Grading NJ’s Response to Two Years after Sandy

From a Press Release issued by Jeff Titel; edited by Joe Testa

As we mark the two-year anniversary of Superstorm Sandy, which crossed our coastline on Oct 22, 2012, the Sierra Club has released a set of report cards grading the responses of our government agencies and leaders. It is important to understand what worked, what didn’t, and what changes might still be made. This assessment will help to show how the next steps of recovery and rebuiling efforts can be smarter and better without repeating the mistakes of the past.

Our report’s scores for leadership, responsiveness, policy & planning, actions, and outcomes are summarized here:

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More details are on our website: http://newjersey.sierraclub.org/PressReleases/8551.asp. Here are some highlights:

**Governor Christie** showed strong leadership during the storm and its immediate aftermath. He aggressively advocated for securing federal funding for the recovery. But that leadership has faded. There have been problems, including:

- Lack of transparency and accountability. Representatives from the Office of Recovery and Rebuilding have refused to testify before the Legislature. No open public or stakeholder meetings have been held.
- Failure of strategic planning, including accounting for the likely effects of climate change and sea level rise on coastal communities. Instead, he pulled New Jersey from the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative and downplayed the significance of climate change science on New Jersey.
- Failure to adopt modern, energy-efficient building codes.
- NJ’s Dept. of Environmental Protection (DEP) has weakened environmental rules, failed to adopt rules, and reduced oversight.
- It has failed to do its job under the Coastal Zone Management Act to adequately protect our coast, do any adaptation or mitigation planning for sea level rise, or fix problems in CAFERA or other regulatory programs.
- Cleanup efforts have been delayed due to not having adequately trained staff or enough cleanup and planning operations have been behind closed doors without open public input.
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- The DEP added environmentally sensitive areas back into sewer service areas.

**Monarch Butterflies: A Species in Crisis**

By Kip Cherry, Conservation Chair of our Central Jersey Group

On Oct 23rd, our Central Jersey Group sponsored a panel discussion in Princeton to discuss the “Crisis Facing the Monarch Butterfly,” and what can be done to save it. The panel of experts included Maraleen ManosJones, Author/ Lecturer; Michael Gochnfeld, Rutgers Professor and member of the North American Butterfly Association (NABA); Robert Somes, Biologist with the NJ Nongame and Endangered Species Program (DEP); and Flo Rutherford, Chief Guide & Caretaker, Butterfly Ariarium, World of Wings Museum, Teaneck. I was the moderator.

We began with Maraleen’s study of the Monarch’s wintering grounds in Mexico, where the oyamel, pine forests have been subjected to increasing logging. The Monarch flies to Mexico and hogs the trees on ice. It has been discovered that the trees retain daytime heat overnight, which helps to keep the Monarch warm. The logging has not only reduced the number of trees, but also allowed cold air to reduce the temperature of the core forest - with devastating results. Maraleen said that local people are trying to protect the forests from illegal logging, and explained the economics of logging and ecotourism. Monarchs usually return to Mexico at the end of October during a holiday period that includes the “Day of the Dead.”

Mike talked about the census counts that his organization oversees, and their overall downward trajectory. He also discussed parasites that disrupt the Monarch’s reproductive cycle. Robert Somes, a Professor and member of New Jersey’s process for designing rare and endangered species, as a first step the DEP is considering designating the Monarch as a Species of Special Concern. He noted that New Jersey, one of the few states that protect insects, and is encouraging the installation of Monarch habitat on public property. He provided a website for locating nurseries that supply milkweed, which Monarchs require for food and reproduction: http://www.xerces.org/milkweed-seedsfinder/

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Create Milkweed Gardens: The panel members agreed that butterfly gardens, besides being beautiful, provide Monarch breeding habitat and bring greater visibility to the crisis. Butterfly gardens are recommended for homes, public parks, garden clubs and schools, and municipal, county and state highway departments should be advised to plant milkweed along roadides. It is essential to choose milkweed seed or plants that have not been treated with fungicides and insecticides, which is a major problem with “big box” nurseries. Recommended varieties include: Orange Milkweed (Butterfly Weed), and Common and Swamp Milkweed. Gardeners should approach nurseries in the Fall to ask that recommended varieties of untreated milkweed plants be stocked in the Spring. It was also noted that the

Volunteer Opportunities in the NJ Chapter

The Sierra Club is a VOLUNTEER organization! We hire staff to lobby for us and to operate the office, but WE ARE THE CLUB! That means that we VOLUNTEER “to explore, enjoy and protect the wild places of the Earth!”

All volunteers are provided with free training and the time involved is flexible, and tailored to the individual needs of volunteers. Finding our more about our volunteer openings is as easy as picking up the telephone and calling our Group Effectiveness Chair, Richard Isaac at 973-716-0297, or emailing him at rtsaack@aol.com. Potential volunteers interested in other areas are encouraged to contact Richard as well.

State Level Opportunities

Chapter Membership Chair – Provide a membership report at each meeting and/or directly to the Chapter Chair based upon Membership Reports from Club office in San Francisco; also to respond to member and prospective member inquiries.

Advertising Director – Maintain and increase the Jersey Sierra’s adver...

Appreciation Day: Our Annual Environmental Hero Awards

On Nov 16, at Pretty Brook Farmhouse on the campus of the Princeton Day School, our Chapter held its annual “Appreciation Day” party for our volunteers, supporters, and their families and guests, friendly politicians, and some other distinguished guests.

37-year-old Steven Fulop, mayor of Jersey City and a possible Democratic candidate for Governor, gave a rousing talk to the group. He compared the current process for designing rare and endangered species, as a first step the DEP is considering designating the Monarch as a Species of Special Concern. He noted that New Jersey, one of the few states that protect insects, and is encouraging the installation of Monarch habitat on public property. He provided a website for locating nurseries that supply milkweed, which Monarchs require for food and reproduction: http://www.xerces.org/milkweed-seedsfinder/

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Quarterly Newsletter of the New Jersey Chapter of the Sierra Club
Marches for the Climate

West Jersey Group

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By Frank and Ellen Zinzi, with photos by Trish Sebastiano and Gina Carola (all members of the Group Executive Committee; L-to-R in the photo: Trish, Frank, Gina and Ellen)

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Is there an environmental issue that we’re MISSING? If so, please call or write to Club officers.
Since about 2005, a hardy group of Chapter officers, and others, have been working with the NCC to fulfill his dream of creating something like Vermont’s “Long Trail” (see the book review on p.10): a continuous footpath and greenway extending the length of New Jersey from High Point to Cape May Point.

We spend about one glorious day each week: following abandoned railroad lines and power-line easements, probing (often bushwacking) for dry routes through State and county parkland, State Wildlife Management Areas, and other municipal, county, and otherwise preserved open spaces, fishing and power perceiving over satellite live views, lidar shadows, topographic maps, and GPS printouts of the routes we have taken.

We met with state and local park superintendents, Fish and Wildlife (DEP) officials, county planning directors, and many others. Frank Pearce, Activities Director of the South Jersey Outings Club, joined us on some of the hikes. He is adept at generating map overlays on his computer, and he has produced the rough map overlays we have used.

New Jersey is fortunate to already have many scenic and well-maintained long-distance trails, including portions of the Appalachian Trail, the Batona Trail, the Highlands Trail, and the Delaware and Raritan Canal towpath. Our trail and greenway will include segments of many existing trails, especial- ly in the northern half of the State. It will wander considerably - to take in many of New Jersey’s most scenic highland, woodland, meadowland, wetland, and shoreland vistas. There will be many streams to cross, on bridges that will take years to complete – needing environmental permits as well as millions of dollars for engineering studies and construction. The ultimate route will also require many large and small purchases of private lands, or easements, hopefully utilizing some of the open space funding just approved by the voters.

The trail will be publicized on the Chapter’s website, as will our progress in completing the routes. Initially, many temporary connections between seg- ments will require coming out onto paved roads to bypass privately-owned fields, and to access abandoned rail- ings where bridges haven’t yet been built. This is especially true in central and southern New Jersey where there are many streams to cross, and where the complexity of permitting may delay con- struction.

We don’t expect many hikers to use the entire Trail as a continuous route. There are few campsites along the way. But there are many road crossings for access, and for access to camp- ers and motels. The approximately $50 miles could be achieved in 20 (or 40) weekends, but most users will probably pick convenient portions for occasional day-hikes.

We thank Paul Sanderson, Bob Sokol, Jim Baye, Joanne Pannone and Joe Testa for many days of work on this project, and others. Sierra Club members who came out less frequently, and many non-mem- bers who came out many times or less often. We also thank the New-York-New Jersey Trail Conference for funding, marking and maintaining the Highlands Trail and many other trails in northern New Jersey. We also thank the Outdoor Club of South Jersey for recently rerouting and longtime maintaining the Batona Trail.
PORTING THE NEW YORK CITY MARSH, Observed that “Great social movements start in the streets.” It worked in 1970 and it is working again in 2013. So let us make this happen we need to build on the momentum we have created and do all we can to ensure our vision for the future becomes a reality. The stakes are too high to do anything less.

We Remember Jane Tousman with a Bench

The photos at right show our tribute to one of our Chapter heroes: Jane Tousman, who died in December 2013. A memorial bench has been installed in Edison’s Municipal Complex, memorializing her contributions to saving Edison’s Dismal Swamp. Her story was beautifully told in the Chapter’s Message in the July-August issue of this Newsletter. The plaque (upper picture) is on the rock in the picture below.

Yet Another Pipeline for Hunterdon and Mercer Cos.

From a press release

On Aug. 12, PennEast Pipeline announced plans to build a 106-mile, 30-inch pipeline to carry natural gas from the Marcellus Shale of Pennsylvania to New Jersey. It would cross the Delaware River just south of Phillipsburg, and then cut through Hunterdon and Mercer counties. “The Jersey Sierra Club is concerned about the impact this would have on the Delaware River and its tributaries,” said Sierran. “The company is currently contacting property owners. It plans to submit a pre-filing application with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) late in 2014. The formal application with FERC is planned for 2015. This is the eighth pipeline proposed across New Jersey in the last 5 years. The ultimate destination isn’t clear: possibly New York City’s power plants, possibly to the export of liquefied natural gas (LNG). “This issue of the Jersey Sierran already contains information about other fossil fuels that arise from the combustion of fossil fuels such as natural gas. See article above.

Is Your Email Address Up-To-Date?

Does the Sierra Club have your current email address on file? This lets us send you online membership renewal notices and ballots in our annual elections. To update your address, you can check at https://secure.sierraclub.org/AccountProfile/user. To update your address, please send an email to membership.services@sierraclub.org with your name, address, and (if you know it) your membership number.

In June, the President released his Climate Action Plan which includes sealing up responsible clean energy production on public lands, new energy efficiency standards for federal buildings, using the Clean Air Act to cut dangerous carbon pollution from power plants. Last month EPA has released draft regulations to limit such carbon pollution.

HUD issued a task force report that states emergency federal agencies to work on climate change and sea level adaptation and to restore natural systems. HUD is calling for just hardening the power grid, but making it more resilient including diverse generation microgrids, combined heat and power, smart grid, renewable energy and energy efficiency with the federal goal of 100% of federal buildings by 2030 and 50% of renewable energy by 2020. HU’s recommendations might not be implemented by state and other federal agencies.

FEMA made the disaster worse with delays in funding, denying funding requests, and sending people to the disaster centers. A HU program has a 30% rated future sea level rise into their map and fell to pure political pressure to return insurance money as fast as possible. The United States was impacted by Hurricane Sandy. Between high rates and denying people coverage, those who were damaged by Sandy have been caught in a flood insurance program.

The Army Corps of Engineers (ACE) is spending money on sea walls and beach replenishment without dunes, and is allowing those facing the threat of rising sea levels and natural resources and wetlands.

There is still time to make needed changes that will work in the long run. “We need these efforts to place our state more resilient and sustainable and help protect communities from future storms,” said Jane Tousman, who died in December 2013. “Leadership” is more than showing up and “leaders” do not have a monopoly on good ideas, but Jane Tousman did.

She was the Sierra Club’s New Jersey chapter chair when the Office of Governor’s Environment and Energy (OGE) was formed. She also served as chair of the Governor’s Environmental Advisory Council (GEAC) and was instrumental in the formation of the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (DEP).

In her 15 years on the Board of Directors of the Sierra Club New Jersey Chapter, Jane made many contributions to the conservation of the environment. She was a tireless advocate for the protection of New Jersey’s natural and cultural resources, and was a leader in campaigns to protect the Delaware Water Gap, to oppose the Palisades nuclear power plant, and to stop the construction of a gas pipeline through the Pinelands.

When Jane Tousman died in December 2013, she was remembered as a dedicated and passionate conservationist who gave her all for her conservation battles. She was known as a tireless and hardworking conservationist who gave her all for her conservation battles. She was known as a true conservationist who gave her all for her conservation battles. She was known as a true conservationist who gave her all for her conservation battles.

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Sierra Club Submits Comments on RGGI Withdrawal Rule

From a Press Release issued by our Trenton Staff

On Sept 5th the Sierra Club’s New Jersey Chapter submitted comments on the DEP’s proposal to withdraw New Jersey from the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI), a compact between the northeastern states to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases that contribute to global warming and thus climate change.

The federal Global Warming Response Act requires New Jersey to reduce emissions. Pulling out of RGGI clearly violates the law, and could have had a significant impact on the Turnpike Widening project.

The $2.5 billion Turnpike widening project is now complete and the new lanes are open. There are now six lanes of traffic in each direction - a regional highway of major significance.

Information on how to make a gift to the Sierra Club is available at www.sierraclubgreenhome.com.
GROUP NEWS

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pate in activities to protect the Delaware River Basin and oppose hydro-fracking and all other extractive infrastructure needed for it. The Skylands Group also sponsors hikes and other outings throughout the region to encourage people to reconnect with the outdoors.

GENERAL MEETINGS: SECOND TUESDAY of the month from 7:30-8pm at the Unitarian Fellowship, One W. Nelson St. Newton. Best check electronic sites for more current information.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS: We usually meet after the general meeting. The public is welcome to stay and provide input.

EVENTS: Posted on our Facebook website and the online events calendar on the Chapter website. We also advertise on various media sites throughout the Skylands region.

South Highlands Group
(Hunterdon and southern Warren Counties)

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Look for us on Meetup.com at http://www.meetup.com/NJSierraClub or visit our Sierra Club official calendar at http://newjersey.sierracth.org/nj_calendar.asp

MEETINGS:
PLEASE JOIN US IN OUR NEW LOCATION! We now will be holding our general meetings at the North Hunterdon Library, 65 Halsey Street, Clinton, NJ 08809 on the first Wednesday of each month!

Jan 7 (Wed): Defending Wildlife. Meet and Greet at 7pm and program will begin at 7:30. Julia Millan Shaw a representative of the national outreach team for Defenders of Wildlife will present an overview program of the organization. Since 1974, Defenders of Wildlife has been a major national conservation organization focused solely on wild- life and habitat conservation and the safeguarding of biodiversity. Julia will discuss the inherent value of wildlife, the natural world and how Defenders of Wildlife work at the state and local level to develop practical, innovative programs that protect and restore imperiled species throughout North America by transforming policies and insti- tutions and promoting innovative solutions. Refreshments will be available.

Jan 14 (Wed): Executive Committee/Planning Meeting: 7:30 pm. We will meet at the office of Dr. Jonathan Wall, 27 Center Street, Clinton, NJ. Our quarterly Executive Committee meetings are causal and informative. This is your time to learn about the Club and see what you can do to become involved. Contact Jonathan at jonathanwall@sierraclub.org for more information.

Feb 4 (Wed): Protecting Alaska’s Treasures. Meet and Greet at 7pm and program will begin at 7:30. John Kashwick*  jkashwick@gmail.com  a member of the Sierra Club Alaska Committee will present on the threats to the lands and water of Alaska. — including the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, Lake Teshekpuk, Tongass National Forest, and the Arctic Ocean — which are under attack from extractive industries. This extraordinary treasure trove of lands and waters, some set aside decades ago to be protected now and in the future for the ben- efit of the American people, are in severe danger of being destroyed forever by short-sighted politicians.

Mar 4 (Wed): Film—The Highlands Rediscovered. Meet and Greet at 7pm and pro- gram will begin at 7:30. Erica van Auiken, grassroots coordinator from the NJ Highlands Coalition, will be showing the film “The Highlands Rediscovered”—an infor- mative and beautifully shot 30-minute documentary that explores the history of the Highlands region and why it became the source of clean drinking water for more than the state and local level to develop practical, innovative programs that protect and restore imperiled species throughout North America by transforming policies and insti- tutions and promoting innovative solutions. Julia will discuss the inherent value of wildlife, the natural world and how Defenders of Wildlife work at the state and local level to develop practical, innovative programs that protect and restore imperiled species throughout North America by transforming policies and insti- tutions and promoting innovative solutions. Refreshments will be available.

OUTINGS: Please see the Outings listings on pp. 10-12: Outings most specific to our Group are those on Jan 17 (Sat): Columbia Trail Hike (Hunterdon Co) and on Feb 8 (Sun): Great Swamp National Wildlife Refuge Hike (Morris Co), both led by Celeste Martin and Jim Fleming.

North Jersey Group
(Bergen and Passaic Counties)

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MEETINGS AND EVENTS:

General meetings are open and free to the general public. Please confirm dates, times, and venues of our meetings by visiting http://newjersey.sierracth.org/nj_calendar.asp or www.meetup.com/njsierrachub. You can also email us at northjerseysierraclub@gmail.com.

Jan 27 (Tue): Film: “Plastic Paradise.” 7pm at River Vale Public Library, 412 Riverdale Rd, River Vale. Thousands of miles away from civilization, Midway Atoll is in one of the most remote places on earth. And yet it has become ground zero for The Great Pacific Garbage Patch, syphoning plastics from three distant continents. In this inde- pendent documentary film, filmmaker Angus Sun travels on a personal jour- ney of discovery to uncover this mysterious phenomenon. Along the way she meets scientists, researchers, influencers, and volunteers who shed light on the effects of our rabbit plastic consumption and learns the problem is more insidious than we could have ever imagined. Co-sponsored by the Pascack Sustainability Group. Discussion after the film.

Jan 28 (Wed): Executive and Conservation Committee Meeting. 7:30pm. Location TBD. The Executive and Conservation Committees of the North Jersey Group hold their quarterly meeting at a member’s home. The meeting is casual and informative. All members are welcome and encouraged to attend to learn more about the Club, dis- cuss issues, plan future events, and become more active. Please check the online calen- der of events to confirm date and time, or contact John at jkashwick@gmail.com.

Feb 25 (Tue): Film: “Koch Brothers Exposed.” 2014 Edition. “7pm at River Vale Public Library, 412 Riverdale Rd, River Vale. Koch Brothers Exposed is a hard-hitting investi- gation of the 1% at its very worst. This full-length documentary film follows brothers Charles and David Koch two of the world’s richest and most powerful men is the latest from acclaimed director Robert Greenwald (Wal-Mart: The High Cost of Low Price, Our Country, Our Rights). The film uncovers the Koch brothers’ and their network of organizations that work to undermine the interests of the 99% on issues ranging from Social Security to the environment to civil rights. This film uncovers the Koch’s cor- ruption and points the way to how Americans can reclaim their democracy. Discussion after the film.

Mar 24 (Tue): Native Oysters in the Urban Environment. 7pm at River Vale Public Library, 412 Riverdale Rd, River Vale. Dr. Beth Ravit of the Rutgers School of Environmental and Biological Sciences and the Sierra Club North Jersey Group Executive Committee will present a program on her work involving the reintroduction of native oysters in the Hudson-Raritan estuary.

CONSERVATION ISSUES:
The Palisades: LG Electronics, a multinational corporation, is planning to build an office tower in Englewood Cliffs that will rise high above the treeline of the Palisades, and for the first time, violate the unspoiled ridgeline—a view enjoyed by Americans since before the founding of our nation. LG’s proposed office tower will rise 145 feet above grade—far higher than the 35-foot limit that, until now, has been respected by other companies in this area. The Sierra Club's North Jersey Group is part of the Save the Palisades Coalition working to stop this overdevelopment.

Sterling Forest: Once again this ecologically threatened area is under threat—this time from a toxic industry. The Palisades Interstate Park Commission, the Palisades Interstate Park Conservancy and many other environmental and commu- nity groups fought to save Sterling Forest more than a decade ago and now it is fac- ing this new threat.

For more information about these issues, to become involved, or to receive local envi- ronmental alerts, please contact our Conservation Co-Chairs: Mary Ellen Shaw (meshaw.001@gmail.com) or Beth Ravit (ravit@tennci.rutgers.edu).

TRAIL MAINTENANCE: Our group maintains the most magnificent section of the Appalachian Trail in NJ (up Wawayanda Mountain). If you think you might want to join us, just send an email to m.arlinc97@verizon.net.

OUTINGS: If you have an idea for an outing you would like to lead, please contact Ellen.blumenkrantz@hotmail.com to find out how.

Sign up for North Jersey Group e-mail notices by e-mailing John at jkashwick@gmail.com.

Hudson County Group

The NJ Chapter understands the importance of urban issues such as protecting the public’s drinking water and air quality, maintaining good mass transit, providing access to the waterfront, and addressing environmental justice issues, and is currently working to create a local grassroots presence in Hudson County. Anyone interested in working on any environmental issue is encouraged to contact Chapter Outreach Coordinator Nicole Dallara at 609-656-7612, nicole.dallara@sierracth.org.

Gateway Group
Serving Hillsdale, Elizabeth and Essex County (except for Livingston, Millburn and Roseland).

The Gateway Group was organized in January 2011. Please contact any of the leaders below if you are interested in joining our campaigns to protect the environment.

There's an electronic bi-weekly Chapter Alert Service. Sign up at www.scnj.convio.net. To sign up for North Jersey Group e-mail notices by e-mailing John at jkashwick@gmail.com.

The Jersey Sierran: January–March 2014
For up to date information about programs please check the website.

There are no events currently on the calendar

LIST OF UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Information about upcoming activities, volunteer opportunities, or to discuss any concerns.
- Day, formerly the West Orange Seton Hall project, the Newark Water Wars, advocating for a GMO documentary, a proposed development in Verona, a church expansion in Newark, more surface parking lots in Newark, banning Fracking Fluids in Elizabeth, cosponsorship of Gateway has been involved in the recent Massive Climate March in NYC, stopping climate change. Please contact David Yennior, Gateway’s Chair, if you have any ideas or suggestions for a program in the future. The Gateway Group is very grateful for the contributions of John Beadle, Barbara Conover, Zash Khademi, Bill Chappel, Steven Yafet, Anne Hirs, Paula Borenstein, and Brenda Toyloy.

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The issues of interest to our communities include but are not limited to:

   Key issues: preservation of our water supply, wildlife, and prevention of water pollution.

2. Passage of and responsible enforcement of environmentally friendly zoning and development ordinances.

3. Prevention of diversion of conserved land for commercial or other development.
   Key issues: preserving the habitat, prohibiting the sale or development of land from Stare's Green Acres program to commercial development are our goals.

We encourage you to attend your town’s planning/zoning board or land use board meetings. If you are aware of development proposals in your town that may have a negative environmental impact, PLEASE communicate concerns by attending our meetings and by contacting us via sierra_nj_rartian@att.net.

Jersey Shore Group
(Monmouth County, approximately)

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

OFFICERS:

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

Vice-Chair: Open Position

Secretary: Joe Deluca 732-389-1835 jodeluca@att.net

Conservation Chair: Faith Teitelbaum

Webmaster: Open Position

Treasurer: Bob Sandberg 732-727-5722 sandberg00@gmail.com

Outings Chair: Open Position

Membership Chair: Open Position

Fund-raising Chair: Brian Grize

Co-Chairs: Lois Blake 732-865-9517 lqblake@optonline.net and Joelle Snyder 732-574-4776 jhuney@comcast.net

Help Group Happenings:

Whale Pond Cleanups: We continue our cleanups with a coalition with Monmouth University, all the towns in the Whale Pond Brook watershed, and the NJ Friends of Cleanwater. The Whale Pond Watershed Committee will be towing tons to trash back into the watershed, which we are still removing a year later, so more cleanups are being scheduled. Our longrange goal is to clean up the watershed and educate local residents about the detrimental effects of lawn fertilizers and storm water runoff, and the importance of integrated pest management.

Help explore, enjoy and protect this beautiful watershed. Our Sierra dynamo heading the clean up of Whale Pond is Conservation Chair Faith Teitelbaum at faithtei@aol.com.

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Meetings:

GENERAL MEETINGS:

The general membership meetings of the Jersey Shore Group take place at 7 p.m. on the fourth Monday of the month at Brookdale Community College’s Lincroft Campus. We are delighted that the college has invited us to continue the joint membership meetings through 2014. Our meetings, billed by BCC as “Science Monday,” average 55 attendees a month, with some events peaking at 95 to 140 people.

The cooperative effort between Sierra and BCC extends the “reach” of both organizations to the Monmouth County community. Our BCC host is Dr. Patricia Dillon, a biology professor who succeeds our previous host, recently retired BCC Director Bob Macaluso.

We meet at BCC to speak with our speakers with environmentally-concerned BCC college students, the NJ Friends of Cleanwater, and other environmental organizations. A buffet is available for the students and adults at 6 p.m. Contributions from non-students are encouraged to defray the costs. The programs start at 6:30 pm.

To get to Brookdale, take GSP Exit 109 to RTE 520 West (Newman Springs Rd, which becomes E. Main St at the Lincroft campus). Exit the traffic circle into the campus and follow the signs to the Warner Student Life Center (SLC), where the meeting usually is in the Twin Lights Rooms I and II. Use parking lot 5. As you walk towards the building complex, Warner will be down the slope on your left. If lot 7 is full, use parking lots 5 or 6. A campus map is at http://www.brookdaledcc.edu/PDFFiles/MAPS/MAP_54.pdf in the file.

Jan 26 Health of the Oceans. Tim Dillingham of the American Literacy Society will discuss the uneasy relationship between inhabited coastlines and uninhabited seas. Specifically, he will focus on the need to restore and protect coastal habitat after Hurricane Sandy and will explore several defensive strategies for predicted sea level rises in the future. Since 1961, the ALS has urged citizens to care for the earth through advocacy, conservation, and education. Not only does the ALS “represent the fish,” a favorite slope of the program, but the group also is to give concerned citizens the knowledge and tools they need to raise their voices as well. “When we restore habitat, our objective is not only to restore a dune or rebuild an oyster reef, but also to motivate people to invest ‘sweet equity’ into a piece of the coast, take ownership and become committed stewards.”

Feb 23 Future of Monmouth County’s Open Space. William D. Kastning, executive director of the Monmouth Conservation Foundation, will discuss their organization’s plans for continued open space acquisitions. The public referendum on funding the NJ Preservation Program, which includes Green Acres open space purchase, farmland preservation, and historic preservation, was approved Nov. 4. Open space advocates have been concerned, because while past referenda have always passed, the margin of approval has gradually decreased because the MCF has been preserving land and protecting the natural resources of Monmouth County for over 56 years.

Mar 25: Yes, You Can! Three Monmouth environmentalists will explain what they personally are doing to save the planet, beginning with Monmouth County. Lisa Bagwell of our group will speak on the growing popularity of community vegetable gardens and the work she is doing in Long Branch. Faith Teitelbaum of the Whale Pond watershed told us about a coalition and a group of board members has agreed to speak on the association’s project to build a “fish ladder” to allow spawning fish to enter the creek. They are working with an advisor from the National Marine Fisheries Service. Then Patrice McCoy, a south county Carpenter Society member, has agreed to speak on the association’s project to build a “fish ladder” to allow spawning fish to enter the creek. They are working with an advisor from the National Marine Fisheries Service. Then Patrice McCoy, a south county Carpenter Society member, has agreed to speak on the association’s project to build a “fish ladder” to allow spawning fish to enter the creek. They are working with an advisor from the National Marine Fisheries Service. Then Patrice McCoy, a south county Carpenter Society member, has agreed to speak on the association’s project to build a “fish ladder” to allow spawning fish to enter the creek. They are working with an advisor from the National Marine Fisheries Service.

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The Jersey Sierran: January–March 2014

Please share this newsletter with a non-member friend, inviting use of the coupon on p. 12.
Singles Section
(A chapter-wide, special interest section offering hikes/cleanup, social gatherings, meetings, etc.)

Please join us! The NJ Singles Section was specifically created to offer a variety of singles-oriented activities to NJ Sierra Club members and those who would like to know of more singles involvement with us. We are not a local group; we are a statewide additional “layer” of Club involvement. Everyone is welcome to attend our events. Come out and meet fellow Club members and others who care about the environment. We can only offer as many activities as we have volunteers to run them – so if you have the slightest urge to get involved, please contact one of our officers!

WEBSITE: http://newjersey.sierranet.org/Singles/

The 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.” You may subscribe and unsubscribe at will, directly on the listserv at the bottom of each announcement. We recommend joining the listserv to receive announcements for all of our events a few weeks before each event. Events are also listed online on the calendar on the Chapter's web site: newjersey.sierranet.org/ng_calendar.asp.

You can now also “like” us on Facebook: “Singles Group New Jersey Sierra Club”.

Singles Section Officers

Chair: Joe Testa  testa@live.com
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Acting Chair: Joe Prebish
Acting Outings Chair: Jeff Sowolve  Hiker_Doodly@yahoo.com
Programs: Publicity: Publicity. Contact us! We need you!
Membership: Position. Publicity. Contact us! We need you!
Nominations: Nancy Sullivan  nancysullivan@comcast.net

2014 Executive Committee members: Joyce Haddad, Ron Pate, Joe Prebish, Jeff Sowolve, Daphne Speak Bartynski, Joe Testa, Joyce White.

Volunteer Opportunities: We need volunteers in all areas of the state to run events. Volunteers needed as hike leaders, Fundraising Chair/Co-Chairs, and members of all committees, including planning social events and conservation activities. Please attend an executive committee meeting or email any of the officers if you are interested. You may co-chair any position with a friend, if desired. We’re happy to help you learn the ropes.

GENERAL MEETINGS: Casual pizza gathering, introduction to club issues and activities, speakers, and letter-writing at the Chatham Library. Dates and topics will be announced on our listserv; see above for subscription information.

ExCom MEETINGS take place once a month at various locations. All welcome. Contact any officer for location.

SPECIAL DINNER: THIRD TUESDAY of each month at 7pm. Join us for dinner at a variety of Montclair restaurants. Location is announced 2 weeks before each social. RSVP is required as described in the announcement.

SPECIAL DINNER WITH MOVIE SHOWINGS are scheduled approximately monthly in Milford (Hunterdon Co.) and New Brunswick. Join us for thought-provoking films and conversation. RSVP is required as described in the announcement. A special Social Chair will announce on our listserv; see above for subscription information.

HIKES AND OTHER OUTINGS: The Singles Section sponsors many outings, ranging from beginners’ level to advanced difficulty. Some of these are listed in this newsletter; others are announced on our listserv and the Chatham libraries’ bulletin board. Single- and couples-orientated outings are announced on the listserv as well. Contact Joe Testa for information on our newsletter for singles outings led by Jim Oleksiak (Jan 10, Feb 14, Mar 14) and Jeff Sowolve (Jan 17, Feb, Mar 14). Please join the listserv to receive notification of all of our outings (see above for instructions on how to subscribe).

Sierra Silver Singles is a subgroup that organizes hikes and other social events to appeal to Singles over 50. Most events are scheduled followed by an optional meal at a location determined by the leader. See the Outings section of this Newsletter for Silver Singles outings on Jan 18 and Mar 15. Check the Singles listserv for announcements of more Silver Singles outings.

LGBTQ Section

The mission of this Section is to support Sierra Club goals, and to promote activism within the LGBTQ community through letter writing, phone calls, and other active support for environmental issues.

OFFICERS:
Acting Co-Chair: Jonathan Wall*  jonathan.wall@jsu.edu
Acting Co-Chair: John Kudzwick  john.kudzwick@gmail.com
Acting Outings Chair: Robert Zitzman  robertmz@att.net
Acting Programs Chair: Corbett Klein  corbettklein@ outlook.com

*(Acting Section Executive Committee Member)

MEETINGS AND EVENTS:

Feb 13 (Sat)  Longwood Gardens Holiday Display. 3pm. 1001 Longwood Rd. Newtown Square PA 19348. A Longwood Christmas soars this season with our bird-inspired display. From trees adorned with nests and feathered friends, to topiary swans in our Conservatory, to birdhouses, owls, and bald eagles decorating our tree houses, this exhibition hall, to birdhouses, owls, and bald eagles decorating our tree houses, this

* (Acting Section Executive Committee Member)

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Directions: From I-295, take exit 34B onto Rte 70 West. Follow the signs for Rte 41 South, which is Kings Hwy (you will have to exit to the right into a jug handle and then take Rte 41). Cross over Rte 70 and you will be briefed on Rte 154 (Brace Rd). Make the next right and then the next left onto Kings Hwy. About after 1 mile, you will cross Grove Rd (Indian King Tavern is on the right corner). After crossing Grove Rd, turn right on to Friends Ave. Go one block to the Meeting House. Park in the lot next to the Meeting House and enter the auditorium through the doors on the right side of the building. Do not go into the Meeting House.

South Jersey Group

(Atlantic, Cape May, Cumberland and Salem counties, approximately)

OFFICERS:
Group Chair: Tom Boghosian 609-625-5078 boghosian1@verizon.net
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Program Chair: Open Position!
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Membership Chair: Michele Cooklin lorax317@gmail.com
Secretary/Financial: Julie Akeres julieakeres56@gmail.com

Michele Cooklin lorax317@gmail.com is our new Membership Chair, and will be attempting to revitalize the Group.

The Cape May County Conservation Committee has unfortunately gone extinct. Members in Cape May County who see a need for Club ‘presence’ there are invited to contact Michele Cooklin.

The central conservation issue, for which the South Jersey Group was founded in the 1970s, continues to be protection of the Great Egg Harbor Wild & Scenic River, and conservation of the energy and heritage of the few officers whose mission is to act within both in the Sierra Club and in the Watershed Association (GEHWA) that “spin off’ from the South Jersey Group. Very few of our local members seem interested in the meetings we hold. For now, 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. We are interested in any Group member keeping up a local interest in the local links to many other local, regional, state and national environmental organizations: www.gehwa.org. If you have topics (and places) for meetings, let the officers know. We welcome general comments from Club members in South Jersey. To be placed on a carefully guarded distribution list for local issues and meet- ings, please e-mail dick.colby@stockton.edu.
GROUP NEWS
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ful fountains dance, glistening snowflakes hang overhead, and a half million lights illuminate more of our outdoor gardens than ever before. Pre-purchase tickets ($20) on line at tickets.longwoodgardens.org. Meet at Group Entrance to the Right of the Visitors Center at 3pm. Contact Robert Zitzman (rbertm@att.net) or Corbett Klein (corbettklein@outlook.com) for more information and carpooling. Please register through our on line calendar at http://newjerseysierracrib.org/nj_calendar.asp, at meetup.com/njsierraclub, or by emailing the Leader. This is a rain or shine event, but blizzard would cancel. Contact a leader if in doubt. This outing is run in conjunction with Sundance Outdoor Adventure Society. Meet at the museum ticket office at 1pm. Tickets are $12 and may be purchased at the door. This outing is open to everyone.

Mar 28 (Sat): Harriman State Park Hike (NY). 10am. Join us for an early spring hike in Harriman State Park (NY). Weather and trail conditions will determine which hike we do but we will likely meet at the Tuxedo train station and carpool to the trail-head. We will have a minimum of 2 liters of water, sturdy hiking boots, snack, sun-protection, and weather-appropriate clothing. Well behaved dogs are welcome. Leaders: John Kashwick (jakshwick@gmail.com) or Jonathan Wall (docjdwall@gmail.com). For meeting location or more information, please register through our on line calendar at http://newjersey.sierracrib.org/nj_calendar.asp, at meetup.com/njsierraclub, or by emailing a leader. Rain, snow, or ice cancels—contact leader the morning of if in doubt. This outing is run in conjunction with Sundance Outdoor Adventure Society. Group limit: 12.

Please confirm all outings before attending. Please check our listings on our online calendar at http://newjersey.sierracrib.org/nj_calendar.asp or www.meetup.com/njsierraclub. You can also join or emailing list by emailing John. We are currently recruiting volunteers to lead outings, do fundraising and membership activities. Contact the section executive director. For more information, please email John at jakshwick@gmail.com.

Senior Section/Fifty-Plus Section
(a chapter-wide special interest section which offers a weekly to monthly calendar of activities and events, including hikes, clean ups, social gatherings, dinner get-togethers and other functions intended for those members over fifty)

More New Jersey events are posted on our web site http:www.funtrails.com. In addition, any one may post a hike. A leader is sent out to members free of charge, in which they can list items they are searching for or want to buy.

The mission of this section is to support Sierra Club goals, and to promote activism through letter writing, phone calls, and other active support for environmental issues.

We work through a “List Serve,” by which members learn about current environmental issues, and how they can be supported.

Adline Zatz is the editor of the Senior Section/Fifty-Plus Section. She can be reached at azatz@funtrails.com, and invites members to check her web site at www.funtrails.com for trips, tips and travel information.

Young Sierrans
(a special interest section for Sierra Club Members in their 20’s & 30’s, providing Socials and Outings to inspire a sense of community, appreciation for the environment, and involvement in preserving our future. Many events are open to all regardless of marital status, whether you are single, dating or married, please come join us!)

WEBSITE: http://newjersey.sierracrib.org/YoungSierrans/

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OUTINGS CHAIR:
(March 2014)

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OUTINGS CHAIR:
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OUTINGS CHAIR:
(March 2014)

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This book is a celebration of a focused purposeful walking. It describes 30 of the world’s most interesting day-to-weekends, most of which can be accomplished in daily installations separated by comfortable nightly accommodation. Its photographs are a delight even (especially!) for those familiar with the routes pictured. Its two sections cover firstly the basics of preparing for long walks, and secondly the description of each of the 30 walks, each with an overall route map. There’s a handy table of trail-distances, degree of difficulty, style of accommodations and capacity for intermediate access (segregability). We follow the book’s reading list that includes a best web-site, access to detailed maps and descriptions, trail-side amenities, historical significance, and getting there. A more general reading list includes many books that promote walking through wilderness (saddly lacking John Muir’s “My First Summer in the Sierra”).

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January

Jan 1 (Thurs): New Year’s Day Paddle on the Oswego River (Burlington Co). 10am. Ring in the New Year with the New Jersey Sierra Club and partner NPS in the historic site of Jockey Hollow. George & Leona F, 609-259-3734 or leona@pineypaddlers.com (W).

Jan 4 (Mon) Vermont Outing Chair (Michigan Co). 10am, 4.5 miles, easy pace. Enjoy a winter hike in one of our many beautiful Vermont locations! Meet at the meeting place as specified in the email. Contact the Vermont Outing Chair for more information. Leaders: George & Leona F: 609-259-3734 or leona@pineypaddlers.com (W).

Jan 10 (Sat): Sourlands Mountain Preserve Hike (Boroughfield Co). 10am. hiking @ 11am. Dig in the head of history. This is a great hike in a historic spot. Meet at 10am with outdoor wear and please bring all utensils for the outdoor lunch. Leaders: George & Leona F: 609-259-3734 or leona@pineypaddlers.com (W).

Jan 22 (Sat): Canoe/Kayak the Oswego River (Burlington Co). 10am. Meet at Lake Oswego and paddle 8 miles on the “Jewel of the Pinelands”. Expansive views and history await! Bring your own equipment or rent it at the rate of $25 per person. Contact the Chair for more information. Leaders: George & Leona F: 609-259-3734 or leona@pineypaddlers.com (W).

January

FEBRUARY

Feb 2 (Mon): Canoe/Kayak Wading River on Groundhog Day (Ocean Co). 10am. What was “Piney Phil’s” decision in NJ? The river section we paddle will depend on weather conditions. Experienced whitewater paddlers only. Contact leaders to confirm trip. George & Leona F: 609-259-3734 or leona@pineypaddlers.com (W).

Feb 4 (Sat): Patuxent Paddle Stroll (Morris Co). Moderate paddle, walk, flat 5 miles. Come take an easy paddling and walking excursion on the Patuxent River. Arrive at the launch site at 10am and across the street from Historic Speedwell. See the Morristown Parks website (http://www.morristownparks.org) for directions and information. A light snack will be provided. Rain date: Feb 18, 10am. Contact leaders for more information. Leaders: George & Leona F: 609-259-3734 or leona@pineypaddlers.com (W).

Feb 5 (Sun): Whitesbog Village Winter Hike (Burlington Co). 10am-4.5 miles, easy pace. Whitesbog Village is a state historic site where cranberry bogs were abundant. Come with your hiking boots and stretch your legs in Whitesbog. Bring water and lunch. Meet at the Whitesbog Village Museum, 7300 Church Rd, Egg Harbor. Contact leaders for more information. Leaders: George & Leona F: 609-259-3734 or leona@pineypaddlers.com (W).

Feb 14 (Sat): A Sweet Hike on Valentine’s Day (Burlington Co). 10am. 4.5 miles easy pace. This Valentine’s Day, we’ll hike on the Rancocas Valley Trail to the Conner Road Bridge and enjoy the views. Meet at the Conner Road Bridge as specified in the email. Contact leaders for more information. Leaders: George & Leona F: 609-259-3734 or leona@pineypaddlers.com (W).

Feb 17 (Sat): Jockey Hollow (Morris Co). 10am. 5 miles, easy pace. We’ll hike over the Lock 1 to the Conner Road Bridge and enjoy the views. Meet in front of 450 Piermont Av. (building with mural, on the corner of Tate & Piermont Aves.). Contact leaders for more information. Leaders: George & Leona F: 609-259-3734 or leona@pineypaddlers.com (W).

Feb 21 (Sat): Ramapo Reservation Hike (Bergen Co). 10am. Moderately paced 7 mile loop hike across the Pinelands. Exact route will depend on trail conditions but no difficulty will include some up/downs. No gear/equipment required. Contact leaders for more information. Leaders: George & Leona F: 609-259-3734 or leona@pineypaddlers.com (W).

Feb 25 (Wed): Clayton Park Hike (Monmouth Co). 10am-4.5 miles, easy pace on woods trails with some elevation. This route 624 acre site in Central New Jersey is located beside the rolling farmland of western Monmouth County. Be sure to bring your own water. Bike to the park – there’s plenty of parking! Meet at the entrance to Clayton Park and get directions from there. Contact leaders for more information. Leaders: George & Leona F: 609-259-3734 or leona@pineypaddlers.com (W).

Feb 28 (Sat): Clasland Mountain Hike (Rockland Co). 11:15 am. 6 miles. We will climb 700 feet at this beautiful skiing area. Meet at the parking lot at the Lehigh Valley Line below the Clasland Ski Chalet. Contact leaders for more information. Leaders: George & Leona F: 609-259-3734 or leona@pineypaddlers.com (W).

March

Mar 2 (Sat): National Peanut Butter Day Hike at Perrineville Lake Park (Monmouth Co). 10am. 2.25 mile hike through pine woods along the密切 Water Trail. Bring a peanut butter sandwich or your own snack to enjoy after the hike. Meet at the picnic area parking lot. Contact leaders for more information. Leaders: George & Leona F: 609-259-3734 or leona@pineypaddlers.com (W).

Mar 7 (Sat): Canoe/Kayak the Great Egg Harbor River (Atlantic Co). 10am. Paddling from Sunset Beach, NJ to the Stopped at the Egg Harbor Church. Meet at Sunset Beach at 10am and paddle 12 mile river. Contact leaders for more information. Leaders: George & Leona F: 609-259-3734 or leona@pineypaddlers.com (W).

Mar 8 (Sun): Hike at Turkey Swamp Park (Monmouth Co). 10am. 5 miles, easy pace. This is our 6th annual Daylight Savings Time hike at Turkey Swamp Park. Directions and parking information @ www.njsierraclub.org/events and on our website - www.newjersey.sierraclub.org. Click “Events and Outings”
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14 Mar (Sat): Hike in Lewis Morris Park (Morris Co). Moderate, 7-mile hike with some ups and downs. We will start at Sunrise Lake, then hike to the upper parking lot and back down to the lake using a combination of a paved path and some yellow and red trails. The pace will be slow to moderate to slow easy; the Morris County Parks Commission website offers http://www.morriscountyparks.com/agendas/for-agendas/den/NJ-04-2417.html for directions. Bring lots of water, lunch, and some snacks. No parking at 9am. Informational weather counselors will be available. No registration required. Contact leaders for meeting location and Leader: Jeff Tittel, Jeff.Tittel@SierraClub.org.

14 Mar (Sat): Sussex County Hike (Sussex Co). Easy, 5-mile hike on a paved, gravel, and grassy path near the Delaware River. The hike will pass through some large woods, near a river with a waterfall, and a very nice Picnic Area. Contact leaders for meeting place and Leader: Mary Stake, Mary.Stake@SierraClub.org.

15 Mar (Sun): Hike: Harriman State Park (Rockland Co. NY). Easy, 7-mile hike on the Blue Trail near the Ashawagh Preserve in the Catskills. Leader: Bill Tingley, Bill.Tingley@SierraClub.org.

16 Mar (Mon): Outings Chair: Outdoor News. 63-70 Bingham Avenue, Freehold NJ 07728. 732-463-8443. E-mail: Dick.Colby@stockton.edu. Phone: 201-670-8383.

The main meeting starts at 1pm. Conservation and/or Political Committee meetings usually start at 10am. Lunch is shared at noon. The meeting starts at 1pm. If no one is in the office to take your call, please leave a message on the answering machine. Please SPELL YOUR LAST NAME, and state whether the phone number you leave is for daytime or evening.

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NIJ Sierra Club Walk for Water along the D&R Canal and the Delaware River (Illustration Credit: Tom Whitley). Join John Locke, Conservancy and other Sierra Clubs as we walk 5 miles on the Canal towpath from Old Mill State Park in Prallsville Mills. On World Water Day Join a huge throng as we walk for Water! Water issues and concerns are world wide and globally. We will be highlighting issues we are facing in New Jersey and the issues facing the almost 741 million people who live in the Delaware Valley watershed. The hike is a moderate 5 miles and we will meet at Old Mill State Park on the east side of the Delaware Canal property. Meet in the parking lot and hike will start at 10am. http://www.njconservation.org/ephs/ephs/hike.htm. Questions or information e-mail donnicola@sierrancom@sierraclub.org or Leona@pineypaddlers.com (W)

Mar 27 (Fri): Canoe/Kayak the Osprey River (Jersey Shore). 6pm. Spring is here! Meet at Lake Osprey and paddle 8 miles on the “Jewel of the Pinelands”. Experienced cold weather/water Paddlers only. Leaders: Canoe to coordinate and trip planning. George & Leona F 609-755-7754 or leona@pineypaddlers.com (W)

Mar 28 (Sat): Hook Mountain Island (Rockland Co., NY). 10:45 am, 7 miles, with excellent views of the New York River and New York Harbor. Meet in the Park parking lot near the entrance booth. Rockland Lake is in Congers, NY. off Rte 98. Bring lunch, hiking boots, and water. Adverse conditions will alter the route. Leader: John P. Jurasek, 845-519-4247 (no calls after 10pm) or Jurasek@verizon.net (AOO).

Mar 29 (Sun): Canoe/Kayak the Rancocas Creek (Burlington Co.). 10:30 am. The section we paddle depends on weather conditions. Experienced cold weather/water Paddlers only. Contact leaders to coordinate and trip planning. George & Leona F 609-459-9427 or leona@pineypaddlers.com (W)

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Members are welcome to attend these monthly statewide policy deliberations, held on SECOND SATURDAYS. Details, including agendas and travel instructions, are available from Ken Johnson, the Chapter Chair. (Best confirm)

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