Sierra Club Endorses Chris Daggett for Governor

By Richard Issac, Chapter Political Chair (risaacx@aol.com)

This year the Club has endorsed former New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) Commissioner Chris Daggett for Governor - the first time in the Chapter's history that it has supported an independent candidate for this office.

Club leaders are very disappointed by the environmental record of the current Governor and we remain unconvinced that his Republican opponent would have a better one. We do know that Chris Daggett has already achieved an outstanding environmental record, and we strongly believe that he is a man of the highest integrity. We also view him as politically viable, as he has already qualified for matching campaign funds - so that he will participate in this year's campaign debates.

For 25 years Daggett has been a leader on the full range of New Jersey environmental issues. He has a record of accomplishment in the public, private and nonprofit sectors unmatched by any current or prior candidate for Governor. He would bring to the office not only an understanding of the environmental challenges we face, but also how the solutions we need are achieved. Daggett believes that only an independent governor can bring together all parties to solve the complex issues facing our state. The Sierra Club believes his record in the environmental arena proves that Chris Daggett has the ability to achieve a non-partisan, commonsense approach to fixing New Jersey - that all citizens, regardless of party, can support.

The Sierra Club believes that the challenges facing New Jersey today, not only in the environmental arena, but in virtually every area, are daunting and, in most cases, are the consequence of a failure of the political system: to behold to special interests and parties ideology. The two parties are more worried about how many seats they will win or lose in the next election than doing the right thing for the citizens of New Jersey. Accordingly, the Club firmly believes that solving our problems will take a new approach. As an independent Governor, whose only interest is the citizens of New Jersey, Chris Daggett will bring people together to make intelligent long-range decisions based on facts, evidence, and sound public policy. Please see also the editorial on p.5.

Here are some of Chris Daggett's many environmental accomplishments:

**CHRIS DAGGETT: 25 YEARS OF ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP**

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Regional Administrator (1984-1988)

- Directed construction of commercial $1 billion Westway transportation and development project in Manhattan based on scientific assessment of environmental impact against the wishes of President Reagan and New York City business, political, union and media leaders.
- Ended ocean dumping at sludge damps 12 miles off Sandy Hook and initiating negotiations to end all ocean dumping of sludge.
- Negotiated deal with polluters to pay $17.5 million to clean up Price's Pit in Atlantic City, a pact that was then one of the largest polluter-financed superfund cleanups in the nation.

New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, Commissioner (1988-1990)

- Developed a comprehensive plan with federal, regional and local officials to stop the medical waste, garbage and other debris that was polluting the ocean and washing up on the Jersey Shore.
- Recognized threat of global warming 20 years ago and worked to implement landmark executive order issued by Governor Kean to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Developed educational and remediation program to combat threat of natural occurring radon gas.

Environmental and Civic Leader (1990-date)

- Co-Chair of NJ Committee of Trust for Public Land for past two years, member for almost 20 years.
- Chair and board member of Garden State Preservation Trust, 1998-2003.
- Chaired 2008 DEP Permit Efficiency Review Task Force that forged unani- mous agreement among environmental, business, non-profit and government leaders on how to reform permitting without sacrificing any environmental protections.
- Principal and adviser on brownfields cleanup and redevelopment, J.M. Sorge Inc.

A Call to Arms - and Legal

While former NJDEP Commissioner Chris Daggett will clearly make a big difference for this state if he's elected Governor in November, it will be especially challenging for us to help elect an independent in a state that has never done so. We ask our members and friends to donate their time, together with their arms and legs and hearts, to help distribute Sierra Club campaign literature, and to do "tabling," and to distribute campaign charts at various events. We will personally take the lead on behalf of the Chapter, and urge you to help us win this critical election. If you're interested in helping out, for even just one afternoon or morning on a weekend, please contact me, Richard Issac, at my home, at 973-716-0297, or at risaacx@aol.com. Thanks!

We invite you also to contribute money to Chris Daggett's campaign fund, using his web site: http://daggettforgovernor.com/wordpress/con tribute-now/. Because Chris has qualified for public campaign financing, every dollar you contribute will be doubled by public funding!

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In addition to voting for the endorsed candidates listed below, the Chapter urges you to vote YES on the Open Space Public Question appearing on this year's ballot - authorizing the issuance of $400 million in bonds to finance the preservation of open space, farmland and historic sites.

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**2009 Election of Officers of the New Jersey Chapter, and its Groups and Sections**

Please help elect members of the Chapter's Executive Committee (ExCom), which meets monthly to debate key policy positions (including legal actions), make political endorsements, hear reports from staff and volunteer issue coordinators, elect the Chapter Chair, and consider matters arising. Three of nine at-large members are elected each year (page 27). There are also ballot papers for the ExCom members of our 12 regional Groups, and for one of our five specialty (optional) Sections.

**Governors TV Ad**

Please read the candidates' statements on p.2, and vote for UP TO THREE. Name-order has been randomized. All are “Non-Incumbent Committee” candidates, i.e. none are “Incumbent” candidates. (Laura Lynch and George Denzer are incumbents.) PAIRS of boxes are to enable JOINT members to cast separate votes. Then clip the ENTIRE ballot (retaining your address label, which will be obscured before counting) and return it in your own envelope, to arrive by Dec. 1, to Sierra Club, 145 W Hanover St, Trenton NJ 08618.

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**SIERRA CLUB BALLOT**

Vote for UP TO THREE (Name order has been randomized.)

☐ Don Milline
☐ Laura Lynch
☐ Angelia Smythe
☐ Joe Testa
☐ Write-in

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North Jersey Group: Candidates for Group ExCom. Please vote for UP TO TWO. For two-year terms. Please vote for UP TO TWO.
- Don McBride
- Don McNeil
- Joe Prebish
- Joyce Haddad

South Highlands Group (formerly known as Hunterdon County Group): Candidates for Group ExCom. For two-year terms. Please vote for UP TO THREE.
- Joyce Haddad
- Joyce White
- Joe Prebish

West Jersey Group: Candidates for Group ExCom. Please vote for UP TO SIX.
- Susan Dragan
- Lucy Smith
- Tony Zingaretti
- Joe Prebish

Raritan Valley Group: Candidates for Group ExCom. Please vote for UP TO FOUR.
- Joe Prebish
- Tricia Aspinwall
- Joyce Haddad
- Joyce White

Ocean County Group: Candidates for Group ExCom. Two-year terms. Please vote for UP TO THREE.
- Lucy Smith
- Joyce Haddad
- Joe Prebish

Candidates for Chapter Executive Committee

(name order has been randomized):

DON MCBRIDE: I have been a member of the Club since 1996 and served on the Club’s Executive Committee in 2005 and 2006. I have been on the Raritan Valley Group ExCom since 2001, serving as Group Chair in 2006 and 2008.

I am also a member of the California-Nevada Outings Subcommittee where I have led outings for the last 5 years. In 2007 I successfully lobbied Rep. Mike Ferguson with a native Alaskan to support the ban on drilling in ANWR. I recently lead a successful statewide effort to revise the New Jersey BPU rules for Vegetation Management. (See p. 4)

LEILA SIMMS: Environmental Education Chair for the NJ Conservation Chair. With 40 years of experience promoting energy efficiency and energy conservation programs, I would help lower energy bills for our members, especially for those in the northern towns where heating/cooling energy for a home is expensive. As Conservation Chair for the Raritan Valley Group, I’ve worked with the Club’s state-level leadership, and would be honored to receive your vote to serve with them on the ExCom.

JOE TESTA: This is a great time to be an active member of the Sierra Club. Clear water, energy efficiency, development sprawl, and recycling are issues now near the top of the public’s agenda. They’re especially important in our crowded, expanding, and environmentally stressed state like NJ. Issues where we can work together with the public’s support to protect and enjoy our environment. An avid hiker, I was a Charter Club member 25 years ago, I’ve served on the current Singles Section Chair and Conservation Chair, I’ve been working with the Club’s state-level leadership, and would be honored to receive your vote to serve with them on the ExCom.

LAURA LYNCH: An active Sierra Club member since 1996, I have served on the Conservation Chair for West Jersey and Central Jersey Groups, and continue as conservation liaison for the Chapter. I helped stop the Millstone Bypass and Route 92, I work with neighborhoods to ensure Green Acres and wetlands protection in central NJ, and I continue to represent the Club at local Planning Board and Township Council meetings. Sierra Club is also involved in the Sustainable Lawrence project. I participate actively in decision-making at Chapter meetings, and I am writing a citizen’s guide to land use and neighborhood open space conservation.

GREGOR DZENZER: As a member of the Club since 1983, I’ve concentrated on conservation and money. I’m proud of our work for efficient mass transit and bike/ highlighted by our efforts to keep New Jersey a livable state.

As Chapter Treasurer I will continue to insure that we get the most of our limited dollars, and work with the fund raising committee to increase those funds. I would appreciate your vote.

Eating ‘Green’ with Suzanne

By Suzanne Dragan

No, I’m not suggesting you eat moldy food to help save the planet. To put it another way, you are getting a meat-based diet, aren’t you helping your health or our planet.

Seems us environmentalists tend to focus solely on our "carbon footprints" when it comes to helping combat global warming, yet another potpourri of chemicals we shed into the atmosphere that slowly add up. Our bodies absorb the toxins, and we have something that was fact-based. I’ve been able to make a lot of smart decisions because I know the truth, and I’m not questions when it comes to eating "green." Comparative studies of abstinence only programs are not available because they were never done.

When women and girls are educated, they choose have fewer children. Can we have less stress on our land, water and air we all depend on, allowing us to better live in balance with the earth’s resources.

One of the most important things you can do this November to keep the positive momentum going is to vote for decision-makers who support women’s reproductive health care, including comprehensive, age-appropriate sexuality education, sex education that is not abstinence only, and funding for Planned Parenthood and abortion counseling when abortion is legal. The Jersey Sierran: October-December 2009

POLePULAtION ISSUE CoORDIoR’S RePORT

Positive Population News

By Bonnie Tiley

Under the Obama Administration, population issues seem to be heading in a positive direction. The 2010 Strategy in both the House and Senate have more funding committed for international family planning to help reduce the United States’ contribution to the United Nations Population Fund — from $80 to $50-$60 million.

The New York Times has included an amendment which would provide protection against future presidents imposing the Global Gag Rule, under which countries have not been able to use their own funds for even to save the life of the mother. Give a SHOUT OUT to Senators Lautenberg!

The House Labor, Health and Human Services and Education Appropriations Subcommittee eliminated funding for abstinence- only programs and added more funding for teen pregnancy prevention. In the latest study on teen birth rates in New Jersey, those rates decreased between 2000 and 2006; however, in the last year of the study, the rate rose slightly. We hope that this is not a new trend, and that eliminating abstinence-only funding and providing comprehensive, age-appropriate sex education will allow for lower rates of unintended pregnancies in teens ages 15-19.

SEDCUS (Sexuality Information and Education Council of the United States) recently reported that in the last year results of a Comprehensive Sex Education Program in the Cleveland Public Schools, grades K-12 "high school students showed a significant shift from abstinence-only education on the potential of traditional family planning, and remaining abstinent as well as increased skills in condom negotiation. ’ One high school senior said, “It was very beneficial to me. I am able to make a lot of smart decisions because I know the truth, and I’m not questions when it comes to eating "green." Comparative studies of abstinence only programs are not available because they were never done.

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Editorial

Two Weak Candidates, Weak Legislature, Weak Electorate
by Dick Coby (dicob@stockton.edu)

I sat next to two of the three candidates (Chris Nader and Chris Daggett) during their interviews by our Political Committee, and, although it wasn’t a direct view of Chris Christie, I have his questionnaire response, and the benefit of the comput- er chat that was part of the deliberation process that resulted in our decision to endorse Daggett. (See p.1.)

Daggett was by far the most honest and impressive, reminding us that the weaknesses of all governors since (and especially including) Christie Whitman, and our own weak state, have produced a budget hole so big that, even if every state employee was fired today, it would take six years of them to close before current obligations would return the budget to balance. (And in California it’s MCTU deficit.)

In such circumstances the environ- mental arguments become as much an issue. Even the national recession pales to insignificance. I watch with chagrin as a major chain supermarket (ShopRite) College cringe at the prospect of small salary cuts (“toughness”), and am reminded that as much as I like spending habits of most people (and how exceptional is my own minimal lifestyle whereby the vast majority of my income has always gone to charities and included substantial donations). Yet to achieve a sustain- able planet we obviously must learn to live on much less – as we did before subsistence farming. Lincoln Steffens, would say no: Steffens came to understand the temptations facing politi- cians (and all others in a position to spend money), and applied a rare Christian understanding toward them. Our “corruption” stems from weaknesses- es that are in all of us. It’s the same weakness as that which propels The Tragedy of the Commons, and the enjoy- ment of gainful and comfort and the other vices (and, indeed, what I think will be the brief triumph of Christie and Corzine). Yet to achieve a sustainable future we obviously must learn to live on much less – as we did before subsistence farming.

I know that many Club members will be offended by our choice of Daggett, arguing that it is irresponsible to endorse anyone who doesn’t support the issues we consider most crucial. I am reminded of the well-known saying that there are clear environmental differ- ences between Christie and Corzine. There will be reminders of how Ralph Nader drew enough votes away from Al Gore, in 2000, to give victory to the sec- ond George Bush. I predict that some members will send in their resignations. But you can see from many of the press releases on the Chapter’s website why we couldn’t endorse Corzine. These argu- ments were included in the debate that preceded our endorsement decision, and our decision was unequivocal (2/3 majority) both, by the Political Committee and then the Executive Committee, is required for an endorsement.

Here’s what I think about Christie and Corzine: Both are ordinary politicians, I don’t think they’re articulate, eager to please, power-obsessed, indebted to their finan- cial supporters, obligated to lobbyists, and constrained by a legislature of ab- ordinary politicians of the same stripes. (Their ordinariness is emphasized by the mutual attempts at character assassina- tion that are filling the headlines in mid- August, as this editorial is written. I wish them mutual success!) More importantly, as Rich Isaac says so well on p.1, neither is likely to have the political skills of an FDR or a Ronald Reagan, by which I mean both understanding the funda- mental mechanism is overly generous to pol- iticians and use the power of his position and of his personal magnetism to galvanize sup- port for the bill. As Thomas Friedman refers to the work of Daniel Gilbert, a professor of psychology at Harvard, goes further, arguing that evolution has programmed man to respond to immediate response. Somehow we’ve always managed to muddle through. Why should this time be any different?

I think the simple answer is that peo- ple, despite overwhelming evidence to the contrary, just don’t consider global warming and climate change to be such a big deal. First it was the fire ants, then the killer bees and now it’s global warm- ing. Past warnings of impending doom, that some day the earth would molder and collapse, we put aside even in the face of a giant glacier. Somehow we’ve always managed to muddle through. Why should this time be any different?

A recent survey by the Pew Research Center for the People & the Press and the American Association for the Advancement of Science supports this analysis. According to the study, only half of the American public be- lieve that people are responsible for climate change and 11 percent don’t even believe that global warm- ing exists. So despite the dire warn- ings of scientists, environmental activists and concerned citizens, the message is not getting through.

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Resolutions Adopted by ExCom in June, July, and August, 2009

Authorization of an application by our Hudson-Meadowlands Group to join the Coalition to Preserve the Palisades Cliffs, which is funding a development project was passed. (July)

We made US Rte 46 the official boundary between our Northwest and South Highlands Groups, changing the latter name to the South Highlands Group. (Aug)

A resolution was approved to support a legislation that restricts the authority of the Middlesex County ordinance for bonding to create and approve the Bond Trust Pool. (Aug)

A resolution was approved to support a legislation to allow a Political Endorsement. See p.1 for the full list, including support for the Ballot Question on Open Space funding.

Chair’s Message

The House Energy Bill
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The Problem of Vegetation Under Power Lines

New Jersey’s Board of Public Utilities Revises its Vegetation Management Rules

By Donald McBride, of our Raritan Valley Group (dmcbride@alumni.haas.org)

In the spring of 2007, New Jersey electrical distribution companies (EDCs), which include Public Service Electric and Gas, PSE&G, and Light, Orange & Rockland Utilities, and Atlantic City Electric, started clearing 150 ft swaths (75 ft on each side) under high-tension power lines. These are 250-500 kilovolt lines on 80-100 ft metal towers, bringing power to electrical distribution substations. The cleared width is 3 to 7 ft greater than the past, and the trees are now clear cut rather than trimmed. The Club’s Trenton office recruited many calls for help from property owners whose fruit and ornamental trees, which had been tolerated for 25 years or more, were now being chopped down. It turned out that new vegetation management rules from the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities (BPU) required the utilities to do this. The Club discovered that there are federal guidelines for trees under power lines, that recommend six times less clearance than had been applied by NJ’s BPU prior to 2007. I also discovered that the BPU’s 2007 “Vegetation Management Guidelines” for EDC power lines was based on a 2005 blackout which started when an overheard transmission line sagged into a tree near Cleveland, Ohio, causing a short and overloading other power lines spreading to Michigan, Canada, and down to Texas. The blackout caused $10 billion in damage and 50 million people. The spread of Emerald Ash Borer and emerald ash borer, errors, not to trees.

In 2005 Congress had passed the Federal Energy Policy Act, requiring federal agencies to expedite rules for electric utilities to comply with reliability and environmental agencies to expedite rules for electrical distribution companies (EDCs), to comply with reliability and environmental guidelines from the NJ Board of Public Utilities (BPU) required the utilities to do this.

In December, 2006, the NJ BPU revised their vegetation management rules for electric lines or towers from dangerous contact with trees, and required the BPU to develop new vegetation management rules to clear vegetation near power lines. These revisions required all trees which come within 7 ft of the border zone (the wire to the edge of the right of way) to be cut down.

Sierra Club: Our Raritan Valley Group attended several meetings, organized by Bridgewater Township in response to public outcry, between attorneys and environmentalists from PSE&G and representatives from the BPU staff. Bridgewater hired a consultant to write a report on the issue. The Club’s Executive Committee voted to support tree protection, and to cut down vegetation clearing to prevent flashover between vegetation and supply lines.

As the candidates vying to be the next governor debate clean energy and green jobs, New Jersey’s Clean Energy Economy, ranks New Jersey near the bottom in a national comparison. The statistics show that New Jersey is one of nine 43rd in environment and pollution mitigation programs. Comparing 50 states and the District of Columbia, New Jersey ranks 35th in percentage of energy efficiency jobs.

The widening of the Turnpike and Garden State Parkway has begun, and the Chapter predicts major environmental impacts. Widening won’t solve the state’s transportation problems. Rather, it will encourage more traffic, sprawl, damage wetlands, and add to pollution. The Turnpike will be expanded to 12 lanes past exit 6 in the spring of 2007. The next exit 9 in Middlesex Co. It will cost $5 bil. The Parkway will be widened from 8 to 10 lanes in each direction from exit 30 (Atlantic Co.) to 80 (Ocean Co.). At a cost of $1.2 billion.

We are disturbed that no alternatives were considered prior to July’s ribbon cutting, and that proper environmental reviews were not conducted. Alternatives such as flex lanes, incentives for off-peak driving, trip reduction programs, the MOM rail commuter line, environmental impact statements, cycle tracks, and traffic changes, would not only last longer, but would also save taxpayer dollars. An alternative to this momentous action to “de-sprawlitize” New Jersey: promoting residential migration back into cities and towns that public transportation becomes a feasible alternative to the use of cars. This act is not complete environmental reviews as specified by the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), which cannot qualify for federal dollars. So the taxpayers and toll payers of New Jersey will pay for these projects.

History has repeatedly shown that widening roads does little to ease traffic. The last time a project like this – sprawl development you promote, and the more cars you will get. The result is that New Jerseyans will pay more to sit in worse traffic. The state will spend thousands of additional automobiles that will be traveling the expanded roads will increase particulate matter and other pollutants that cause cancer, asthma and other diseases. The EPA recently released a report showing that roads already have the worst air pollution in the country. The cars will also release more greenhouse gases, undermining the emission reduction goals of 2007’s Global Warming Reform Act.

The widening of the Turnpike threatens to increase sprawl, especially in the Jamison area, now largely farmland. It will require filling approximately 200 acres of wetland habitat just north of exit 8A. Remember that wetlands reduce flooding, detoxify polluted water, recharge aquifers, house wildlife, and retain a semblance of nature in an industrialized state.

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Please vote for Club officers using the ballot on pp. 1-2.

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The Question of Vegetation
Under Power Lines

NJ’s Board of Public Utilities Revises its Vegetation Management Rules

By Kara Seymour, Program Assistant (Kara.Seymour@Sierraclub.org)

The widening of the New Jersey Turnpike and Garden State Parkway has begun, and the Chapter predicts major environmental impacts. Widening won’t solve the state’s transportation problems. Rather, it will encourage more traffic, sprawl, damage wetlands, and add to pollution.

The Turnpike will be expanded to 12 lanes past exit 6 in the spring of 2007. The next exit 9 in Middlesex Co. It will cost $5 billion. The Parkway will be widened from 8 to 10 lanes in each direction from exit 30 (Atlantic Co.) to 80 (Ocean Co.), at a cost of $1.2 billion.

We are disturbed that no alternatives were considered prior to July’s ribbon cutting, and that proper environmental reviews were not conducted. Alternatives such as flex lanes, incentives for off-peak driving, trip reduction programs, the MOM rail commuter line, environmental impact statements, cycle tracks, and traffic changes, would not only last longer, but would also save taxpayer dollars. An alternative to this momentous action to “de-sprawlitize” New Jersey: promoting residential migration back into cities and towns. Public transportation becomes a feasible alternative to the use of cars.

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Here's a quick question: Which is the most energy efficient form of transportation between Washington DC and New York City? A 300mph Amtrak train full of people, or a loaded bus? sunil somalwar

Professor of Physics at Rutgers University, asked an online environmentally-savvy group recently, we all assumed that the answer was wrong. The standard for comparison is passenger miles per gallon (pmpg), calculated by multiplying the number of people in a vehicle by the miles per gallon the vehicle gets. For example, if a hybrid car gets 50 mpg and carries one person, the passenger-miles-per-gallon is 50. If two people are in the car, the value doubles to 100 mpg. Most cars, of course, get far fewer than 50 mpg; the average is closer to 20. So even if there were five people at the trip, the average car would reach only 100 mpg. Transportation is Lawrence Township's main energy challenge. Dr. Somalwar did some calculations and discovered that the weight of the trains - two tons per seat on the newer Acela cars - the passenger mass that the tracks must bear, dictates that Amtrak achieves approximately 50 pmpg when every seat is occupied. New Jersey Transit trains are a lot more efficient, so you would think they fare a bit better.

But here's the catch: this is the bus, with a range of 130 to 200 pmpg. And, as it turns out, we are fortunate to be living in a bus-rich region. According to the Tri-State Transportation Campaign, each weekday morning more than 9000 buses cross the George Washington Bridge into Manhattan, carrying twice as many passengers as commuter rail does. Discount bus lines cost a tiny fraction of what Amtrak charges, and taking the bus removes the cost and hassle of paying for parking and finding a parking spot in the city. Prof. Somalwar offers another comparison. If Amtrak passengers have to travel from central New Jersey to New York City, it might be more efficient to take a bus full of people, or a loaded train. Many of the early parks were promoted by local clubs, including a core of Sierra Club members. National parks also have their local champions.
Northwest Jersey Group: Sussex & northern Warren
North Jersey Group: Passaic & most of Bergen
South Highlands Group: Hunterdon and southern Warren
Issex Group: Issex
Hudson Meadowlands Group: Hudson & SE Bergen
Loantaka Group: Morris & Union
Central Jersey Group: Mercer
Ocean County Group: Ocean
Raritan Valley Group: Somerset & Middlesex
Jersey Shore Group: Monmouth
West Jersey Group: Gloucester, Camden & Burlington
South Jersey Group: Atlantic, Cape May, Cumberland & Salem

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on Rte 206 (Rte 517 intersection) in Andover. Phone: 973-786-6400.

Multiply your environmental vote, on Nov 3, by convincing your friends and neighbors of the value of Club endorsements.

See us and keep up to date with our group on Facebook:
We are now on Facebook! Now you have two ways to stay updated on our group and events/activities going on! Enter go to our Facebook page or get on our email distribution list. Please contact njnorthjerseygroup@gmail.com for more information.

Currently we have a variety of fun outings and events planned for our members. The list is constantly being updated. Please see our group Facebook page for information on upcoming activities. On the initiatives front, we are tackling a variety of important issues, but focusing on three major topics: conservation issues, such as preserving open space (a priority in Hunterdon County), clean energy, and recycling. GET INVOLVED!

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

GENERAL MEETINGS: Open to all and held on the FIRST WEDNESDAY of every month, 7pm, at the Grt Mill Cafe, located in the Andover Post Office Shopping Plaza on Rte 206 (Rte 517 intersection) in Andover. Phone: 973-786-6400.

North Jersey Group:

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

Northwest Jersey Group (Sussex and northern Warren Counties, approximately)

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Our meetings consist of open discussions regarding various issues in our area. If you have an environmental concern in your town and are considering forming or have formed a citizen action group to address the issue, come to meet a discussion on it. Our meetings are a good forum to spread the word about an issue and to obtain information and ideas on how to proceed.

Please see our website for information on conservation issues our group is focusing on.

UPCOMING MEETINGS: Please contact Group officers for information.

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

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS: Held four times a year. For more information, please contact Betty or Mike (above).

GENERAL MEETINGS: Begin at 7:30pm; dates and locations below. It is advisable to contact Betty (above) to make sure the meeting is on as planned. Or sign up for e-mail notices at http://lists.sierraclub.org/archives/NJ/NORTH-JERSEY-NEWS.html.

Oct 14: At the Unitarian Society of Ridgewood, 113 Cottage Place, Ridgewood, Program TBA.
Nov 9: At Clifton Public Library, 292 Piaget Avenue, Clifton. Program TBA.

CONSERVATION ISSUES: To find out more or tell us about an issue, contact Betty or Mike (above).

The Hackensack River--vegetative riparian corridors, essential for habitat, flood control, and river health. To our dismay, the NJ DEP has recently granted a permit to allow intensive development of a riparian parcel in Teaneck (a project we have long opposed). To protect this site, the Township is now trying to purchase it to add to the Hackensack River Greenway Through Teaneck (which, thanks to the hard work of the Friends of the Greenway, is now a National Recreation Trail under the National Park Service).

The Rampo River watershed, a sole source aquifer at the NY/NJ border supplying water for over two million New Yorkers. In NY State, the Tuxedo Reserve (1,195 housing units and 50,000 sq. feet of commercial space) threatens 2500 acres of forested slopes. Since its approval in 2004, the project has been amended several times and has changed substantially, requiring a Supplemental EIS to address any new adverse impacts. The draft SEIS is expected soon, and the hearing will give you a chance to voice your concerns about water protection and unwanted sprawl. Stay tuned!

New Jersey Highlands
We find it disturbing that the Highlands Council, after receiving $184,000 from the New Jersey DEP's Endangered and Wild Species Program (a portion of the $500 k Susquehanna-Roseland transmission line. This is a dirty coal project that will pollute Highlands watersheds and water. Construction of the 195-foot high towers will cause extensive damage to forests and slopes. Meanwhile, we remain skeptical that the Regional Master Plan adequately protects our water because it allows new and expanded extraction in areas of water deficit.

Preserve parkland! We oppose destroying parkland in the Overpeck County Park for a park-and-ride for the Northern Branch light rail line and for a new road to connect park areas in Leonia and Ridgefield Park. We urge NJ Transit and Bergen County to find alternative solutions outside the park and to develop bus routes with links to light rail to eliminate the need for commuter parking lots.

CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS! Help with conservation or energy issues, education, program outings, or organizing in other ways. Please contact a group officer (above) for more information.

RBCCYCLE PRINTER CARTRIDGES. Leave your used cartridges in the window box by the exit door at Whole Foods Market, 905 River Road, Edgewater, 8am to 10pm daily. No remanufactured ones, please. Thanks for recycling and supporting North Jersey Group!

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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. Or come to one of our General Meetings on the second Wednesday of the month. There are no obligations and there will be no pressure.

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

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS: are held on the FIRST TUESDAY of the month at 7:30 pm at 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. Directions are posted on our website: http://newjersey.sierraclub.org/loantaka/

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!

MEETING SCHEDULE:  
Oct 14: Candidates Night – The Loantaka Group intends to invite any candidate in our Districts whom we have endorsed to come to the meeting and answer your questions. Watch our website for further information on evening’s activity.

Nov 11: Bubble Plants – Debbie Naha will talk about what you can have on your menu next spring.

Dec 9: NJ Bats & White Nose Pungus – You may not care much for bats, but they are a

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

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CONSERVATION ISSUES: We are opposed to a 26-foot development proposed for the last parcel of open space on the Hudson River in North Bergen. The development plan is still before the North Bergen Planning Board, and we continue to oppose it. We would like to see the site become permanent parkland as designated in Hudson County’s Master Plan. We have also been monitoring additional development proposals along the Palisades south of the George Washington Bridge in order to protect the Palisades Cliffs from being destroyed for a proposed Walgreens, Starbucks and Bank of America and several other developments. Our impressive group of concerned citizens and experts in many related fields has continued its Planning and Zoning Board attendance on both the Hudson River Park and the Palisades for more than three years.

MEETINGS: ExCo meetings are on FIRST FRIDAYS at 7:30 pm, every other month. Please contact Judith or Ruth for more information.

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

OFFICERS:  
The Essex Group is in reorganization. To facilitate this, the Chapter Executive Committee has assigned mediators to help rebuild and strengthen the Group. The Essex members will soon receive a postcard giving the time and place of a reorganization meeting. Questions? Contact Joan Denzer: jdenzer73@yahoo.com.

ACTIVITIES: Presently working with land conservation groups to preserve 120 acres atop the Second Watchung Mountain (known as the West Essex Highlands) in West Orange. We are working to preserve a five-acre forested tract in West Orange and an ancient forest on Gov. McClean’s former estate. Contact Sally Malanga at 973-756-5979 or sally@ecobbella.com or Linda Stiles at 973-756-2224 or birdlia-
dy9756224@siuc.com if you want to get involved.

GENERAL MEETINGS: are free and open to the public. They usually take place on TUESDAYS, from 7 to 9 pm, at the Essex County Environmental Center, 621 Eagle Rock Ave, in Roseland. Contact Walt Goldenbaum (goldenb1@optonline.net) or 973-265-6662 for general information.

Loantaka Group  
(Morris and Union Counties, approximately)

The website address for the Loantaka group: http://newjersey.sierraclub.org/loantaka/

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critical part of our ecosystem. They eat enormous numbers of insects, reducing the risk of devastating insect outbreaks.

**ACTIVITIES:** 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 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. Call Paul (908-233-2414) or Paul (908-233-2414) or Eric (732-669-0719). (Consult our website (http://newjersey.sierraclub.org/loantaka/) for more information.)

**Executive Committee Meetings:** All Sierra Club members are invited. Come find out what’s happening in Central Group and help advance conservation! Please contact Terry.

**General Meetings:** Our meetings are held from 7-9 pm (pre-meeting social “7pm) on the THIRD TUESDAY of most months at the Whisk and Spoon meeting room of Whole Foods Market, Windsor Green Shopping Center, Rte 1 South, Princeton. No general meetings in July, August and December. January location varies.

**Upcoming Programs:**

Oct 4 (Sun): Paddle D&R Canal - Bulls Island to Lambertville

Oct 11 (Sun): Paddle Delaware Water Gap UnderDIANANT. Fall Foliage.

Oct 18 (Sun): Paddle Delaware Water Gap Buddlub to Kittanning Point.

Oct 28 (Wed): Hike/Walk with Docent at Audubon Honey Hollow Center.

Nov 9 (Sun): Paddle D&R Canal Lambertville to Califard lift.

Nov 11 (Wed): Veterans Day Hike at Veterans Park.

Nov 13 (Fri): Paddle Crosswicks Creek.

Nov 14 (Sat): VOLUNTEER for Land Cleanup at Roebling Park/ Marsh.

Nov 21 (Sun): Paddle D&R Canal.

Nov 28 (Sun): Paddle D&R Canal Lawrenceville to Kingston.

Dec 5 (Sun): Hike/Walk NJ Natl Pls蝰boos Preserve.

Dec 13 (Sun): Paddle Crosswicks Creek/FITB Marsh.

Dec 26 –31 various: Projects Week in Trenton. See www.patriotsweek.com

**Jersey Shore Group**

(Monmouth County, approximately)

**Web site:** http://NewJersey.SierraClub.org/JerseyShore/

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**General Meetings:** Held at 7pm on the FOURTH MONDAY of each month - except in July, August and December, at the Unitarian Universalist Meetinghouse, 1475 West Front Street, Lincroft. Please check our website for directions and special events.

**Upcoming Programs:**

Oct 16 (Fri): Special Event: Coffeehouse: The Jersey Shore Group will offer live entertainment.

Dec 6 (Sun): Our Chair, Dennis Anderson, will show slides on his trip to Australia. New Jersey Shore Group

(Monmouth County, approximately)

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Zealand and Fiji. While in Fiji, Dennis learned about cannibals, the white man and his invasive plants and animals, and wild/boar hunting with a machete in the jungle.

Nov 23: Helping the Environment with Your Fork: How a Plant-based Diet Benefits the Planet, Sustainable Agriculture, Diversity of the Food for life program, explains that if we all switch to a vegetarian diet we’ll be healthier and slow down pollution, global warming, deforestation and death with world hunger. Rumor has it she might even let us sample what she prepares.

Dec 13 (6:30pm): the group’s annual pot luck holiday party will be held at Joelle Landyn’s home at 25 Peters Place, Red Bank. Members should contact Joelle at jlyte@comcast.net if they plan to come. Everyone is asked to bring hor d’oeuvres, cheese or meat platters, cranberry sauce as well as soda, wine or beer. If members of other Sierra Groups are in the neighborhood, please stop by and say hello.

Ocean Group County

Website: www.newjersey.sierraclub.org/ocean

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

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

Oct 4 (Fun): Please stop by our table at the CATTIS ISLAND NATURAL FESTIVAL in Toms River. There will be fun for all ages. Show up early to sign up for a kayak or paddleboard ride. For more details, please contact our Chair, Greg Auermann, at 732-451-2770.

Oct 10 (Out): Come down and visit our table at the PINELANDS JAMBOREE at Wells Mills Park in Waterville. We will be leading 2 hikes within the park. For information on volunteering please contact Group Chair, Douglas, at 732-451-2920. For details of the hikes, please call our Outings Chair, Dawn Marie Johns, at 732-644-6340.

Oct 17 (Out): Please join us for our FOLIAGE Hike. Enjoy the beautiful colors and scenery of the changing of the season. For details on the hike location, please call our Outings Chair, Dawn Marie Johns, at 732-644-6340.

Oct 24 (Out): CLIMATE CHANGE DAY – Tentative outdoor concert. For more details please contact Chair, Greg Auermann, at 732-451-9220.

Nov 5 (Elec): Election Day! Please go out and vote and remember that every vote counts!

Nov 9 (Moon): Please join us for our next General Meeting which will be held at 7pm at the “SKYWALK CAFE” in TOMS RIVER. Our Main topic will be determined, please check back for updates and more details.

Dec 19 (Sat): We will be having our 5th ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY and FUNDRAISER at 7pm, location to be determined. Join us for fun, and a chance to get a start on your holiday shopping. If you would like to help with the planning or for more details please contact our Chair, Greg Auermann, at 732-451-9220.
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New Nov 27, 7pm: Great Egg Harbor River Watershed Association: Membership meeting, open to all, to discuss the possibility of our receiving the bicentennial America's Legacy Award. Contact Joe Akers, 856-697-6114.

Sections Single

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

Please join us! The NJ Single Sections was specifically created to offer a variety of single- interest activities to the NJ Sierra Club members and those who would like to know more about us. We are not a local group; we are a statewide additional "layer" of Club activities. 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 much as we have volunteers to run them — if you have the slightest urge to get involved, please give in to it!

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

The BIT best way to be notified of upcoming events is to join our free listserv. Anyone may subscribe by going to: http://lists.sierraclub.org/archives/ NJ- SINGLES- NEWS.html and clicking on "Join or leave the list." E-Mail List "— or to subscribe directly go to http://lists.sierraclub.org/archives/ NJ-YOUNG- SIERRANS-news.html. Events for 20 can only be available for those wanting to volunteer to host 20 events. Young Sierra Event Volunteers also need and welcomed.

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

National Website: http://www. ssc.org/

Inner City Outings Section

(Another Chapter-wide special interest activity)

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Inner City Outings is a community outreach program, providing wilderness adven-
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Please send January-March 2010 sub-
mit to your Group Outings Coordinator before November 1. If you are planning to lead an outing close to the begin-
ing of one of our quarterly publication periods, please sub-
mit to the appropriate Sierra Coordinator, due to the lag in mailing. Also, please send outing notices to the appropriate Sierra Coordinator, or go to the Chapter Office as soon as possible after each outing. Note: to be considered for inclusion you must send the trip description to the Group Outings Coordinator immediately after the Chapter Outings Coordinator. This is particularly important for occasional leaders.

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September

Climbing. Bring water, lunch, and wear hiking boots. No sneakers. Meet at the Visitors Center. See the option to extend if the group desires. This is a moderately strenuous hike with a considerable amount of elevation and logistics. Leaders: George & Leona F: 609-259-3734, or leona@pineypaddlers.com. (C)

October

West of the intersection of Eisenhower Pkwy and Eagle Rock Ave. Reservations required. A limited number and logistics. Leaders: George & Leona F: 609-259-3734, or leona@pineypaddlers.com. (W)

November

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Outings Chair

Ken Johanson appears in January, April, July and October. The details of the hike are for the day of the hike, 2 months before appearance.

Contact leaders to confirm trip and participation: George & Leona F: 609-259-3734, or leona@pineypaddlers.com, and Sunil Somalwar with the tide. Bring lunch and hot beverage. Option for early break at Fort Ty.co on Park at 10. Contact leaders to confirm trip and participation: George & Leona F: 609-259-5748, or leona@pineypaddlers.com, and Warren ‘Pops’ Titill: wptitill@gmail.com

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