



## New Jersey Pinelands Commission **NEWS RELEASE**

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### **Deadline Extended on Public Comment Period for Rule Change**

NEW LISBON, NJ -The Pinelands Commission has extended, by 60 days, the public comment period for a proposed four-part amendment to the Pinelands Comprehensive Management Plan and the Pinelands Land Capability Map. The CMP is the regulatory code which governs land use, development and natural resource protection in the State-designated Pinelands Area. The Land Capability Map is the official policy map of the CMP, which geographically delineates Pinelands Management Area designations.

On October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2004 the Commission published a rule proposal in the New Jersey Register to:

1. re-designate approximately 4,100 acres in Lacey and Ocean Townships from Rural Development Area to Forest Area;
2. adopt, by reference, the State's official list of endangered plants for protection under Pinelands rules;
3. establish a Consumer Electronics Recycling Facility Pilot program at the Fort Dix federal correctional facility; and to
4. amend the Pinelands Land Capability Map to reflect a recently authorized settlement agreement involving lands within the Pinelands National Reserve in Manchester Township.

The public comment period, originally scheduled to close on December 3, 2004, is now extended through February 1, 2005. Members of the public who wish to comment on the proposed rule changes may submit written comments by postal mail, facsimile or e-mail to:

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