We Need YOU in Cool Cities as a New Recruit!
By Stefano Crema (stefcrema@aol.com), for the New Jersey Cool Cities Committee

In a recent article in the New York Times, Tom Friedman stated that, while ‘green has hit Main Street — more Americans than ever now identify themselves as “greens” — green has not gone very far down Main Street.’ Of late, the media have paid increasing attention to the impending effects of Climate Change, resulting from our excessive reliance on fossil fuels. Increasing security threats, connected with our heavy dependence on imported oil, and potentially catastrophic effects of Global Warming, are starting to attract the attention of the American public. However, this same public seems to be at a loss on how to handle these imminent threats.

The Sierra Club Cool Cities program, based on the US Mayors’ Climate Protection Agreement (USMCPA), is a great opportunity to fill this vacuum. Thanks to the unique organization of the Sierra Club with its widespread field (“grass-roots”) organization, we have the opportunity to reach deep into American communities. The Cool Cities program wants to increase the awareness of the general public to the imminent problems of Global Warming, and show the way for immediate and decisive actions at both local and federal levels.

Active public involvement will:
1) Bolster the activities of environmentally conscious mayors who are ready to sign, or have already signed, to the USMCPA. Popular support will allow new investments and efficiency initiatives to take effect and achieve emission-reduction actions.
2) Convince mayors who are not aware of the consequences of Climate Change that this is an issue of importance to their communities, so that they will undertake amelioration and adaptation steps.
3) Prepare local communities for expanded federal legislation that will meet the goal of 60-80% emission-reduction by mid-century.

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REPORT FROM TRENTON

New Jersey Goes Under (Again)
By Chapter Director Jeff Tittel

The Club’s New Jersey Chapter was saddened by the misfortune of all New Jerseyans affected by the April floods, but at the same time, the cleanup began, we were hard at work addressing the State’s flood policies and projects that may better the situation, but our actions as humans being make flooding much worse.

New Jersey has experienced seven major floods since 1999, causing billions of dollars worth of damage, as well as loss of life. Scientists predict that global climate change will cause increased severe weather events. In addition, sea level will rise as the polar ice melts, permanently flooding coastal locations. New Jersey is heading into a crisis and must act now.

Already the most densely developed state, New Jersey continues to lose an area equal to 50 football fields to development every day. In 1996 over 40% of the land in our state was developed, and we may now identify themselves as “greens” — green has gone not gone very far down Main Street.’ Of late, the media have paid increasing attention to the impending effects of Climate Change, resulting from our excessive reliance on fossil fuels. Increasing security threats, connected with our heavy dependence on imported oil, and potentially catastrophic effects of Global Warming, are starting to attract the attention of the American public.

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COOL CITIES CORNER

How is the Mercury in Compact Fluorescent Light-bulbs (CFLs)?

By Faith Teitellbaum (faithteit@aol.com)

Our Cool Cities campaigner has heard the “quack” and “crackle” of Club bulbs mostly reluctant to replace incandescent bulbs with CFLs. Please be reminded, first, that nearly half of the mercury in fluorescent bulbs, which contain many times more mercury than compact bulbs. We also eat food and breathe air that contains methyl-mercury, a toxic form much more dangerous than the elemental form used to coat the inside of lights. And many is the mercury-containing tropical bird, whose flight pattern might also contain methyl-mercury, a toxic form much more dangerous than the elemental form used to coat the inside of lights.

Eco-tip by Laura Lynch, Chapter Conservation Chair, Cool Cities campaign.

Did you know that with one compact fluoresce you can help pre- serve bird habitat, keep family farms in business and reduce the use of pesti cides worldwide? Most of our coffee comes from farms in Central and South America, where up until the mid-1970’s, coffee was farmed under canopies of trees, where people could live and farm. But this was needed. Shade-grown coffee plantations provided habitat for migratory birds, many of which we would see in our New Jersey backyards. Unfortunately, in the 1970’s, farmers began to grow coffee in single-crop plantations in full sunlight in order to meet worldwide demand. While this method increases coffee production, it also requires intense use of pesticides and fertilizers. Shade-grown coffee gives way to single-crop coffee plantations, migratory birds lost much of their tropical wintering territory. This habitat loss, biologists estimate, means 50% fewer neo-tropical migrant birds. With increased coffee supply, moreover, coffee prices dropped, and small family coffee farms were imperiled.

But you can help the birds, the soil and the farmers all at once. The next time you’re out for coffee, you will find several options. Coffee labeled as “Shade Grown” comes from coffee grown in full shade, sometimes along with other crops. Shade-grown coffee farms not only provide habitat for neo-tropical birds; some of these plantations provide the last remaining habitat for certain migratory species. Beans that are marked “Fair Trade” come from small farms that are certified by programs which ensure that workers and farmers receive crop prices that keep them from poverty. “Organic” coffee beans are grown without the use of synthetic pesticides or fertilizers. Many organic coffee beans are shade-grown. Because shade-grown beans mature more slowly, they tend to have a fuller, better taste than mass-produced beans. You might pay a bit more for organic, shade-grown, or fair-trade coffee, but the price difference is insignificant for pre- serving family farms, bird habitat, and tropical ecosystems in general. Not only will your coffee taste better: while it clears the morning fog from your mind, it will clear your conscience too.

ECO-TIP FROM OUR CONSERVATION CHAIR

Caffeine with conscience

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“More and more people understand that consumption of organically grown coffee and reduced global warming pollution. Ty Dawson (tdawson@siecc.org) is a member of the Sierra Student Coalition (SSC).”

The young people at the conference were motivated by Ty and other speakers to make a difference. But you don’t have to travel to Washington DC to make your voice heard. Phone or write your representative now and ask him to sign on to the Responsible Education About Life Act -- S972 /HR1653), introduced by our Representative now and ask him to sign on to the Responsible Education About Life Act -- S972 /HR1653), introduced by our

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John Muir Orbits Earth!

Well, not exactly. But you’ll come close as you fly through the life of the Sierra Club’s founder via a ground-breaking mapping tool from Google Earth, that lets you explore the world in three dimensions, and zoom in! We’ve chosen ten places and events in Muir’s life to highlight: including his birthplace in Scotland, his Thousand Mile Walk to the Gulf, and meeting President Theodore Roosevelt. Here’s the link: http://www.sierraclub.org/muir/

Resolutions Adopted by ExCom in March, April and May

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Quoted from the Quarter: Chapter Director Jeff Tillet’s two-word summary of a six-page explanation of suburban sprawl: “Land Cancer.”

The combined energy needs of developed and developing countries are obvi- ously going to increase substantially in the next 50 years. This challenge must be satisfied without increasing the con- centration of Greenhouse Gases in the atmosphere to a level that will result in long-term degradation of ecosystems and the environment as we know it. Only the development of creative and effec- tive new technologies will allow us to do so. The United States has a history of technical innovation, and vast educa- tional and industrial capabilities, so should be the natural leader in this criti- cal effort. The recently announced ‘opt-out’ position did not claim this position.

The Cool Cities program gives each of us the opportunity to play a part in the development of a new vision for our country, by which the American lifestyle will be preserved and enhanced, through the development of technologies that will not only revitalize the economy but ease it into an innova- tive new growth cycle similar to that of the 1990’s.

Please, join in this effort. Join the Cool Cities campaign.

Announcements of Cool Cities volun- teer training sessions will be sent to the membership. Feel free to bring friends and other people interested in efforts to contribute. Global Warming.

For more information or contact: Stefano Crema (stefcre@aol.com, 973- 627-4554), or Faith Teitellbaum (faithten- b@aol.com, 732-229-0553).

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The self-proclaimed Wizard of Oz admonished Dorothy and her traveling companions to look behind the curtain. In what has become a famous line, the man discovered that he did after all have a heart, the scarecrow learned that he did have a brain, the tin man discovered that he did have a heart and the cow and horse did not have to walk home back to Kansas.

Today we are faced with a challenge equally as daunting as that faced by Dorothy - the threat of global warming. Clearly we need to reduce our consumption of fossil fuels. But how do we achieve this? The Wizard tells us that the answer lies in ethanol. Ethanol has become the poster child for a wide array of industries including energy, agriculture and transportation. The Wizard who is the man behind the curtain who is orchestrating this response to what is now considered as a serious threat not only to mankind, but also to all the other species that inhabit the planet.

Let me suggest that the Wizard consists of a large number of interest groups and their elected representatives who stand to gain monetarily from the ethanol frenzy, as well as members of our government who are desperately trying to do all in their power to divert attention from measures that might actually help to address the problem that we are being told to believe is a threat. Each of these groups, and perhaps their friends in the petroleum industry, may well view the switch to ethanol for the same reasons.

The Wizard of Oz may not have an answer for what we do with our ethanol. Let's start with the fact that the production of corn-based ethanol, which because of its relatively low energy density requires in the United States, consumes significant amounts of fossil fuels. The fuel required to produce the corn, to transport the corn to process- tion of corn-based ethanol on a commercial basis. We will have to wait to see if the amount of fossil fuels required to produce ethanol is about the same as the amount of energy saved by substituting ethanol for gasoline, which means that there is no net savings and no reduction in harmful greenhouse gas emissions.

Even if the ethanol industry were to be able to reduce the amount of fossil fuels required to produce ethanol, other problems would persist. The production of corn is highly dependent on the use of monocultures and will become even more so as marginal lands, that cannot be productive with our present day agricultural enhancement, are converted to corn production. Emissions of nitrous oxide, a far more potent greenhouse gas than carbon dioxide, and a byproduct of fertilizer production, will increase as the amount of synthetic nitrogen fertilizers used to grow the corn, are also used to grow the corn. In addition, the USDA and other countries might otherwise be able to achieve.

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REPORT FROM TRENTO

Congress and the Sierra Club Fight Back against President Bush’s Power Line Scheme

By Jeff Tittel, our Chapter Director

On April 27, the Department of Energy (DOE) announced that, under the auspices of the Energy Policy Act of 2005, it would be issuing a Notice of Intent for electrical transmission lines that includes all twenty-one counties in New Jersey. The project is subject to review by the Federal Electric Regulatory Commission (FERC) to give power and transmission companies the right to build high-voltage power lines through any part of New Jersey, by eminent domain. The new power lines will cut swaths through the Highlands and Pinelands, crossing forests, farm fields, and wetlands.

Two new power line proposals have been proposed, one heading east from Pennsylvania and the other west from New York State through Maryland. These lines would bring "dirty coal" power from the Midwest and South, respectively, to the densely populated Northeastern States. When coal burns, it produces pollutants at the rate of more than a ton of its own weight each year; it also holds 17% of all the carbon dioxide released by human activity. It is a major cause of global warming. In addition, mountain top coal mining has destroyed more than a million acres of preserved property within the Appalachian mountains. So, it is a major cause of global warming. Even so, as one of the leading advocates for clean and renewable energy, we definitely oppose this type of infrastructure development.

Furthermore, the proposed power lines have the potential to destroy coal-fired power plants here in the Garden State. Dirty coal power will undermine New Jersey’s efforts to save the environment and conserve natural resources, and also to conserve the state’s abundant renewable energy, as well as pouring toxic waste water, sulfur dioxide, and carbon di- oxide, and mercury into our air and water. These chemicals will affect every citizen of the state for many generations to come. After spending from the New Jersey coal plants and settling downwind in New Jersey. mercury, carbon dioxide and other pollutants are distributed through the state, not just those living near the author of this article, Jeff Tittel, the Sierra Club’s Director of New Jersey.

It’s a Battle of the Worlds. The Headwaters vs. the Power Plants. The Struggle for an Environment that is Inhabited by Nature, not Nourished by Power Plants.

On May 5, the Club's national Executive Director Carl Pope appeared with Representatives Maurice Hinchey (D-NY), James Oberstar (D-MN), John Hall (D-NY), and Chris Carney (D-PA), and officers of the National Trust for Historic Preservation and numerous other environmental and historic preservation groups, to oppose the corridor scheme. Representatives Wolf and Hinchey have introduced a bipartisan bill, HR809, to repeal section 1221 of the Energy Policy Act of 2005, which grants DOE and FERC nearly limitless powers of eminent domain, and exempts them from key environmental laws in designating so-called "National Interest Electric Transmission Corridors." (No New Jersey congressman is yet a co-sponsor!)

According to Pope, “[Section 1221] usurps the rights of state and local govern- ments to deny access to certain lands, and makes such lands available at below market and historic-sensitivity areas from development. It also trumps the rights of property owners in the corridors, allowing for their lands to be seized via emin- dent domain and transferred to private corporations. Above all, backers of this provision believe clean renewable energy companies should be allowed to construct power lines and pipelines anywhere they see fit to expand their business, regardless of the public interest. ... And the corridor plan in the House has introduced legislation to repeal this authority.”

To summarize: We need to stop these power lines from coming into New Jersey if we want to have clean, renewable, and sustainable energy. We should tell DOE and FERC to stay out of New Jersey.

In Elk Township, Gloucester County, everybody wins in the recycling game: consumers, the environment, the Jersey Sierra Club. Recycling is the most important, the Planet! That’s because the Township has entered into an agreement with a company called RecycleBank to do curbside collection of recyclable waste and reward the resi- dents with credits that can be put toward building discounts and coupons for services worth up to $55 per month. Here is how it works.

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Gloucester County Signs on to Cool Cities

By Gina Carola, Chair of our West Jersey Group

On April 3rd, the Gloucester County Board of Chosen Freeholders, led by Freeholder Stephen Sweeney, pledged to do everything it could to make sure the amount of the county's trash is recycled but he wants Gloucester to increase its recycling rate to 60%.

Freeholder Joseph Brigandi Jr. added that “Our actions today and in the future will determine and practices and policies that honor our earth... We need to be a leader to our children, our communities and the state as a whole.” It is a green team to provide the planet with the future generations.

County officials said trying to reduce greenhouse gases was worthwhile because it would save taxpayers money in the long run.}

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SPRAWL ISSUE COORDINATOR’S REPORT

The Struggle for an Extraordinary Site in Edison, Called the Sharma Land

By Jane Tousman (jdtous@aol.com), our Sprawl Issues Coordinator

This property of 27 acres is in the northern portion of Edison, Middlesex County. A hard-fought struggle has gone on for many years. 18 to 23 luxury homes are proposed. The fight to save the land as open space was initially lost. The developer, a man named Sharma, had bought 5 acres of preserved property within the Fragrant Forests Foundation, but he now wants to make it easy for people to get into their cars and go. People who buy the car wash vouchers will get their cars washed, and then be rewarded with discounts and coupons for services worth up to $55 per month. Here is how it works.

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Cleanwater Car Wash Fundraising Program

Supplied by David Yennior, our Recycling Issues Coordinator

PROTECT THE ENVIRONMENT AND RAISE MORE MONEY!!!

The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) and Car Wash Operators of New Jersey (CWONJ) have recently launched the Clean Water Fundraising Car Wash Program. This partnership allows charities to increase their efforts to sell car wash vouchers for washes at commercial car wash facilities. The program is key to helping fundraise car washes as schools and churches. Car wash operations will provide charities and non-profit organizations with 50% off discounted car wash tickets that can be sold at face value. This is a situation where everybody wins! Charities and non- profit organizations can make use of the NJDEP’s goal of protecting our water quality. These car washes gain valuable exposure in the community.

PARKING LOT CAR WASHES POLLUTE OUR WATER

You know storm drains found along most streets and sidewalks are NOT connected to the sanitary sewer or to sewage treatment plants! When
Introducing Becca Glenn, our Newest Member of Staff

The Chapter recently hired Becca Glenn as Program Assistant, a job that includes managing our Trenton Office, helping her Director, Jeff Tittel, in a variety of duties in the corridors and hearing rooms of the State House, answering member queries, supporting the volunteer leaders, and managing her own favorite campaigns. Becca grew up in Hershey, Pennsylvania, and earned a bachelor's degree in sociology with a minor in international studies from Boston College in 2003. Prior to arriving in Trenton, she worked as a domestic violence counselor in Lebanon, PA, and as a regional conservation organizer for the Sierra Club's national field office in Pittsburgh. She has spent time volunteering for the National Organization for Women (of which she was president for over two years), PennPIRG, the Hershey Independent, and various political candidates.

1) What did you know about the Sierra Club that attracted you to work for it?

I can't remember first learning about the Sierra Club, but I must have known about it for a very long time. For most of that time, however, I associated it with the outings program. The environment in Central PA has always been one of the issues that I'm very passionate about. After learning about the environment in elementary school, I came home and, with the help of my two little sisters, proceeded to go through everything in my mother's cabinets and scold her for the things that weren't environmentally friendly. I clearly remember her telling me that some of the things we did approve of was her choice of Palmolive dish soap because it said "biodegradable" on the back, and we told her she was not allowed to use any other kind.

2) What specific activities or campaigns are of most interest to you, as a Club staff member?

I have been working to protect open space since starting this position in early April, and I am very excited to continue to do so. This has been of great concern in my hometown as well, and before coming to the Sierra Club I was involved in fighting a development project there. My other "top two" issue is global warming. So far I've been able to contribute to a lobby day for the Global Warming Response Act, which would mandate a statewide reduction of emissions to 1990 levels by 2020, and I am currently working with the Sierra Club's national Global Warming and Energy Program to build support in New Jersey for federal legislation.

What successful (or unsuccessful) environmental activities or campaigns have you worked on in the past that were most interesting?

My job with the Sierra Club in Pittsburgh was a temporary position working only on the 2006 elections campaign. We ran an independent campaign for three endorsed candidates - Jason Altman for US Congress, Bob Casey for US Senate, and Ed Rendell for Governor - and won all three. That was the first time any of the four staff members in that office had ever worked on a winning campaign! When we came to work after the elections we all had goofy grins on our faces.

Nominations Sought for Chapter Executive Committee

Later this year members will have the opportunity to elect five members to the Chapter Executive Committee (ExCom). A nominating committee, chaired by Sunil Somalwar and including Bob Campbell and Paul Sanderson, has been elected by ExCom to prepare a slate of nominees. All Chapter members are invited to propose candidates. Members may also arrive directly onto the ballot by a petitioning process that requires the legible signatures of 15 Chapter members. To propose candidates, please contact Sunil (contact information is on p. 12 of this newsletter) by July 21.

Nominations for officers must be submitted in writing to New Jersey Sierra Club! The nominating committee will report the names of its nominees to ExCom by July 28th. Petition candidates must submit petitions (to Sunil) by August 10th.

Your Transportation Carbon Footprint

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(Data compiled from Club e-mail messages between energy activists.)
projects simply move storm water down-stream faster, raising water levels in other areas, robbing Peter to pay Paul.

For example, the Oakland Flood Control Project, in Bergen and Passaic Counties, which has cost more than $60 million only protected the people in Oakland, but has now moved the storm water down-stream more quickly and raised record floods for the people in Pompton Lakes. A cheaper option would have been to buy out the 100 most flood-prone homes along the Ramapo River. In 1998 the Sierra Club estimated that to buy their homes out for less than $400 million, instead of spending over $250 million for a flood control project that will not help Bound Brook, and will increase flooding in places like Manville and New Brunswick.

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Building in flood plains creates more flooding, increasing the risk to people’s lives and properties. The increase in impervious cover eliminates recharge. Therefore stricter limits on new development should be immediately imposed. There should be zero net fill and no new structures in flood plains.

Vegetative corridors filter pollutants before it reaches a stream, and prevent flooding by absorbing storm water. The current practice of mowing such corridors results in more runoff into streams, and more downstream pollution.

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Ban all development in floodways, eliminating loopholes and exemptions.

2. Flood Mitigation
Develop basin-wide flood mitigation, which will lessen the impact of flooding on already existing neighborhoods. Develop non-structural mechanisms to help diminish the impact of flooding on these communities.

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4. Regional Planning
We cannot manage water without fitting of storm water systems, and limiting impervious cover. We need to do a better job of preventing the development that results in more flooding. Currently there is no regional planning entity for the Delaware River Basin. We believe the Delaware River Basin Commission should have land-use powers. We also believe that the four States that share the basin (Delaware, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania) need to cede such powers – to help prevent overdevelopment from causing more flooding.

Our Recommendations for Reducing Flooding

1. Eliminate the Loophole for Redevelopment
Current redevelopment projects are exempt from New Jersey’s storm-water and flood hazard rules. As we redevelop a state with as much development as New Jersey, there is no way to stop the practice.

2. Update Maps of Flood Hazard Areas
Many of FEMA’s floodplain maps are thirty years old, and some parts of the State have never been mapped. Development since the maps were drawn has resulted in many new people now living in flood-prone areas. There should be no development in unmapped areas or areas with out-dated maps. New maps should include coastal areas and show contours of shorelines expected from sea rise level due to global warming.

3. Eliminate Loopholes that Destroy Headwaters of Sensitive Streams
Most seriously, the State (the DEP) does not require new development to protect stream drainages smaller than 50 acres. However, it is just these drainage areas that provide clean water and help protect water quality. When high quality headwaters are lost, the rest of the stream suffers.

4. Restore Funding for Blue Acras
Reinstate and expand the Blue Acras program. Similar to Green Acres, and now supported by the State to acquire properties, restore streams, and reduce flood plains to their natural state, the Blue Acra program should help residents who want to relocate out of flood plains.

5. Incorporate Hazard Planning
The State should incorporate hazard planning into all agencies of government, such as to not spend resources or promote growth in areas that are subject to chronic flooding.

6. Expand Stream Buffers
This initiative would protect thousands of miles of NJ stream, enhance water quality, allow for aquifer recharge, provide open space, and protect homes from flooding. The DEP should re-propose the rule to expand buffers from 25’ to 50’ and post to at least 75-150 feet in areas that do not qualify for the 50-foot buffer around Category One streams. We also need the 50-foot buffer around Category One streams to the stream encroachment rules in order to solidify them.

7. Develop Impervious Cover Limits
In order to avoid unnecessary chronic flood-

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toxic site in Ringwood; and in testimony to the DEP, pressed for full compli-
ance in the Hackensack Elmwood Park plant with EPA and DEP air pollution regulations. (4)
We’re helping SaveParamusWetlands.org protect 35 acres of wetlands containing the
headwaters of the Musquapsink Brook that feeds into Oradell Reservoir (serving over
270,000 people). (5) We’ve urged the Freeholders to support the resolution drafted by
Wyclowd’s open space advocates, calling for preservation of Deep Voll Rivine. (6)
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Loantaka Group
(Morris and Union Counties, approximately)

There is a new website address for the Loantaka group:
http://newjersey.sierraclub.org/loantaka/

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS:
Meetings are held on the FIRST TUESDAY of the month at 7:30 pm at Library of the
Chathams, 214 Main St., Chatham. Come learn something new, and make some new friends.
We welcome the chance to meet you and to intro-
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Essex County Group

web site: http://newjersey.sierraclub.org/Essex/. We are also accessible from the NJ Chapter web site.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS: Held on the SECOND TUESDAY of every month
at the Essex County Environmental Center in Roseland, 621 E. Eagle Rock Ave (P.O. Box
228-8776). Please confirm date and time with Walt Goldenbaum (see above), as meet-
ing times can vary.

GENERAL MEETINGS: The meetings described below are free and open to the public.
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GROUP NEWS

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duce ourselves. Please see the schedule, below, and join us! (DIRECTIONS: are posted on our website: http://newjersey.sierraclub.org/loantaka/)

MEETING SCHEDULE:
July and August: No General Meetings
Sept 12: To be determined

ACTIVITIES: (Consult our website (http://newjersey.sierraclub.org/loantaka/) for more information.)

The Loantaka Group is working with concerned citizens and local environmental organizations to protect open space and wildlife habitat in Morris and Union Counties, and to safeguard the water resources on which we all depend. We are also organizing volunteer groups to help maintain and improve trails in the Morris and Union County Park Systems. The Group is involved in State-wide initiatives to protect air quality, transportation, and environmental legislation. Volunteers are always welcome. Call Paul (908-235-2414), Chris (973-377-1742) or Bob Johnson (908-771-9670) for more information.

Meeting:
July 28 (Sat) ( outdoors): CENTRAL SUMMER SOCIAL AND PADDLE at Loantaka County Park. Come one and all to enjoy the day at this 2.500-acre park offering hiking, nature, walking and mountain biking trails, picnic facilities, and Mercer Lake used for the US Rowing World Trials. For a relaxing group paddle bring your canoe or kayak. Meet at the Loantaka Boat House Marina by 10am. See Chapter Outings below for more details.


Third Annual Fundraiser for the Loantaka Group

The Group wishes to thank the following donors who provided "satchelables" for its current fundraising campaign: (** three stars means that this donor has contributed to all three of our fundraisers) Patronize them, please!

• $70 gift certificate for a dog grooming service. (Jersey Snoopy, Hamilton Twp.)

• $25 gift certificate for lunch or catering order. (Bella Luna Gourmet Diner & Catering, Hamilton Twp.)

• $25 gift certificate. (Sages Pages Bookstore, Madison *)

• $25 gift certificate. (Best Little Luncheonette, Chatham *)

• $25 gift certificate. (The Office Bar & Grill, Summit **) (One performance pass for 4 people for any event, 2007-2008 season. (Townson Community Theatre **, box office: 973-535-9008)

• Two pair of complimentary tickets, any event, 2007-2008 season. (Colonial Symphony, Morristown; box office: 973-984-7400)

• $20 gift certificate. (Ahern's, Westfield) (*)*

• Two tickets to any event, 2007-2008. (Westfield Symphony Orchestra ***)

• Four $25 gift certificates. (Sterling Hallmark Gift Shop: Chatham, Stirling, and Summit ***)

• Two $50 gift certificate. with reusable shopping bag. (Whole Foods Supermarket, Millburn ***)

The auction was organized by Eric Hauser.

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HAVE A FEW HOURLS? WILLING TO HELP CONCERNED? WANT TO TAKE ACTION?
Please contact Terry (above)

E-MAIL NOTICES and WEBSITE:
The Central Group's website is at http://newjersey.sierraclub.org/central. To receive last-minute Central Group meeting reminders, please e-mail Laura Lynch at njsierragroup@sierraclub.org. To receive NJ Chapter-wide issue alert messages, please e-mail Laura Lynch at njsierragroup@sierraclub.org.

Raritan Valley Group

(Middlesex and Somerset Counties, approximately)

WEBSITE: http://newjersey.sierraclub.org/RaritanValley/

OFFICERS and CONTACTS:

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FOR MORE INFORMATION:
Please contact Terry (above)

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(Middlesex and Somerset Counties, approximately)

MEETING SCHEDULE:
July and August: No General Meetings
Sept 112: To be determined

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS:
Held at 7pm on the FIRST THURSDAY of each month beginning with September except for July and August at officer's home All Sierra Club members are invited to attend. Please contact Group Chair for location.

Jersey Shore Group

(Monmouth County, approximately)

WEBSITE: http://njsierra.org/-njshoere

OFFICERS:

Group Chair: Dennis Anderson 732-970-4327 dennisaza@aol.com

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Membership Chair: Alan Rosenman 732-780-1508 aroseman@monmouth.com

Program Chair: Open Position

Fund-raising Chair: Open Position

MEETING SCHEDULE:
Held at 8pm on the FRIDAY of each month - except in July, August and December - at a new location: the Unitarian Universalist Meetinghouse at 1475 West Front Street in Lincroft (please check the congregation's website for directions, at http://www.uunj.org). Come early to socialize and refreshments provided. For more information, please contact Dennis Anderson or Faith Teitelbaum (see list of officers, above), or visit our web site.

Fall Yard Sale Fund-Raiser: Sept 8 (Sat), 9am-11pm, at 145 Eli Harmony Rd, So. Freehold, NJ 08519. The group will hold its second fall fundraising yard sale, along with 20 plus other homes on the same street. We need yard sale items to sell. If you have some to "donate," please call Alan Rosenman at 732-780-1308 to make arrangements. Also, please check our website to view the events, as weather and other homes involved may postpone it. (Eli Harmony Rd runs west from Jackson Mills Rd, and forms the SE border of Turkey Swamp County Park. The home is close to Exit 22 of I-95.)

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 contact Dennis Anderson.

Please share this newsletter with a non-member friend, inviting use of the coupon on p. 12.
Ocean County Group

Website: www.newjersey.sierraclub.org/ocean

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Membership: Dawn Marie Johns and Sandy Brown (see above)

EXCOMM COMMITTEE MEETINGS: Generally held on the SECOND MONDAY of each month at the home of one of our ExCom members.

GENERAL MEETINGS AND EVENTS: Meetings are held bi-monthly (i.e. in alternate months) on the FOURTH MONDAY at 7pm at the “Skywalk Cafeteria” in the Ocean County Administration Building, 129 Hooper Avenue (2nd Floor), Toms River. See our Web Site (below) for directions. Note: We’ve recently purchased a new computer projector and large screen, which will make our meetings even more dynamic, interactive and interesting.

FOR MORE INFORMATION about our activities and events, please visit our WEBSITE: www.newjersey.sierraclub.org/ocean. Special thanks go to our Web-Master, Rick Washik!

Activities & Issues: We’re here at work! Preventing drilling in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge and defending the Endangered Species Act, fighting drilling of the Jersey Coast, repealing New Jersey’s “Fast Track” (pro-development short-cut law), and supporting expanded recycling legislation.

We’ve also targeted critical local open space, sprawl, and air and water quality issues in Brick, Lacey and Jackson Townships. Help us defend both the Tom and Cedar Creek against more development and protect Ocean County’s newest park in Lacey against “Big Box” money’s demand for new roads. Volunteers are needed to help us organize and participate in meetings, tabling at local events, fundraising, and a computer-based voter education program.

July 21 (Sat): Our 2nd Annual BBQ/Fundraiser at Windward Beach in Brick from Noon to 4pm. Again, we’ll have some good food, games and door prizes and you can take a “dip” to cool off if it’s hot. Once again, “Chef Rick” will be manning the grill and “DJ John” will be cranking out the tunes. Tickets are $20, $10 for ages 6-10, and ages 5 and under are free. Food donations needed. For more information, contact Joyce Isaza, Fund-Raising Chair (see above).

Aug 18 (Sat): Join us for a hiking day-trip to the NJ Highlands and discover why this is such a special place we need to protect. Details TBA. For more information, contact Dawn Marie Johns, Outings Chair (see above).

Sept 3 (Mon): A “special event” with the “Festival of the Atlantic” orchestra, 7-30 pm. Volunteers needed to help. For more information, contact Joyce Isaza.

Sept 9 (Sun): A “special event” at the Island Beach State Park Plum Festival, 10am to 5pm. The event is free and open to the public. It is sponsored by the Friends of the Parks, Inc. Crafts, demonstrations and entertainment, including art, historical and recreational attributes of the area. Contact Renee Scagnelli (CU) at 609-305-3258 or DRScahnell@comcast.net.

Sept 11 (Thurs), 7-30pm: Atlantic County Park at Estell Manor will host the Pinelands Folk Arts Festival on Saturday, 10am to 5pm. The event is free and open to the public. It is sponsored by the Friends of the Parks, Inc. Crafts, demonstrations and entertainment, including folk and bluegrass bands, dance groups, and Native American and other cultural demonstrations. The Park is located at milepost 15 on Rte 50. Free parking. For more information, please contact Richard Hansen at 609-625-6291 or Julie Akers at 609-676-6114.

Sept 15 (Wed), 7-30pm: Great Egg Harbor Scenic and Recreational River Council: Bi-monthly meeting, open to the public. Contact Julie Akers, 609-676-6114. Warren Fox Nature Center, Atlantic County Park in Estell Manor (milepost 15 on Rte 50).

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South Jersey Group

Website: http://www.newjersey.sierraclub.org/atlantic

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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 consume the energies of those few officers who remain active — both within the Sierra Club and in two of our conservation organizations 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, most have been cancelled for lack of interest. For the present, we will 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 (not 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: Two Cape May County campaigns to prevent the use of tropical rain- forest wood for rebuilding oceanfront boardwalks, in Ocean City and Wildwood, are being led by Geogina Shanley [shanleygeorge2001@yahoo.com]. 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 environment- ally sensitive land in Millville, damage done to sand trails by ATVs, and improve- ments for public recycling.

Possibly Relevant Meetings:
July 11 (Wed), 6-30pm: Bi-monthly meeting of Citizens United to Protect the Maurice River and its Tributaries (CU). Meeting place: Gstand Room, Millville Public Library, 210 Broadway. Contact Julie Akers, 609-676-6114. Warren Fox Nature Center, Atlantic County Park in Estell Manor (milepost 15 on Rte 50).

July 24 (Tues), 7pm: 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-1970s) as our Group Executive Committee! Our July event is scheduled to be outdoors to highlight a special area of the watershed. For more information or to confirm, call Julie Akers, 609-676-6114. Location TBA, please call.

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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 singles-oriented activities to NJ Sierra Club members and those who would like to know more about us. We are not a local group, we are a statewide additional option for you to join us. 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 in to it!

Webpage address: http://web/newjersey.sierraclub.org/Singles/

The BEST way to be notified of upcoming events is to join our free Insite. Anyone

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Sierra Student Coalition
(a semi-autonomous organization of college and high school students)

web site: http://www.ssc.org/nj/
Contact Tejal Kuray, 732-770-2142, tejal.kuray@sscc.org for information.

Inner City Outings Section
(another Chapter-wide special interest activity)

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Jul 4 (Wed): Manasquan River Reserve, Monmouth County, Special Interest: Picnic (8): Attend an easy 5-mile walk along one of the longest reservations in the area. We may observe waterfowl. Bring snacks, drink, and an umbrella if it rains. Meet at 9 am at the Manasquan River Reserve parking lot. Walk to the confluence of the river and the reservoir, then hike 1.5 miles on the Pinelands Loop Trail. Bring plenty of water and rain gear. (JS). Leader: George & Leona F, 609-259-3734, or leona@pineypaddlers.com (W) 

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Jul 31 (Mon): Manasquan River Reserve, Monmouth County (C): 9:30 am. Meet at 9 am at the Manasquan River Reserve parking lot. We will hike along the Pinelands Loop Trail. Bring plenty of water and a small snack. (JS).

Aug 7 (Mon): Cape May, Cape May Point State Park (C): 9:30 am. We will be hiking along the shoreline of the bay, stopping at various points of interest. We will hike about 1 mile. Bring plenty of water and a small snack. (E) - Essex County (ACOC) - Atlantic Chapter Leader: Michael Carbone, 732-499-0340. (JS)

Aug 10 (Thu): Manasquan River Reserve, Monmouth County, Special Interest: Picnic (8): Attend an easy 5-mile walk along one of the longest reservations in the area. We may observe waterfowl. Bring snacks, drink, and an umbrella if it rains. Meet at 9 am at the Manasquan River Reserve parking lot. Walk to the confluence of the river and the reservoir, then hike 1.5 miles on the Pinelands Loop Trail. Bring plenty of water and rain gear. (JS). Leader: George & Leona F, 609-259-3734, or leona@pineypaddlers.com (W) 

Aug 13 (Sun): Monmouth County, Special Interest: Picnic (8): Attend an easy 5-mile walk along one of the longest reservations in the area. We may observe waterfowl. Bring snacks, drink, and an umbrella if it rains. Meet at 9 am at the Manasquan River Reserve parking lot. Walk to the confluence of the river and the reservoir, then hike 1.5 miles on the Pinelands Loop Trail. Bring plenty of water and rain gear. (JS). Leader: George & Leona F, 609-259-3734, or leona@pineypaddlers.com (W) 

Sep 2 (Wed): Canoe/Kayak the Cranesnest Creek (8): Meet us at the Biggs Park (exit 12 off I-295, Trenton). We will be paddling the Mullica River from Haines Bridge to Bridge Arms. Bring snacks, lunch, rain gear, and your own personal equipment. (JS) Leader: David & Anna Lee F, 609-662-4593 or leona@pineypaddlers.com (W)

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Sep 16 (Sun): Manasquan River Reserve, Monmouth County (C): 9:30 am. We will be hiking along the shoreline of the bay, stopping at various points of interest. We will hike about 1 mile. Bring plenty of water and a small snack. (JS) Leader: George & Leona F, 609-259-3734, or leona@pineypaddlers.com (W) 

Sep 17 (Mon): Manasquan River Reserve, Monmouth County (C): 9:30 am. We will be hiking along the shoreline of the bay, stopping at various points of interest. We will hike about 1 mile. Bring plenty of water and a small snack. (JS) Leader: George & Leona F, 609-259-3734, or leona@pineypaddlers.com (W) 

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Outings

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Sep 16 (Sat): Bridle Path Community College/Thompson Park (Monmouth Co.) 9:30am. Moderate distance hike that follows the Swimming River Reservoir. Please bring snacks and drinks. Hiking shoes are suggested. GSP East 97 to exit 10, go west on Route 520 approx. 3/4 mile to Bridle Path Rd, turn left and follow for parking lot to left. Meet in the path on the right hand side. Stop for lunch and get a nice view of the Reservoir.

Sep 16 (Sat): Red Rock Pathway - Hayway Hill, New York City 10am. Easy, family walk across the Brooklyn Bridge and on to Manhattan. The path is level and great for all ages. Bring a picnic lunch and enjoy a day in the city.

Sep 20 (Sat): Cane-Kenye The Wading River (Rutheon Co.) 10am. The Wading is one of the most popular streams in the Pinelands, but where it has water is on a schedule. A walk will be held on the Wading River this Sat. Meet on the west side of State Road opposite the bridge. For more information, please contact the Chair. (Best confirm!)"