or Tricia (see above).

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES: Help us protect open space and wildlife, elect conservation candidates, lead hikes, table at events, or research an issue like public transit or recycling. Join the Cool Cities Campaign. To find out more about the many ways to be involved, contact a group officer (above).

CARTRIDGE RECYCLING: Please bring your used printer cartridges to Whole Foods Market. 905 River Road in Edgewater, NJ. Open 8am to 10pm every day. Leave them in the window box by the exit door. No remanufactured cartridges, please. Thanks for recycling!

HUDSON-MEADOWLANDS GROUP

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

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ACTIVITIES: Presently working with land conservation groups to preserve 120 acres atop the second Watchung Mountain in West Orange for Open Space. Building a Passaic River Display for the Environmental Center in Roseland. Working towards saving a major forested tract in West Orange (known as the West Essex Highlands), and an Ancient Forest on Gov. McClellan’s former estate. Working to preserve wetlands in the Hackensack Swamp in the Passaic River Basin and the remaining forested areas in Essex County, continuing to ensure that the Essex County Park and Open Space Trust Fund is implemented in a fair and consistent way, and addressing environmental justice (EJ) issues.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS: Please contact Dave or Walt (see above) for dates and locations.

Geraldine: The regular meetings described below are free and open to the public. They take place on Tuesdays, from 7 to 9pm, at the Essex County Environmental Center, 621 Eagle Rock Ave. in Roseland. Refreshments are provided. Contact Walt Goldenbaum (goldenb1@optonline.net or 973-925-8662) for general information.

Jan 11 (Thurs), 7pm: GreenPath: Interfaith Partners in Action for the Earth. Reverend Fletcher Harper is an Episcopal priest, and Executive Director of GreenPath, an interfaith environmental coalition based in New Jersey. GreenPath has provided education about the teachings on the environment of the world’s great religions, helping religious facilities to green their operations, and engage people of faith in advocating for environmental justice. Rev. Harper will speak about the moral and spiritual basis for environmental stewardship and justice. Discussion to follow. Snacks and refreshments included. For more information call 973-228-8770.

Feb 13 (Tues), 7pm: Birds of the Passaic River Valley. NJ Audubon Society Associate Naturalist David Hall will present a fascinating program on local birds. Mr. Hall is a resident of Essex County, experienced biologist, and field trip leader to several NJ Audubon birding adventure groups. He has spent almost 50 years exploring the biolife along the Essex/Morris border, including participating in nesting surveys and bird counts. He and his son are responsible for installing bird boxes along the trails in Hanfield Swamp. View a slide show presentation on the local birds and wildlife found in Essex County, and become informed about current threats to wildlife along the Passaic River. Discussion to follow. Snacks and refreshments included. For more information call 973-228-8770.

Mar 13 (Tues), 7pm: Sustainable Energy. Please join us in an evening’s discussion, led by Jeff Huppert, a retired environmental science teacher and Sierra activist from Parsippany. Sustainable energy is only fifty years away, if we start now! Mr. Huppert will be presenting a program based on the concepts in Thom Hartmann’s book “Last Days of Ancient Sunlight.” The program examines the history of energy use in the USA from wood, to coal, and to petroleum and natural gas. The very real problems of changing to alternative energy sources will be discussed. Snacks and refreshments included. For more information call 973-228-8770.

Loantaka Group

(Morris and Union Counties, approximately)

There is a new website address for the Loantaka group:

http://newjersey.sierranetwork.org/loantaka/

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Group meetings offer interesting speakers, topics, and fellow members, plus involvement and usually food!

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Outings Chair: Open Position!

Programs Chair: Open Position!

WEBSITE: http://newjersey.sierraclub.org/morris/
ments. For additional directions or information, please contact Dennis Anderson or Faith Teitlbeam (see list of officers, above), or visit our web site.

Jan 22, 2007: Professor Alan Robock, Rutgers University, will give a talk on global warming. Although regional patterns are not as well understood as the global picture, he will discuss possible impacts on people in New Jersey and Northeast US.

Feb 26: Mary Penney, of the Delaware & Raritan Greenway Land Trust, will describe the partnership she has spearheaded with Mexico and Guatemala to preserve wildlife corridor in NJ’s Sourland Mountains and in the Yucatan Peninsula of Mexico and forests extending into Guatemala.

Mar 26: Assemblywoman Amy Handlin will share with us her experiences as an environmental legislator in the State Government.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS: The Group’s Executive Committee meets monthly at members’ homes (no meetings in July, August or December). All are welcome to attend. For more information, please call Dennis Anderson at 732-888-3158.

Ocean County Group

Website: www.newjersey.sierraclub.org/ocean

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Delegate to Chapter Board of Directors: Passion rotates among our ExCom members.

Jan 10, 2007 (Wed), 6:30 pm: Be ‘participating in a “Community Dialogue” symposium on “Global Warming” sponsored by our friends at the League of Women Voters. Faith Teitlbeam, the Chapter’s Global Warming issues coordinator, and Greg Auriemma, Ocean Group Chair, will be participating, along with Brick Mayor Joseph Scagnelli. All members are welcome to attend.

Jan 22 (Mon), 7pm: Start the New Year right by coming to our first General Meeting of the year. Primary topic will be wilderness issues with a special focus on Alaska. We’ll also be having a wild Alaska salmon bake! So bring your appetites.

Feb: (details TBA) Our first annual Environmental Film Festival at the Ocean County Library in Toms River.

Mar 20 (Tues): Tentative bus trip to Washington, DC to join other activists across the country in support of Alaskan wilderness.

Mar 24 (Sat), 7pm: A special event with friends at the Garden State Philharmonic Orchestra at Ocean County College in Toms River. Volunteer to help out and enjoy a great concert.

Mar 26 (Mon): Our General Meeting at the “Skywalk Cafeteria”. Primary topic will be protecting local streams and open space.

Check out our new website! With thanks to “Web Master Rick.” Log on to: www.new-jersey.sierraclub.org/Ocean for updated information on our Group.

ACTIVITIES & ISSUES: We’re hard at work! Preventing drilling in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, defending the Endangered Species Act, fighting drilling off the Jersey Shore, repealing New Jersey’s “Fast Track” (pro-development shortcut law), and supporting expanded recycling legislation.

We’ve also targeted critical local open space, sprawl, and air and water quality issues in Brick, Stafford, Lacey and Jackson Townships. Help us defend both the Tom River and Cedar Creek against more development and protect Ocean County’s newest park in Lacey according to plan. A new demand for new roads. Volunteers are needed to help with these issues, membership outreach, tabling at local events, fundraising, and a computer-based voter education program.

West Jersey Group

(Camden, Gloucester and Burlington Counties, approximately)

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GENERAL MEETINGS: are held at 7:30 pm on the SECOND TUESDAY of each month, at the Ocean County Community Center, 1 North 5 Kings Highway (Rte 41). Cherry Hill (located between Rte 70 and the convergence of Rtes 58 and 73, just north of a traffic light at Chapel Avenue). Handicap accessible parking and entrance in rear of building.

Jan 9, 2007: Charles Harrison, author, “Tending the Garden State”, presents a history and current analysis of the farming situation in NJ. (It’s a Rutgers-affiliated publication.)

Feb 13: Eastern Energy Services will present Alternative Energy Options for NJ

Mar 13: Susan Craft, Executive Director of NJ’s Farmランド Preservation Program, will talk about the program in the South Jersey region.

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 consume 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; most have cancelled for lack of interest. For the present, 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 meet-ings), please let the officers know about them. We welcome general comments from Club members in South Jersey. To be placed on a carefully guarded distribution list for local issues and meetings, please e-mail dick.colby@stockton.edu.

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 findings will be used by planners (such as those employed by the Pinelands Commission) who authorize development. Other hot issues include proposals to develop several large tracts of environmentally sensitive land in Millville, damage done to sand trails by ATVs, and inducements for public recycling.

Posibly Relevant Meetings:
Jan 10, 2007 (Wed), 6:30pm: Bi-monthly meeting of Citizens United to Protect the Maurice River and its Tributaries (CU). Meeting place: Gant Room, Millville Public Library, 210 Buck Street. Cumberland County development issues are usually discussed, including updates on the Holly Farm and the Airport Race Track. Contact Renee Scagnelli (CU) at 856-915-5637 or DRScagnelli@comcast.net.

Jan 18 (Thurs), 7pm: Atlantic County Friends of the Parks: Monthly meeting of a group which works to improve and promote the Atlantic County Parks system. A focal point is preservation of historic resources in the parks, along with advocacy for environmental attributes of parklands in fast-growing Atlantic County. All are wel-come! Contact: Jeff McIntyre at 856-697-5479 or jmcintyre1@comcast.net. Meeting place: Warren Fox Nature Center, Atlantic County Park in Estell Manor (milepost 15 on NJ Rte 50).

Feb 3 (Sat), all day: Cumberland County Winter文体 Festival: Annual winter raptor festival with exhibits, speakers, presentations and guided tours (sponsors include Citizens United). Contact Renee Scagnelli at 856-505-3238 or DRScagnelli@comcast.net.

Mar 15, 2007 (Thurs), 7pm: Friends of the Parks: Monthly meeting of Atlantic County Friends of the Parks. We’ll be planning the 2nd Annual Pinelands Folk Arts Festival. Contact Julie Akers, 609-697-6114. Warren Fox Nature Center, Atlantic County Park in Estell Manor (milepost 15 on NJ Rte 50).

Mar 21 (Wed), 7pm: Great Egg Harbor Scenic and Recreational River Council: Bi-monthly meeting of the public, at the Warren Fox Nature Center, Atlantic County Park in Estell Manor (milepost 15 on NJ Rte 50).

Mar 14 (Wed), 6:30pm: Bi-monthly meeting of Citizens United to Protect the Maurice River and its Tributaries (CU). Meeting place: Gant Room, Millville Public Library, 210 Buck Street. Cumberland County development issues are usually discussed, including updates on the Holly Farm and the Airport Race Track. Contact Renee Scagnelli (CU) at 856-915-3238 or DRScagnelli@comcast.net.

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Mar 27 (Sat), 7pm: Annual Members’ Meeting of the Great Egg Harbor Watershed Association. An opportunity to catch up on conservation planning for the Great Egg Harbor Wild and Scenic River, by an organization that got its start (in the mid-’70’s) as the “Group Executive Committee”! For more info call Julie Akers, 856-697-6114. Warren Fox Nature Center, Atlantic County Park in Estell Manor (milepost 15 on NJ Rte 50).

Become active in one of your Group’s conservation campaigns! Attend a Group meeting!

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GROUP NEWS

Singles Section

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

Please join us! The NJ Singles Section was specifically created to offer a variety of singles-oriented activities to NJ Sierra Club members and those who would like to know more about the Sierra Club. 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 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 it a try! We are collecting used laser/inkjet cartridges and used cell phones at our meetings for recycling. If you have any from work or home to get rid of, please bring them! Sierra Club does not have to be announced.

For further information, or to join the ListServe, please contact Nancy Carringer at ncarringer@yahoo.com

Young Sierrans

(A special interest section for Young Sierra Club Members in their 20’s & 30’s with socials and ECO chats along with discussions meant to connect and inform environmentally-minded individuals seeking to get involved with preserving the future. Many events open to all Young Sierrans regardless of marital statuse; so whether you are single, dating or married, please come join us!)

For more information, please contact the Co-Chair or Co-Chair at joyce@sierranews.org.


Please see the Outings section of this newsletter for our hikes. Many of Paul Serdiuk’s hikes and other outdoor activities. We also need Young Sierrans knowledgeable with the Club’s policies and procedures. Don’t worry...you don’t have to know too much, Young Sierran Event Volunteers always needed and welcomed.

Young Sierraan Phone Line: 973-564-7573, press # 1

Young Sierran positions available include Membership Chair, Secretary, Treasurer & others! Volunteer event leaders are needed throughout New Jersey. We need Young Sierra Hikers and Outing Leaders! Must be willing to go through the training process to lead hikes and other outdoor activities. We also need Young Sierrans knowledgeable with computers to help out with various tasks. If interested contact Young Sierra Coordinator Diana at MistyAngel22@aol.com or call 973-564-7573 push option 1

MEETINGS: Monthly Young Sierra Meetings can be made available on rotating basis currently in Princeton, Bridgewater, New Brunswick or Montclair areas.

EVENTS: (Note: RSVPs are required for all events. Email is the easiest and most preferred contact method.) Contact Diana at MistyAngel22@aol.com to RSVP or for more information on any of the events below.

Monthly Young Sierra Bowling, Hikes & Environmental Programs and Projects to be announced.

All Events will be announced via The Young Sierra Email List Serve. To be put on The Young Sierra List Serve please send an e-mail to MistyAngel22@aol.com. Events for 20’s only are available for those wanting to volunteer to host 20-only events. Young Sierra Event Volunteers always needed and welcomed.

Student Sierra Club Coordinator

(an autonomous organization of college and high school students)

web site: http://www.sosc.nj.org/

Contact Tejal Kuray 732-770-2142, tejal.kuray@sosc.org for information.

Inner City Outings Section

(another Chapter wide special interest activity)

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Outing Leaders: Please send April-June 2007 write-ups to your Group Outings Coordinator before February 3 if you are planning to lead an outing close to the beginning of one of your upcoming pulldown periods, please submit it for the previous Sierra, due to the occasional lag in mailing. Also, please send outing notes or sign-up sheets to the Chapter Office as soon as possible after each outing.

Note: if possible, leaders should send their trip description 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 2007 trip write-ups by February 6.

NOTES ON OUTINGS: All Outings are open to Club members, guests, and their families. Unless otherwise specified, the events are free and open to the public. Each participant must supply his/her own water, snacks and food. All groups sponsored by Sierra Club. This is a new policy. Please thank the person bringing along extra food 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...
Jan 1 (Sun): Clayton Park, Upper Freehold Township, Monmouth Co. Office: Personal Information. Bring paddling gear to practice paddling. Rental canoes are available, trips do not require advanced paddling. Leader: Ellen Blumenkrantz, 201-784-8417, eblumenkrantz@hotmail.com. Confirmation/questions call Leader: Mike Verange, 908-902-0718, or mjverange@aol.com (JS)

Jan 6 (Sat): Windstar Trekking Day at High Point State Park, Sussex Co. Snow is free to use today only. Bring your backpack, lunch, and winter gear. Call Leader: Eileen Blumenkrantz, 201-348-4167, eblumenkrantz@hotmail.com. Proper footgear required (stabilicers, crampons or snowshoes) if appropriate for the conditions. The conditions may change until the day of the hike. Rain/snow/whiteout will not cancel.


Jan 22 (Sat): Tallman Mountain State Park, NY: 11am. 7 miles. We will hike through Tallman Mountain State Park and hike the 1.5 mile loop on the Speculator Lake trail. Bring lunch, snacks, and water. No pets. Please contact leaders to confirm participation. Leaders: George & Leona F, 609-259-3734 or 973-364-7573-press #2.


Feb 3 (Sat): Catskill/Catskill/Catskill on Groundhog Day (SS): 9am. Catskill Creek is located in Ocean County and the river section we will paddle will depend on weather conditions. Meet at Double Trouble Trestle headquarter. Meet at 9am at Double Trouble Trestle park. Riders will paddle the Marais des Cygnes, or we will paddle the Kaskaskia. No pets. Please contact leaders to confirm trip and participation. Leaders: George & Leona F, 609-462-5978 or Leona@clamontyolks.com (SS)

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OUTINGS

Mar 24 (Sat) Note: Outing Canceled due to inclement weather. Watch the newsletter for another date.
10am. Members. May 2007 outing. Meet at the parking area at the far left toward the back. Bad weather, including snow cover, cancels. Confirmation/questions please call Leader. Laura Lynch, (609) 882-4642 or njussierran@gmail.com

Mar 25 (Sat) New Jersey Chapter Community College at Smithville Park. Meet at the launch ramp - located toward the southeast corner of BCCC’s Pennington campus on Barlow Rd. Please contact leaders to confirm trip participation. Leaders: George Denzer, 609-656-7612 or gdenzer73@yahoo.com; Joan Denzer, 609-799-5839 or jdenzer73@yahoo.com

Mar 26 (Sun) Outing to Lake Mohegan. Meet 10am at the parking area on the lake. The park naturalist has been invited to give a guided tour. The park is a historical site that will be viewed. Good weather, including snow cover, cancels. Confirmation/questions please call Leader, Laura Lynch, (609) 882-4642 or njussierran@gmail.com

Mar 26 (Sun) Outing to the Passaic River Reservation (Essex Co). Meet at Hawk Mountain State Park, an old Nike base and an abandoned National Guard rifle range. 2 quarts water. Hiking boots. Take I-78 west to exit 50B, Millburn direction, taking Vauxhall Rd. through 5+ miles at a quick pace on the Lenape and Turtle Back trails. Hiking boots required. Bring lunch. Well-behaved dog OK. Rain cancels. Directions: 772-1342

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