



New Jersey Pinelands Commission PRESS RELEASE

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Gov. Chris Christie appoints Mark S. Lohbauer of Pennsauken as the new Chairman of the New Jersey Pinelands Commission

NEW LISBON, N.J. – Gov. Chris Christie has appointed Mark S. Lohbauer of Pennsauken, Camden County as the new Chairman of the New Jersey Pinelands Commission.

"It is a great honor to participate in our State's tradition of protection of the New Jersey Pinelands, and to join the ranks of those who have chaired this Commission," said Lohbauer, who was sworn in as a gubernatorial appointee on the Commission on July 8, 2011. "I would like to thank Governor Christie for the confidence he has placed in me in designating me as Chairman, and pledge my commitment to continue the thoughtful care of this extraordinary legacy, our Pine Barrens."

Among other duties, the Chairperson presides at all Commission meetings, appoints members of the agency's committees, designates committee Chairs, and signs all resolutions adopted by the Commission.

Nancy Wittenberg, the Commission's Executive Director, said Lohbauer's experience and achievements in the public and private sector should prove to be an asset in his new role as the Commission's Chairman.

"We appreciate the Governor's appointment," Wittenberg said. "We're also excited about working with Mr. Lohbauer as we advance our mission to protect this special region."

Lohbauer has been a principal of JGSC Group since 2004. The retail market-making firm focuses on revitalizing downtown commercial corridors. Prior to joining JGSC, he served as the Director of Policy & Communications for the New Jersey Economic Development Authority, following several years as the Assistant State Treasurer and practicing law in Philadelphia.

Lohbauer is a nationally recognized speaker on the topic of downtown revitalization and has instructed sessions at the New Jersey Downtown Revitalization & Management Institute for the past six years. He has spoken on downtown revitalization topics at National Main Street Conferences, and he has served on the New Jersey Highlands Council's Technical Advisory Committee.

A former member of the Pennsauken Township Committee and Camden County Board of Chosen Freeholders, Lohbauer has long been active in environmental issues, primarily in the promotion of alternatives to waste incineration. He holds a Juris Doctor degree from Rutgers University.

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The New Jersey Pinelands Commission oversees land-use, development and natural resource protection programs in the million-acre Pinelands Area, which covers portions of Atlantic, Burlington, Camden, Cape May, Cumberland, Gloucester and Ocean counties.

The Commission consists of 15 members: seven appointed by the Governor of New Jersey, one appointed by each of the seven Pinelands counties and one appointed by the U.S. Secretary of the Interior. Members of the Commission serve staggered, three-year terms and do not receive compensation for their service.

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***** ATTENTION EDITORS:** A jpeg photo of Mark S. Lohbauer can be obtained via e-mail by contacting Paul Leakan at (609) 894-7300, ext. 124.



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