Chapter Agenda for 2008

The January meeting of our Chapter’s Executive Committee (ExCom), which took place on Jan. 12th in the Chatham Public Library, is traditionally enlivened by a debate over the prioritization of our issues. Here are the issues we decided to concentrate on in 2008, listed in no particular order.

Energy and Global Warming
- Implementation of New Jersey’s Global Warming Response Act
- Energy efficiency and adopt California emission standards for new cars.

Transportation issues, including promotion of mass transit and other measures to reduce reliance on automobiles and trucks.

Other legislative initiatives, including a cap and trade generation, use new development to fund transportation projects and a low carbon fuel bill.

Cool Cities

Open Space Preservation

By Rich Isaac, Chapter Political Chair (risaacx@aol.com)

Democrats and Republicans to enact the bill, which will push New Jersey to reduce its greenhouse gas emissions and serve as a model for promoting renewable energy and energy conservation. In 2003 he co-sponsored a bill that requires New Jersey to adopt California’s emission standards for new cars.

As an open seat in a closely divided District (51-49 Bush-Kerry in 2004), his race will be nationally targeted. To help get Adler elected, please contact Greg Saxton, Co-chair of the New Jersey GOTV at SierraCLUB@aol.com, or 732-451-9220.

Recycling
- Implementation of a new law requiring safe disposal of electronic waste
- Land use issues, including legislative measures to promote sound land use planning, opposition to sprawl-inducing development proposals and efforts to protect species and preserve habitat

Water Supply and Quality
- Site Remediation
- Comprehensive Sea Education
- Presidential and Congressional Election Campaigns

Lobbying in support of our issues is carried out at federal, regional, state and ExCom’s behalf by our volunteers and by our staff members. All members are encouraged to become active in this work, most easily by contacting their local Group, identified in the middle (Group News) section of this Newsletter.

Other Candidates Endorsed for Congress

1st Dist. (Camden, Gloucester Counties): Rep. Robert Andrews (D, incumbent)
2nd Dist. (Atlantic, Cape May, Cumberland, Salem): Rep. Frank LoBiondo (R, incumbent)
3rd Dist. (Central Jersey): in the June 3rd Primary: Leonard Lance (R) and Linda Sternder (D)
9th Dist. (Bergen, Hudson): Rep. Steven Rothman (D, incumbent)
12th Dist. (Hunterson, Mercer, M. sexon, Monmouth): Rep. Rush Holt (D, incumbent)

Chapter Officers Elected

Congratulations to our members elected to the Chapter Executive Committee (ExCom) in our Fall, 2007 balloting.

Elected to three-year terms: Mike Herson (North Jersey Group), Rich Isaac (Bucks County Group) and Jane Tooman (Baran County Group).
Elected to two-year terms: Laura Bagwell (Jersey Shore Group) and Laura Lynch (Central Jersey Group).

Sierra Club Board of Directors Election: Endorsements by Chapter ExCom

This year is the first in which the New Jersey Chapter’s Executive Committee has endorsed candidates running in the Club’s national Ballot election.

Endorsements were made because of current attempts by the BoD to revise the Club’s bylaws in a way that would make it more difficult for chapters to do advocacy work.

3. Currently, Board of Director candidates are required to be Club members for only one year prior to nomination. Thus many Chapter officers have more years of Club experience than Board members.

4. A proposed change in funding for chapters would make it more difficult for chapters to do advocacy work.

5. Currently, the national organization prohibits state chapters from submitting grant applications to foundations that the national organization has applied to, and for bids from chapters maintaining their own volunteer leadership.

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The Federal Reserve is in a bind because it has already committed itself to not reducing interest rates and could only benefit from lowering interest rates, but lowering the interest rates could stoke inflation. The only outcome from this side of the dilemma is bad in environmental terms.

Forget the intrinsic good of preserving open space; think instead from an economic point of view: had open space preservation been an economic “good,” then there would have been fewer and smaller (cheaper) houses built, and at the same time the environmental preservation being an economic “good,” had open space; think strictly from an economic point of view: had open space. Environmental concern can swing wildly on the narrowest misstep, but lowering the interest rates could drive up the cost of petroleum, along with the demand would have prevented the rising cost of food — which comes from you, guessed it, another bad environmental policy: subsidized corn ethanol. Corn ethanol is responsible for switching agricultural land to less productive use, as well as causing water and forests keep shrinking. Today 40% of the land in Africa, has been plagued with droughts and famine in recent years, in part because the growing population has stripped the arable land of nutrients. Grain farming has also played a part in changing the country’s rainfall patterns. Eighty-five percent of the people live in rural areas and depend on farming and livestock herding for their livelihoods. But, natural resources such as land, water and forests keep shrinking. Today less than 5% of the country is forested.

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How to Halve Energy Consumption (and CO2 Emissions)

by Dick Colby (dick.colby@skotlonian.com)

Kyoto and Bali and Al Gore’s “Inconvenient Truth” seem to be pene-
trating, at least among the Democrats running for President, but there remains
an apparent lack of a “facto-no gap” in developed countries — between the per
capita energy use in the US and the much lower levels used by everyone else. I haven’t heard much
about why Europeans and Japanese, with much the same standard of living as Americans, should be using half as
much fossil fuel energy.

As I write this editorial from my best
friend’s home in Oxford, England, the answer is obvious: Europeans drive
smaller cars, less frequently and for shorter distances: because gas is far more
heavily taxed, parking in cities is exceedingly expensive, and the annual
vehicle, (And car-insurance can be paid
USA, is graduated with age and power of
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The New Jersey Chapter’s ExCom recommends a vote for:

Lane Boldman, Jim Dougberthy, Larry Fahn, and Jerry Sutherland

Are there environmental issues that we’re MISSING? If so, please call or write to Club officers.

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Chair’s Message

Green scam

By Ken Johnson (kjohan@comcast.net)

It doesn’t seem that long ago when environmentalists were viewed by
most of the population as slightly unbalanced, if not downright delusion-
ous. Nowadays, however, we see full-page ads by Exxon and BP tout-
ning their environmental sensitivity, municipalities of Congress meeting one
another in their rush to show that they are greener than their colleagues on
the other side of the aisle and even the Bush administration proudly pointing
to its support of the recently enacted energy bill and the Bali accord. What
a relief. Environmentalism has become mainstream and we’ve finally achieved
the respect we deserve. If Rodney Dangerfield was alive today, I’m sure
he would be envied.

But has anything really changed? There are companies out there that are
trying to do the right thing, but these are not the companies with full-page ads in
The New York Times. And Congress, despite its protestations to the contrary,
has done far too little to address climate change and other environmental threats.
Sure, the recently enacted energy bill mandates a significant increase in fuel
efficiency standards, but the new mark is still way above 200 mpg, and also
perpetuates the ethanol scam by calling for a 100 percent increase in the
amount of ethanol produced from corn and, to a much lesser extent, other
grains. And the bill fails to require that the utilities generate a portion of their
power from renewable sources, such as solar wind.

Nor does the bill eliminate the $12 bil-
lion in tax breaks for the petroleum
industry. When we think of it, it is hard
to think of any segment of the economy,
with the possible exception of powerful
corporate lobbying agencies, that is less
deserving of a governmental subsidy. And,
of course, the corn producers already have been more than adequately
provided for.

So, by any say, we’ll always have Bali.
The Bush administration received
high marks in the press for its willing-
ness to take conciliatory actions at the Bali con-
ference. But what exactly did the Bush
administration agree to? The United States
negotiation on climate change was endur-
his and hoes from the assembled delegates,
agreed to participate in future negotia-
tions that take place at the United Nations
Environment Treaty. Big deal. The administration did
not agree to set targets for reducing green-
house gas emissions. In short, it didn’t agree to do anything. So while we may have
have Paris, I wouldn’t bet the bank on

The United Nations Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change recently released a sobering report on the likely effects of global warming. Global warm-
ing is already upon us and it will get
worse. But that does not mean that there is no hope. We have the tools at hand
to significantly reduce greenhouse gas emissions. What we lack is the politi-
cal will to implement the necessary reforms.

Some lay the blame for failing to take effective action on the American people.
But have the American people really been given an opportunity to decide
whether they are willing to make the changes that must be made if we are to
avert the impending calamity?

Clearly the Bush administration is doing
nothing to raise public awareness.

And to the extent that the message is get-
ing through, too often it is being diluted
and negated by overly optimistic and
largely unchallenged claims by the White
House, Congress and by the adminis-
tration that there is no cause for alarm and
that timely and effective actions are already being taken. Many of
these claims are no more than green smoke, but
the largely docile media allows them to
remain unchallenged.

So, how do we go from here? Clearly we need to replace the current
environmentally hostile Bush administration with a knowledgeable and
appreciates the seriousness of the threats we face but also is prepared to
provide them with the information they need to analyze the facts and make
informed decisions. The greencamers will need to be told that their misleading
messages are not welcome and that they will need to explain their rationale for their min-
iscule campaign.

ISSUE COORDINATOR’S REPORT:

New Environmental Nonsense: the Plug-In Hybrid Car

By Sunil Somawar, Our Global Warming Issues Coordinator (Sunil123@verizon.net)

Toyota has announced that it will offer a plugin hybrid car by 2010 (New
York Times, Business Day, Jan. 14), which will travel seven miles on 2.7 kilowatt-hours of electricity. On its
face, this sounds like a good environ-
mental development because a car run-
ing on electricity is free of air pollution
out of its taillipe.

Toyota is a different animal when one takes into account the pollution at the electric power plant. CO2 is CO2, but
in NY the carbon dioxide is produced by burning fossil fuels, and in New Jersey or from a smoke-
stack somewhere out of sight. The plug-in Prius will thus have a ‘greenhouse gas efficiency’ of a 20.5 miles-per-gal-
lon gasoline car. Since today’s Prius hybrids have higher fees as far as
gallon of gasoline, the plugin version makes as much environmental sense as a gas-guzzling SUV.

Environmentalists are opposed to coal-to-liquid synfuels because these fuels burn to produce twice as much
greenhouse gas per mile compared to a gasoline car. Unfortu-
ately conscious people are willing to
it. The greencamers need to give backdoor entry to coal in trans-
portation.

The plug-in Prius will make sense today when we have dis-
mantled the last coal-fired power plants in the US. But
in 2010, a plug-in car would not be green but coal
black. A plug-in Prius would be a step in the right
direction. But is it enough?
New Jersey Climate Leaders: Jeanne Fox, President of the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities

Interviewed by Stefano Crema on Nov. 29, 2007

President Fox’s enthusiastic commitment to improving energy efficiency, and her determination to undertake the dual task of being an administrator and a reformer, renders her a strong voice of the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities (BPU).

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She compares Global Warming to the war in Iraq. “The public is not yet feeling the personal impact,” she says, “other than the increased price of gasoline when it is in the news, it is something they do not like, the same way they do not like the war.” Presently, there is some activity in stopping the war, the same way they are not engaged in stopping climate change.

She believes Global Warming to be the main problem now facing the world, and believes the US could be involved in developing the grassroots understanding necessary to deal with the problem.

However, she says, “while it is extremely important to develop the outreach to the public, it is just as important to give people the tools to do something about it.” This is what the BPU is attempting to do, having just approved a program that will fund 75% of the cost of conducting municipal energy audits. Municipalities can implement the recommendations of the audit, which will be reimbursed for the remaining 25% of the costs. In order to reduce uncertainty, the BPU will preapprove these costs, eliminating the audits, and will then hire consultants to review the reports and provide technical support on how to implement the recommendations.

She is aware that, even if mayors have the tools, they may not have the time to use them. “We do not have the time or expertise to implement even the most cost-effective recommendations,” she states. This is because the BPU’s Clean Energy Program must provide the solution to identify the most cost-effective steps to reduce their energy usage. Counties also can participate in this program. An example is Middlesex County that, under the leadership of Jim Polos, is reaching out to the 26 towns it contains to assist them with expertise and technical support.

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By David Mattek, our new Trails Issues Coordinator (MattekDC@aol.com)

A Long-Distance Trail-System in New Jersey?

to connect some of these regions with inland and coastal wetlands, to Meadowlands, Bayshore, Palisades, the Appalachian Trail in the Protection (NJDEP) supports the bill.

The NJ Department of Environmental

s, or Vermont's.

Our State is blessed with regions of our parks, non-profit preserves, and significant deterrents under Title 39 to bring reckless and irresponsi- ble thrashcraf operators under control.

The proposed Whites Point Quarry and the Mediterranean and the New Jersey's NDJP has been spend- ing more than $900,000 annually to repair their damage to $40,000,000 acres of state land (as of 2002), and enforce the law. It spent more than $1.2 million on the site in Chatsworth, and attempted to prevent the failure of the project. The countermoves for quarry in Chatsworth to protect nearby Pinelands — refutes these claims. NJDEP is to operate thrashcraft off-road on public land in New Jersey. The NDJP has been spend- ing more than $900,000 annually to repair their damage to 340,000 acres of state land (as of 2002) and to protect them.

The good news in NJ is that Assemblies Reed Gusciora (D, 19th District), Paul Moriarty (D, 4th District), and John Wisniewski (D, 19th District) have the foresight and courage to connect large ships and the slow-mov- ing right whales is the primary human cause of right whale mortalities. Ships traveling to and from the wine ports, and approximately fifty ships a year — would have had a marked effect on known habi- tation by this whale species, which is esti- mated to have less than 550 individuals remaining worldwide.

Back in New Jersey, the aggregate would have been used for sprawl projects like the proposed Whites Point Quarry. Sprawl is what destroys habitat for native plant and animal species, increases imper- vious coverage, which leads to increased rain water runoff, more flooding, and less wildlife and fish habitat. The project would follow suit and quarries would spring up along Nova Scotia's entire 100- mile-long North Mountain, a geological formation on the Atlantic coast of North America, and which is basalt from the Tertiary period. Fortunately, the federal- provincial environmental review panel that recommended rejection of the Whites Point Quarry also recommended that Nova Scotia develop a comprehen- sive coastal zone management plan, enact a moratorium on new quarry develop- ments on North Mountain, and require environmental assessments for quarries of all sizes in Nova Scotia, rather than just for quarries larger than 390 acres.

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What are they hiding?

Looking back on the past 18 months, they have had the foresight and courage to connect large ships and the slow-mov- ing right whales is the primary human cause of right whale mortalities. Ships traveling to and from the wine ports, and approximately fifty ships a year — would have had a marked effect on known habi- tation by this whale species, which is esti- mated to have less than 550 individuals remaining worldwide.

Back in New Jersey, the aggregate would have been used for sprawl projects like the proposed Whites Point Quarry. Sprawl is what destroys habitat for native plant and animal species, increases imper- vious coverage, which leads to increased rain water runoff, more flooding, and less wildlife and fish habitat. The project would follow suit and quarries would spring up along Nova Scotia's entire 100- mile-long North Mountain, a geological formation on the Atlantic coast of North America, and which is basalt from the Tertiary period. Fortunately, the federal- provincial environmental review panel that recommended rejection of the Whites Point Quarry also recommended that Nova Scotia develop a comprehen- sive coastal zone management plan, enact a moratorium on new quarry develop- ments on North Mountain, and require environmental assessments for quarries of all sizes in Nova Scotia, rather than just for quarries larger than 390 acres.

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Northwest Jersey Group: Hunterdon, Sussex & Warren
North Jersey Group: Passaic & most of Bergen
Essex County Group: Essex
Hudson Meadowlands Group: Hudson & SE Bergen
Louvainka Group: Morris & Union
Central Jersey Group: Mercer
Ocean County Group: Ocean
Baristan Valley Group: Somerset & Middelsex
Jersey Shore Group: Monmouth & 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.

Northwest Jersey Group (Sussex, Warren and Hunterdon Counties)

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- Cool Cities Delegate: Sandy Ravv and Herb Wolff
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WEBSITE: http://www.newjersey.sierracلب.org/northwest/

Our Group has reorganized and welcomes two new members to our Executive Committee: Sandy Ravv and Herb Wolff who will co-chair outings and events. Sandy and Herb are planning to lead some very interesting outings this Spring, listed below.

For 2008 our Group will be focusing on the following goals:
1. Building a more active and vibrant Group.
2. Scheduling more guest speakers and hosting more frequent outings that are related to the issues and interests of our members and the general public.
3. Our Group will work to change the view our municipal governments have of us, so that we can help motivate the preservation of our region’s wilderness.

These goals can not be achieved without the help and commitment of our members. We need to fill our open positions to build a new team. We need members to keep us informed and involved in our local and regional activities. So please come out and meet with us during the next few months. If you can’t attend our meetings then try to attend your town’s planning/zoning board or land use board meetings.

GENERAL MEETINGS: Held on the FIRST WEDNESDAY of every month, at 7pm, at the Glen Rock School in the Glen Rock Office Shopping Plaza on Rte 206 (Rte 517 intersection) in Andover. Phone: 973-786-6600.

MEETING ACTIVITIES: General discussion regarding growth in our area. If you are aware of any large development proposals in your town that may have a negative environmental impact, please let us know and we will circulate a letter to other members.

GROUP OUTINGS:
- May 31 - Join us for a double-feature outing. 10am - Tour Grey Towers in Milford PA, the ancestral home of Gifford Pinchot, first Chief of the US Forest Service and twice Governor of Pennsylvania. In 1965, Gifford Bryce Pinchot donated the site to the US Forest Service. For more information visit http://www.fs.fed.us/na/gt/index.shtml. Admission is $5. 2pm - Tour the Delaware Valley Raptor Center, also in Milford PA. It is a private, not-for-profit state and federally-licensed rehabilitation and conservation center for birds of prey. For more information visit http://www.dvrconline.org/dvrc.html.
- June 15 (Sat) 10am - Visit the Black Creek Village Site in Vernon, a traditional Lenape Native American site that was occupied 10,000 years ago at the edge of a great post-glacial lake. Starts with an informative slide show. More than a decade of archaeological research has produced thousands of artifacts that tell a compelling story of human life during the Great North American Stone Age. At Noon we will begin the guided horticultural trail walking tour winds through meadows and forest for three quarters of a mile with additional interpretive signs along the way. Limited to 50 people. Rain Date will be Sunday June 22. Bring a Bag Lunch to enjoy before the walking tour. Registration is required by June 8: savrav.optonline@aol.com.

Suggestions for additional outings would be most welcome.

North Jersey Group (Bergen and Passaic Counties, approximately)

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

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS: Held at least four times a year. Please contact Betsy or Mike (see above) for date and location.

GENERAL MEETINGS: Begin at 7:30 pm; dates and locations below. For more information, please call Betsy (above) or sign up for e-mail announcements at http://nju.sier-

aclub.org/archives/JNORTHJERSEY-NEWS.html

Ap 10: at Flat Rock Brook Nature Center, 443 Van Nostand Avenue, Englewood, NJ 07631. Program on Indian Point nuclear plant (TBA).

May 15: at the Unitarian Society of Ridgefield, 113 Cottage Place, Ridgefield, NJ 07650. Program on regional water issues (TBA).

June 12: Location and program TBD.

CONSERVATION ISSUES: Below are issue updates. For more information, please contact Mike, Tom or Betsy (above).

(1) In Oakland, Pinnacle Communities wants to build 209 housing units on 84 acres of forested slopes in the Oakland Preservations Area. Oakland is to supply the water and Wayne to treat the wastewater. This would mean that 67,000 gallons daily (over 24 mil-

lion gallons yearly) would be removed from the Ramapo River and watershed, with detri-

mental impacts on water quantity and quality. At last November’s DEP hearing on the project’s inconsistency with the Northeast Water Quality Management Plan, we urged the DEP not to permit this “deleterious water use.” No word yet on DEP’s decision.

(2) We oppose Montclair State University’s plan to convert the very steep and winding 1,000-ft Quinn Road into a two-way road to allow cars to exit the campus onto Valley Road in Clifton. MSU estimates that the road will handle 55 per cent of its campus traf-

fic. Widening and reconfiguring this road will involve extensive excavation of the mountain, clearing of trees and vegetation and disturbance of habitat. Adding so many more cars onto Valley Road will also increase traffic jams and air pollution.

(3) Across the NY border, the Ramapo River and watershed, a sole source aquifer sup-

plying water to NJ and NY, is threatened by the 1,195-unit Tuxedo Reserve on the slopes between Soursbibg and Tuxedo Park and Pierson Lakes development in 800 acres of unplanted forest that contains critical habitat for the endangered timber rattlesnake. Both projects are now seeing Planning Board approvals.

(4) Other concerns include Lattier Park in Clifton, air quality in Elmwood Park, the Hackensack River’s vegetative riparian corridors, a riverfront parcel in Teaneck, Van Houten Hook Island in Teaneck for the Torobee Hive, Baltimore Oriole and Black-crowned Night Heron and other migratory birds have been sighted.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES: Help save open space, lead outings, organize public education programs, promote efficient and renewable energy (Cool Cities Campaign), or work on issues of recycling, mass transit, another of your own choosing, and more. Contact a group officer (see above).

RECYCLE PRINTER CARTRIDGES! Please leave your used printer cartridges in the win-

dow box by the exit door at Whole Foods Market, 905 River Road, Edgewater (open 8am to 10pm every day). No remanufactured cartridges, please. Thank you for recy-

cling and supporting the North Jersey Group!

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

OFFICERS:
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Please visit our website for details and updates on what we have planned each month:

http://newjersey.sierraclub.org/northwest/

The Jersey Sierran: April-June 2008
We are working hard to save open space on the Hudson River shore, and to protect the New Jersey Palisades south of the George Washington Bridge from further destruction. We need your help. Please contact Louise Taylor to volunteer.

Essence County Group

website: http://newjersey.sierraclub.org/Essex/. Or click from the NJ Chapter's web-site.

ACTIVITY: Presently working with land conservation groups to preserve 120 acres atop the Second Watchung Mountain (known as the West Essex Highlands) in West Orange as open space. Also working to preserve a five-acre forested tract in West Orange and an ancient forest on Gov. McClellan's former estate. Contact Sally Malanga at 973-576-7397 or sally@ecocubella.com or Linda Stiles at 973-50-2224 or birdla-dy705@msn.com if you want to get involved.

GENERAL MEETINGS: 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. Contact Walt Goldhaben (gold@k90@optonline.net or 973-925-8662) for general information.

Loantaka Group
(Morris and Union Counties, approximately)

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

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 and enhance resources on which we all depend. We are also organizing volunteers to help maintain and improve trails in the Morris and Union County Park Systems. In addition, the Group is actively involved in State-wide initiatives involving air quality, transportation, and environmental legislation. Volunteers are always welcome.

If you might be interested in getting involved, come to one of our Executive Committee Meetings on the FIRST TUESDAY of the month and get to know us. There are no obligations and there will be no pressure.

To find out about our activities, go to: http://loantaka.njsierra.org
To join our e-mailing list, send a blank e-mail to: http://lists.sierraclub.org/archives/nj-loantaka-news.html

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS: Meetings are held on the FIRST TUESDAY of the month at 7:30 pm at the library of the Chathams, 214 Main St., Chatham.

All members are welcome at Executive Committee meetings. Right now, we have open positions on it! If you would like to find out more, please contact Paul Sanderson.

GENERAL MEETINGS: are held on the SECOND WEDNESDAY of the month at 7:30 pm at the library of the Chathams, 214 Main St., Chatham.

Come learn something new and make some new friends. We’d welcome the chance to meet you and to introduce ourselves. Please see the schedule, below, and join us!

DIRECTORS: Directions are posted on our Website: http://newjersey.sierraclub.org/loantaka/

MEETING SCHEDULE:
Apr 9: Passaic River Coalition. A slide presentation and discussion program about the Passaic River and its problems and potential will be presented by Ella Filipone or Eugene Reynolds.

May 14: Organic Gardening. Organic Gardening and its local impact on the Environment. Come out to hear Jonathan Jeans who has been gardening organically in NJ for over 35 years. Organic gardening in the backyard is beneficial to the environment as it adds no chemicals to the landscape, encourages wildlife and creates a safe place for humans to spend time in - while adding many healthful treats to the dinner table and welcome sights for the eyes and sounds for the ears.

June 11: Rockaway River Coalition. Sandra Breitker will give a discussion about pollution in the Rockaway River Watershed and various steps being taken for the preservation and restoration of the watershed. Come, learn about some of their success stories and find out how it affects you.

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

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Come. Call Paul (908-233-214), Chris (973-577-1742) or Bob Johnson (908-771-9676) for more information.

Central Jersey Group
(Mercer County, and the adjoining towns in Burlington, Middlesex, Monmouth and Somerset)

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Political Chair: Ruth Ann Mitchell
Publicity Chair: Open Position/
Secretary: Open Position/
Treasurer: Open Position/

The Central Group’s website is http://newjersey.sierraclub.org/central. Please use it for activity details, meeting locations (we move around in Mercer Co.), directions and last minute announcements.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS: All Sierra Club members are invited to attend and learn what’s happening in Central. We meet on the first Thursday of the month at 7:30 pm. Please contact Terry (above) for details.

GENERAL MEETINGS: Our general meetings are free and open to all - members and public alike. Come join us, make new friends, enjoy refreshments and share conservation ideas!

Apr 9 (Wed): 7:30 pm: Know the Bear Facts. Black bears are native to NJ and now are found in all counties. Michelle Ruggiero of the NJ DEP’s Division of Fish and Wildlife will discuss safe co-existence and may even bring a bear cub. West Windsor Branch Library, 553 N. Post Rd, Princeton Jct., Corner Clarksville & Old Post Rds.

May 14 (Wed): 7:30 pm: Padding NJ’s Waterways - Great Fun Ina and Secret Ganza. Get the inside scoop from Leona and George Flock, who have led hundreds of Jersey canoe and kayak outings. Add a scoop of ice cream with your favorite topping, sit back and enjoy the fun. Robbinsville (formerly Washington) Branch Library, 42 Allentown-Robbinsville Road, Rte 526, Robbinsville. Located just east of Rte 150 between the Robbinsville Police Station and the Senior Center.

June 11 (Wed): 7:30 pm: The State Wide Trail. Dave Mattick will discuss the trail, its major segments and important linkages. View his maps and discover the role of the Central Jersey corridor. Robbinsville (formerly Washington) Branch Library (see above).
GROUP NEWS

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CENTRAL OUTINGS: For more information on Central Group Outings see our website and the Chapter Outings List in this Sierra.

Apr 9 (Wed) NYAS Plainsboro Preserve (Mercer/Middlesex Cos.) 10am

Apr 10 (Wed) Canoe/Kayak on the Crosswicks Creek/Hamilton Trenton Marsh (Mercer Co.) 10:30 am

Apr 27 (Sun) Canoe/Kayak the Delaware and enjoy shad fest too! (Mercer Co.) 9am

May 7 (Fri) Clayton Park Hike (Monmouth Co.) 10am

Jun 15 (Sun) Canoe/Kayak on the Crosswicks Creek/Hamilton Trenton Marsh (Mercer Co.) 10:30 am

SOME LOCAL ISSUES and ACTIONS the Central Group is currently addressing include: Princeton Nurseries (Mercer and Monmouth Co.), Klockner Woods (Hamilton Twp), Princeton Twps. NJ Turnpike Exits 6-8 Expansion, Rte 35 By-pass (Hamilton, Washington Twps).

HAVE A FEW HOURS? WILLING TO HELP? CONCERNED WANT TO TAKE ACTION? Please e-mail Terry. To receive up-to-the-minute Central Group meeting reminders and notices of local events, please e-mail Terry.

Raritan Valley Group
(Middlesex and Somerset Counties, approximately)

WEB SITE: http://newjersey.sierrachar.org/RaritanValley

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Treasurer: Wm. E. Babcock 732-757-9910 wdbabcock@optonline.net

Secretary: Open Position

Contact: Open Position

Contact: Open Position

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OPENINGS:

Currently, the positions of Vice-Chair, Outings Chair and Secretary are open. If you are interested in filling an open position, contact Sandi Lowich, the Group Chair.

GENERAL MEETINGS:

held at 7:30 pm on the SECOND MONDAY of the month except for July and August. Meetings are held at the Unitarian Society of New Brunswick, 176 Tices Lane, East Brunswick. Take the Ryders Lane exit off Rte 1 towards East Brunswick. Make a left turn at the first turn four-way intersection onto Tices Lane, and the church is the second driveway on the right. The public is invited and refreshments are served. For further directions and information, visit our website.

PROGRAM SCHEDULE:

Unavailable at press time. Please contact officers above, or website.

COOL CITIES TRAINING SESSION: Will be held at the Franklin Township Public Library, 485 DeMott Lane, Somerton, on Oct 6 from 10:30 am to 2:30 pm. Email ictoyxnym@gmail.com for more information.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS: Held at 7pm on the SECOND MONDAY of October, January, April and July (before the General Meetings and at the same location). All Sierra Club members are invited to attend.

Jersey Shore Group
(Monmouth County, approximately)

Web Site: http://newjersey.sierrachar.org/JerseyShore/

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Treasurer: Open Position

Webmaster: Open Position

Treasurer: Open Position

Secretary: Open Position

Outings Chair: Dan Aronson

Membership Chair: Open Position

Program Chair: Open Position

Fund Raising Chair: Open Position

Contact: Open Position

Contact: Open Position

Contact: Open Position

GENERAL MEETINGS:

Held the SECOND MONDAY of each month - except for 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.uumcnewark.org/). Come early to socialize and enjoy refreshments. For additional directions or information, please contact Dennis Nazzi or Faith Teilhaum (see list of officers, above), or visit our web site.

Apr 28: Energy efficiency in the home. Find out the ten easiest things you can do at your home to reduce your utility bills, make your home more comfortable and improve indoor air quality and occupants health. Leila Sims, a Building Performance Institute-certified contractor, will report on what is commonly seen in homes during an energy audit, and what the most cost-effective upgrades (thin: windows are almost never at or near the top of the list).

May 19 (NOT THE 4TH MONDAY): George Moffatt, an active member of Save Sandy Hook, will explain his organization’s concerns current activities.

June 23: It books—facts, fiction, gadgets, and formats. A short history of the rise of paperless books, the authors who write them, and the small independent publishers who are competing with the big conglomerates in a global market.

Ocean County Group
Website: www.newjersey.sierrachar.org/ocean

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ExCom Member: Open Position

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EXECUTIVE 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 bimonthly (i.e., in alternate months) usually on the FOURTH MONDAY at 7pm at the “Skywalk Cafe” in the Ocean County Administration Building, 429 Hooper Avenue (2nd floor). Toms River. See our Website for directions. We’ve recently purchased a new computer projector and large screen, which has made our meetings even more dynamic, interactive and interesting.

ACTIVITIES & ISSUES: We’re hard at work preventing the drilling in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, defeating the Endangered Species Act, fighting drilling off the Jersey Coast, 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 with special emphasis on the massive “overdevelopment” of Jackson Township which will impact the drinking water for Brick, Pt Pleasant, Pt Pleasant Beach and Baytown (Howell). We’re also involved in the campaign to create a new park at “Anchor Reef” on Barnegat Bay and to stop “nitrogen pollution” of the Bay. We’re also fighting to defend both the Toms River 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 with these all issues, membership outreach, tabling at local events, fundraising, and a computer-based voter education program.

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

Apr 19 (Sat): Please mark your calendars for our 3rd Annual Earth Day Clean Up in Toms River. To join us in our efforts to clean up Long Swamp Creek please call Dawn Marie Johns at 732-644-6340. More details will follow.

Apr 26 (Sat): Please join us for this special event of the GSP (Garden State Philharmonic). For details contact our Chair Gregory Auriemma at 732-451-9590.

May 19 (Mon): Our General Meeting will be to discuss the Barnegat Bay Threats and Solutions. The meeting will be held at 7pm at the “Skywalk Cafe” in the Ocean County Administration Building, 429 Hooper Avenue (2nd Floor). Toms River.

May 31 (Sat): Please come and visit us at the Canoe & Kayak Festival. For more information call our Chair Gregory Auriemma at 732-451-9220.

Jun 28: Our 3rd Annual Paddle for Protection. Please join us as we continue to fight for C1 designation for Cedar Creek. We will be meeting at Triple T Canoes on Double Trouble Road in Beachwood. Please bring lunch and sunscreen. For details please call Dawn Marie Johns at 732-644-6340.

West Jersey Group
(Camden, Gloucester and Burlington Counties, approximately)

Web Site: http://myisite.verizon.net/verzvlg/

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Program Chair: Open Position

Opportunities Chair: Open Position

General Meetings:

held on the FOURTH WEDNESDAY of each month, at the Unitarian Universalist Meetinghouse at 614 N. 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.

Please share this newsletter with a non-member friend, inviting use of the coupon on p. 12.
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 concern the people who have “sunk in” from the South Jersey Group. Very few of our local members seem interested in the meetings we’ve scheduled in the past few months, most have been 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 meetings), 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.

Possible Relevant Meetings:

Mar 25 (Tues) 7pm: Annual Members’ Meeting of the Great Egg Harbor Watershed Association (GEHWA). An opportunity to catch up on conservation planning for the Great Egg Harbor Wild and Scenic River, at a public (membership) session of the GEHWA Council (an opportunity for members to begin our Group Executive Committee). For more information or to confirm, call Julie Akers, 856-697-6114. Warren Forest Nature Center (WFNC): Atlantic County Park in Estell Manor: Milepost 15 on NJ 54, 1/2 miles south of Maple Shade. (See above.)

Apr 16 (Wed) 7pm: Egg Harbor and Scenic and Recreational River Council: Bi-monthly meeting, open to the public. Contact Julie Akers, 856-697-6114. WFNC (see above).

Apr 17 (Thurs) 7pm: Atlantic County Friends of the Parks: Monthly meeting of Friends of the Parks, 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 welcome. Contact Julie Akers, 856-697-6114. WFNC.

Apr 22 (Tues) 7pm: Great Egg Harbor Watershed Association: Trustees’ meeting, open to the public. Contact Julie Akers, 856-697-6114. WFNC.

Apr 27 (Sun): Annual Earth Day festivities at the Atlantic County Utility Authority’s “Environmental Park”, Delilah Rd, Egg Harbor Twp. See www.acua.com.

May 14 (Wed) 6-30pm: Bi-monthly meeting of Citizens United to Protect the Maurice River and its Tributaries. Meeting place: Giant Room, Millville Public Library, 210 Buck Street, Millville. Cumberland County development issues are commonly discussed, including art, historical and recreational attributes of the area. Contact Renee Scagnelli (C3) at 856-305-5238 or DRScagnelli@comcast.net.

May 15 (Thurs) 7pm: Atlantic County Friends of the Parks: Monthly meeting of Friends of the Parks. (See entry for April 17th, above.)

May 27 (Tues) 7pm: Members’ meeting, GEHWA. (See entry for Mar 25th, above.)

June 18 (Wed) 7pm: Great Egg Harbor Scenic and Recreational River Council: (See Apr 16th above.)

June 19 (Thurs) 7pm: Atlantic County Friends of the Parks: Monthly meeting of Friends of the Parks. (See entry for Apr 17th, above.)

June 24 (Tues) 7pm: Trustees, Great Egg Harbor Watershed Association: See Apr 22nd, above.

Singles Section

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

Please join us! The NJ Singles Section was specifically created to offer a variety of single-oriented activities to NJ Sierra Club members and those who would like to know more about us. We’re a local wide group, we are a lot of fun! Our club is just a 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. Our group is open to anyone. If you are the highest interest involved, please give us a call. Webpage address: http://newjersey.sierrclub.org/Singles/ email: nj77@comcast.net (mention “Siesta Club” in your subject line)

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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 concern the people who have “sunk in” from the South Jersey Group. Very few of our local members seem interested in the meetings we’ve scheduled in the past few months, most have been 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 meetings), 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.

Possible Relevant Meetings:

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Apr 16 (Wed) 7pm: Egg Harbor and Scenic and Recreational River Council: Bi-monthly meeting, open to the public. Contact Julie Akers, 856-697-6114. WFNC (see above).

Apr 17 (Thurs) 7pm: Atlantic County Friends of the Parks: Monthly meeting of Friends of the Parks, 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 welcome. Contact Julie Akers, 856-697-6114. WFNC.

Apr 22 (Tues) 7pm: Great Egg Harbor Watershed Association: Trustees’ meeting, open to the public. Contact Julie Akers, 856-697-6114. WFNC.

Apr 27 (Sun): Annual Earth Day festivities at the Atlantic County Utility Authority’s “Environmental Park”, Delilah Rd, Egg Harbor Twp. See www.acua.com.

May 14 (Wed) 6-30pm: Bi-monthly meeting of Citizens United to Protect the Maurice River and its Tributaries. Meeting place: Giant Room, Millville Public Library, 210 Buck Street, Millville. Cumberland County development issues are commonly discussed, including art, historical and recreational attributes of the area. Contact Renee Scagnelli (C3) at 856-305-5238 or DRScagnelli@comcast.net.

May 15 (Thurs) 7pm: Atlantic County Friends of the Parks: Monthly meeting of Friends of the Parks. (See entry for April 17th, above.)

May 27 (Tues) 7pm: Members’ meeting, GHEW. (See entry for Mar 25th, above.)

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Ioco to Hold Training Sessions April 19

Icoi (Inner City Outings Committee) provides opportunities for inner city youth to explore, enjoy, and protect the natural world. We will be offering an Introduction to Icoi and Volunteer Training Session on Saturday, April 19th. A suitable age 6-14 people of color. A suitable age 6-14 years old. The session will be held from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm at the Hackensack Nature Center, 635 Main Avenue, Hackensack. The session will cover the basics of Icoi and provide an opportunity for participants to learn about the organization and its mission. All interested individuals are welcome to attend.

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May 7 (Tue): Sportsmen & Paddlers Picnic Party Venue (Carbona Co.) 10am. Bugged, challenging, wild; adductors which describe the three falls of Glen Oscoo Falls Goerge far out from Jan Thoro. We will beThere is a parking area provided, please plan to leave your car behind. The hike will encounter many rocks in this more difficult hike geared toward the more able hiker. No sneakers! Sticks and other tools may be used to aid in your ascent. Bring a picnic lunch. Leader: Paul Serdiuk, 609-259-3734 or Leona@pineypaddlers.com. (C)

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**Upcoming ExCom Meetings**
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- June 14 at The New Brunswick Public Library (60 Livingston Ave.)

**Conseration and Political Committee meetings start at 10am. Lunch is shared on occasion; the meeting ends at 1pm.** We sometimes continue discussions informally over dinner at a nearby restaurant, at 5pm.