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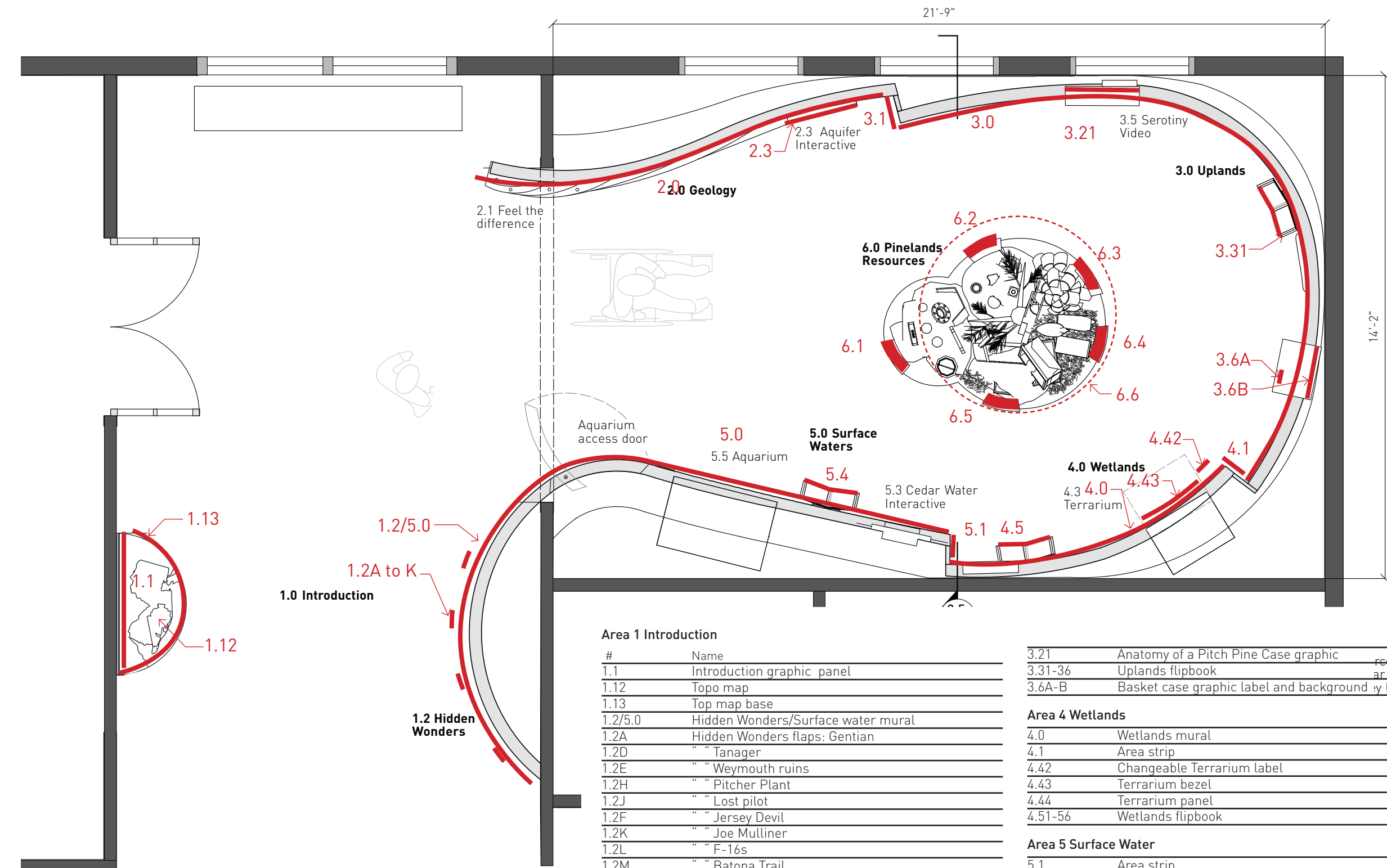
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Production Documents, Book 2 of 3  
Graphic Design Package

- Elevations
- Final Text Galley Pages

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7.1 Welcome Text  
7.1 Welcome

**1** Exhibit Gallery Plan  
3/8" = 1'-0"

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7.2 Orientation Map

**Area 1 Introduction**

#	Name
1.1	Introduction graphic panel
1.12	Topo map
1.13	Top map base
1.2/5.0	Hidden Wonders/Surface water mural
1.2A	Hidden Wonders flaps: Gentian
1.2D	" " Tanager
1.2E	" " Weymouth ruins
1.2H	" " Pitcher Plant
1.2J	" " Lost pilot
1.2F	" " Jersey Devil
1.2K	" " Joe Mulliner
1.2L	" " F-16s
1.2M	" " Batona Trail
1.2O	" " Girl Paddling
1.2Q	" " Jim Murphy and the PB
1.2T	" " PB Timbersnake
1.2V	" " Water
1.2W	" " Ship building
1.2X	" " Hindenburg
1.2Z	" " Dr. James Still

**Area 2 Geology**

2.0	Geology mural
2.3	Interactive graphic

**Area 3 Uplands**

3.0	Uplands mural
3.1	Area strip

3.21	Anatomy of a Pitch Pine Case graphic
3.31-36	Uplands flipbook
3.6A-B	Basket case graphic label and background

**Area 4 Wetlands**

4.0	Wetlands mural
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**Area 5 Surface Water**

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**Area 7 Orientation**

7.1	Welcome wall text
7.2	Map graphic panel with brochure

# The New Jersey Pinelands

## *A place like no other*

You may be in the middle of the nation's most densely populated state, but you're also on the edge of a surprisingly vast wilderness—the 1.1 million-acre Pinelands National Reserve. Although established to protect the area's valuable water resources, it also preserves a unique and fragile ecosystem. Within you'll find forests adapted to fire, wetlands full of rare species, slow-moving rivers, farms, abandoned towns, and modern communities housing more than 700,000 people.

The Pinelands is a place worth understanding and exploring. You can find out about it here and then wander the sand roads to discover some of its many wonders.

### Pinelands National Reserve

The Pinelands National Reserve covers 22% of the state of New Jersey, or about 1.1 million acres, and includes some of the largest unbroken tracts of forest on the East Coast. Established in 1978 as the first National Reserve, it was also later designated an International Biosphere Reserve.

### State Pinelands Area

The State Pinelands Area, created by the New Jersey Pinelands Protection Act of 1979, encompasses over 938,000 acres with slightly different borders than the Reserve. The area includes parts of seven counties and 53 municipalities.

### Pine Plains

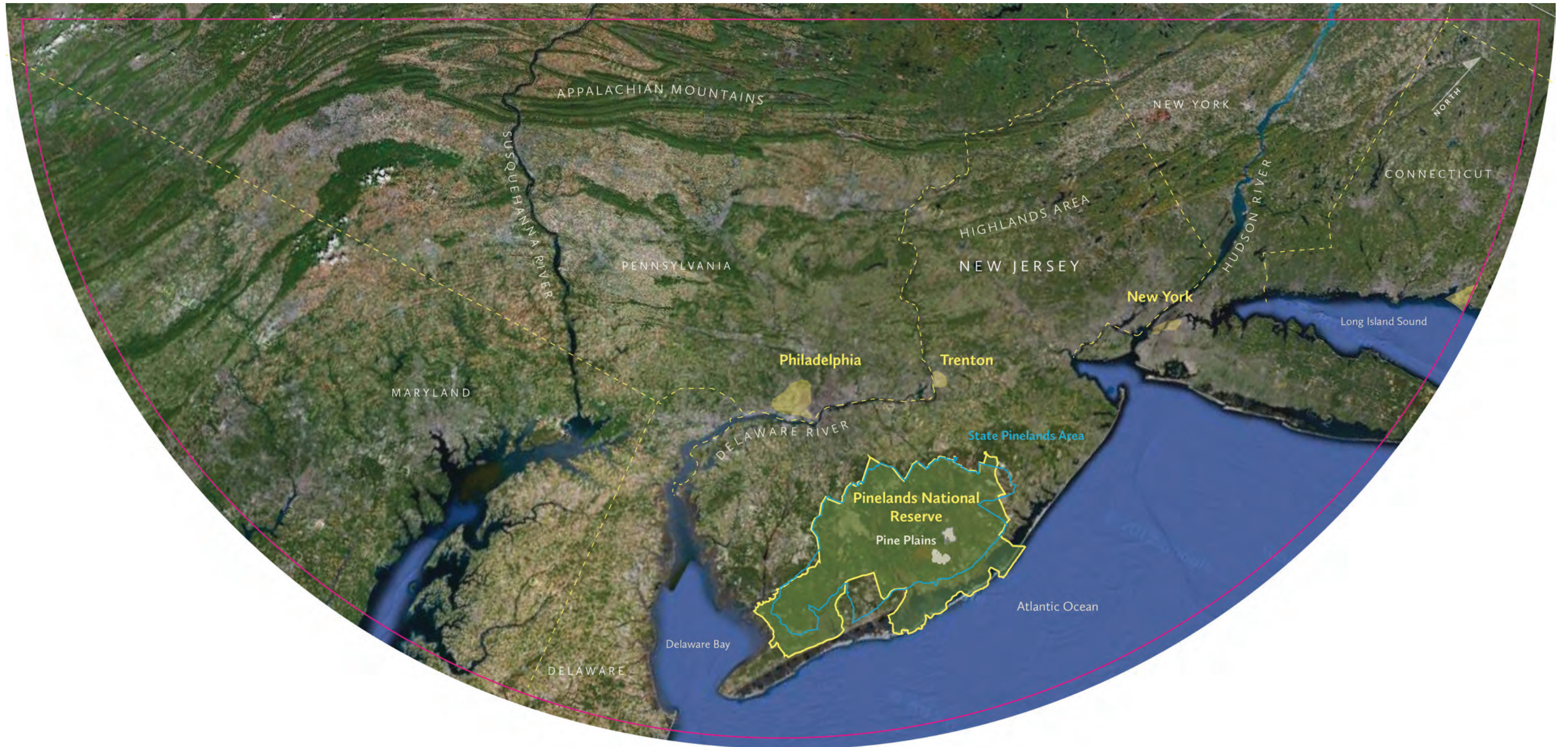
The 15,000-acre Pine Plains is the largest pygmy forest in the country and the best example of this type of ecosystem.

### Historic Sites

There are more than three dozen Pinelands locations on the National Register of Historic Sites, including restored historic villages and settlements, town historic districts, and historic structures and ruins.

### Wild & Scenic Rivers

Two of the five major Pinelands river systems are designated National Wild and Scenic Rivers: The Great Egg Harbor River and the Maurice River.



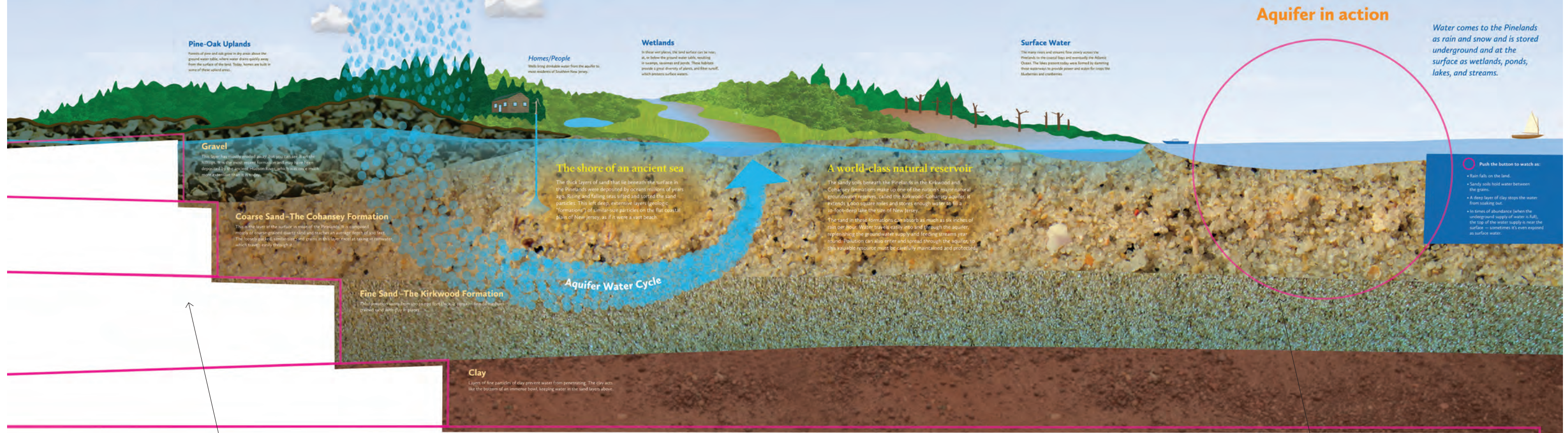


# A Sandy Foundation

## The unique character of the Pinelands begins underground

The sand you see throughout much of the Pinelands provides a peek into what makes this area so important. The soil is almost pure quartz sand. It holds little moisture near the surface and few minerals or nutrients. European settlers discovered that their crops wouldn't grow here and called the area "barren." But many unusual plants flourish here.

If you could look below the surface, you'd discover a vast reserve of water held in deep layers of sand. This underground resource—more than 17 trillion gallons of fresh water—feeds rivers, wetlands, and wells throughout the Pinelands.



### Pine-Oak Uplands

Hundreds of pine and oak groves in dry areas above the ground water table, where water drains quickly away from the surface of the land. Today, homes are built in some of these upland areas.

### Homes/People

Wells bring drinkable water from the aquifer to most residences of Southern New Jersey.

### Wetlands

In their wet places, the land surface can be near, or below the ground water table, resulting in swamps, bays, and ponds. These habitats provide a great diversity of plants, and fish and wildlife, which process surface waters.

### Surface Water

The many rivers and streams flow slowly across the Pinelands to the coastal bays and eventually the Atlantic Ocean. The bays presently were formed by damming these waterways to provide power and water for crops like blueberries and cranberries.

### Gravel

This layer has accumulated over the last 100,000 years in a wide variety of settings. It is the most porous formation and may have been deposited by the ancient Hudson River, which was once much more extensive than it is today.

### Coarse Sand - The Cohansey Formation

This is the layer at the surface in most of the Pinelands. It is composed mostly of coarse-grained, quartz sand and silt, on an average depth of 100 feet. The coarse grains, similar size and grain in this layer, feed at taking in rainwater, which travels easily through it.

### Fine Sand - The Kirkwood Formation

This is the main source for the water in the aquifer. It is composed of fine-grained sand and silt, on an average depth of 100 feet.

### Clay

Layers of fine particles of clay prevent water from penetrating. The clay acts like the bottom of an immense bowl, keeping water in the sand layers above.

### The shore of an ancient sea

The thick layers of sand that lie beneath the surface in the Pinelands were deposited by oceans millions of years ago. Rains and falling seas lifted and sorted the sand particles. This left deep, extensive layers (geologic "formations") of similar-size particles on the flat coastal plain of New Jersey, as if it were a vast beach.

### A world-class natural reservoir

The sandy soils beneath the Pinelands in the Kirkwood and Cohansey formations make up one of the nation's major natural groundwater reserves, called the Kirkwood-Cohansey aquifer. It extends 1,000 square miles and stores enough water to fill a 10-foot-deep lake the size of New Jersey. The sand in these formations can absorb as much as six inches of rain or four inches of water. Water travels easily into and through the aquifer, replenishing the groundwater supply and feeding streams year-round. Pollution can also enter and spread through the aquifer, so this valuable resource must be carefully maintained and protected.

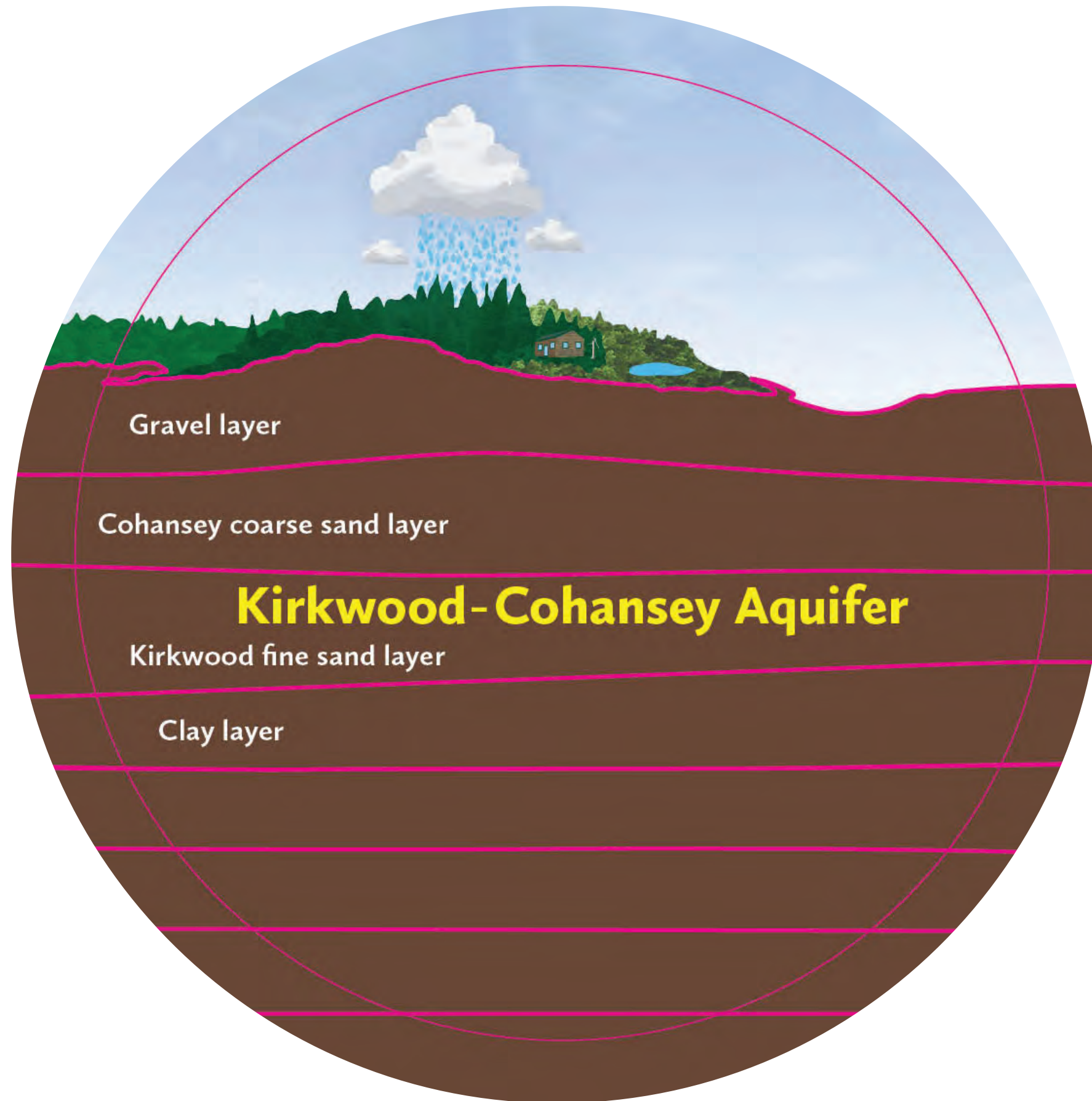
## Aquifer in action

Water comes to the Pinelands as rain and snow and is stored underground and at the surface as wetlands, ponds, lakes, and streams.

- Push the button to watch as:
- Rain falls on the land.
  - Sandy soils hold water between the grains.
  - A dense layer of clay stops the water from soaking out.
  - In times of abundance (when the underground supply of water is full), the top of the water supply is near the surface — sometimes it's even exposed as surface water.

Location of 2.1 Feel the Difference sand and gravel cases

Location of the 2.3 Aquifer interactive



Graphics applied to inside of clear acrylic or glass surface



3.21 Case location

3.3 Flipbook

3.4 Snake Model

3.6 Case



# Upland Forests

*Adapted to fire*

Take a sandy trail into the upland forests of the Pinelands, and you enter a unique wilderness. Only certain kinds of plants can survive in the dry, acidic, nutrient-poor sand of the uplands. These plants can also withstand regular wildfires.

For centuries, wildfires have routinely burned through the Pinelands, resulting in the dominance of pitch pine over the other pines and oaks that accompany it. Pitch pine stands out among plants as especially adapted to fire. It is the most abundant tree in the Pinelands and a fitting symbol of this distinct place.

## 3.2 Case



Controlled burn

### Pine-oak or oak-pine: the influence of fire

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Regrowth after fire

Warren Grove Pine, 2004



White Sand Road, Warren Grove



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Flying Squirrel



Broom Crowberry

### Pine Plains: the dwarf forests of the Pinelands

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Dwarf pitch pines have large, woody root systems much older than the tree trunks. The roots usually survive fires, even when the trunks burn to the ground. Fires rage more frequently in the Pine Plains than in normal-height Pinelands forests, and scientists believe this is what has kept the pygmy forests distinct.

### Extensive forests host diverse species

Unbroken tracts of forest as large as those of the Pinelands are rare on the eastern seaboard. Many animals that depend on these forests have become threatened or endangered. The extensive forests of the Pinelands provide much-needed habitats for vulnerable creatures like the Barred Owl, Timber Rattlesnake, and Pine Snake, plus many other woodland species.



Eastern Spadefoot



Box Turtle



Pyris



Pink Lady's Slipper

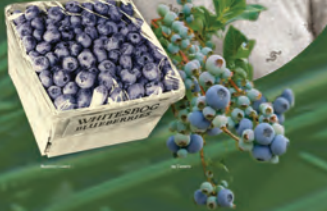


Northern Pine Snake

3.6 Case



ELIZABETH WHITE



### Blueberry Pioneer

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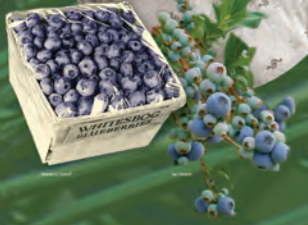
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*"At all seasons there is a peculiar restfulness in these quiet stretches, over which the pines stand as silent sentinels."*  
— Witmer Stone



Historic Marlford Village has a historic downtown that includes many quaint shops.



Designed by Tom Darlington, this mechanized blueberry picker is one of the many local blueberry industry innovations.



Here Joe Ware cuts logs for berry crates at his Wareing River saw mill.

**The forest fueled Pinelands industries**

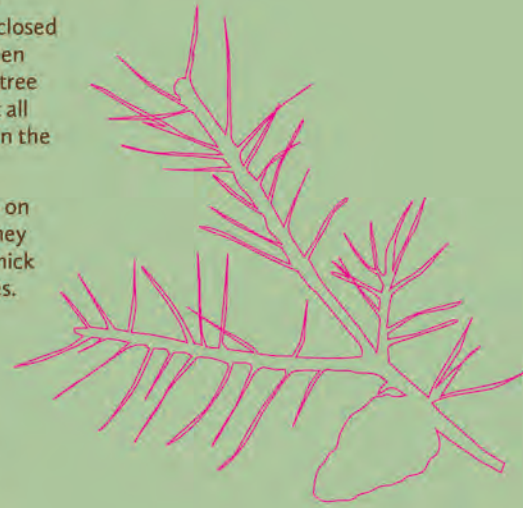
The earliest European settlers in the Pinelands made extensive use of the woodlands, first for lumber and then for fuel. After lumbering cleared the forest of the best trees, a charcoal industry developed in the Pinelands as a way to use the remaining trees and branches—mostly pitch pine. Charcoal fueled the blast furnaces used to make iron and glass. Fueling each furnace required clearing thousands of acres of woodlands, leaving vast areas of the Pinelands deforested.

George Kumral building a charcoal pile near Jenkins Neck. The grandson of a Lenoir settler from the Beaufort Reservation near Indian Mts., Kumral was the last full-time charcoal maker in the area. He made dozens of charcoal burners until 1975 and 1976, when the State of New Jersey bought the land and created the Wharton State Forest.



## Pitch Pine: The anatomy of fire resistance

- 1 Thick, layered bark resists burning and protects dormant buds. Dormant buds under the bark quickly sprout needles and branches after a fire. (If fire consumes all the needles, the tree will look normal in just a few years.)
- 2 Even if the trunk burns down, shoots grow quickly from the dormant buds in the roots. Roots don't burn in the sandy soil, which holds almost no flammable organic matter.
- 3 Some Pitch Pine cones (called serotinous cones) stay tightly closed for many years. They won't open and drop their seeds until the tree is burned or cut down. Almost all the cones on the dwarf pines in the Pine Plains are serotinous.
- 4 Delicate seeds only germinate on bare ground cleared by fire. They won't sprout if they fall on a thick mat of dead needles and leaves.



Pine Bark specimen

Pine Cone specimen

Pine branch specimen

Inset video panel

# Wetlands

## Habitats brimming with diversity

Visit the wetlands to see some of the Pinelands' most spectacular and unusual sights. These habitats make up more than 380,000 acres, or 35 percent, of the Reserve and provide habitat for most of its rare species. There are insect-eating plants, globally rare Atlantic White Cedars, orchids, and flowers found nowhere else in the world.

Wetlands of different types occur where the groundwater meets the surface, either seasonally or year-round. These swamps, savannas, and vernal ponds prevent flooding and filter runoff before it enters streams, rivers, and the underground water supply.

### Cedar swamps: rare and vulnerable

Walking into a cedar swamp is like entering a cool, eerie sanctuary. Atlantic White Cedar trees rise up 60 feet with few branches at eye level. Overhead, their dense canopy completely shades the ground.

No other trees, not even young cedars, can survive in the shade, but where the sun shines through openings in the canopy, some unusual plants take root. Sphagnum Moss grows in big, spongy patches.

You might also find the carnivorous Pitcher Plant, the rare Curly Grass Fern, an orchid or two, and other plants adapted to the acidic water and soil.

Cedar swamps used to extend for thousands of acres in the Pinelands and across New Jersey. Today these rare habitats are protected.



Photo by [unreadable] at [unreadable]

### Taming the wild cranberry: an industry takes root

Unsettled as you may be, you'll find some plants you've never seen before, such as the *Sagittaria* and *Sagittaria*. Even the *Sagittaria* is a native plant to these wetlands, and some have been introduced. Today, *Sagittaria* has been used for many kinds of medicine, and the *Sagittaria* is one of the most useful cranberry solutions.

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**A sneaky boat design**  
The Pinelands' wetlands are home to many rare species. One of the most unusual is the *Sagittaria*, a plant that grows in the water. It has a unique design that allows it to move through the water without being noticed. This is a great example of how nature has adapted to its environment.

### The Pinelands' wetlands are home to many diverse and rare species

Most of the region's natural diversity can be found in its wetlands. At least 20 plant species have been discovered here, and at least 100 animals and birds. Many plants and animals are listed as threatened or endangered because so much of these habitats has been lost.

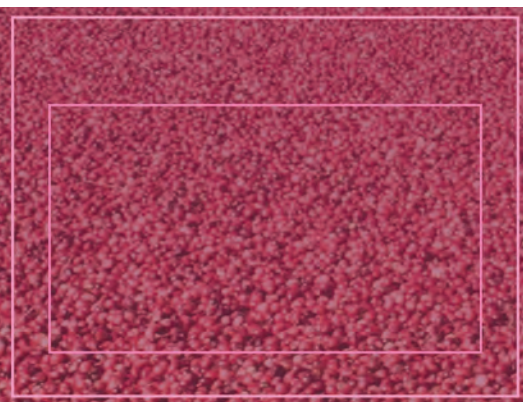


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4.6 Boat case



4.43 Terrarium Bezel

4.44 Terrarium Panel



4.3 Terrarium



4.5 Flipbook

4.43 Changeable label

4.3 Terrarium Tree Frog

**Uplands**

**3.1 Area Strip**

**Wetlands**

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**Surface Waters**

**5.1 Area Strip**



5.3 Cedar water interactive

5.4 Flipbook

5.5 Aquarium

5.51 Changeable label

Access door

1.2 Hidden Wonders doors

See Book 3 for door images and text

## 5.0 Surface Waters Graphic Layout

### 1.12 Hidden Wonders Graphic Layout Mural size 257"x 82"

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# Surface Waters

## One of the Pinelands' greatest resources

One of the best ways to see the Pinelands is by canoeing one of its many rivers and streams. These slow-moving waterways mostly start in the Pinelands and flow out, feeding the marshes and bays of southern New Jersey.

Pinelands rivers attracted settlers to this area. They built dams and waterwheels to operate mills, forges, and furnaces; transported natural resources and products on Pinelands waterways; and established towns and villages near rivers and industrial sites.

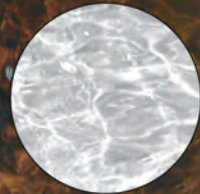


### The aquifer's "back door"

Pinelands surface waters link directly to the Kirkwood-Cohansey aquifer, Southern New Jersey's vast underground water supply. Pollutants like chemicals and fertilizers that drain into surface waters can easily enter the aquifer and contaminate groundwater throughout the region. Likewise, pollution that enters the groundwater from upland sources can travel into wetlands and streams.

### What makes the water so dark?

When plants like cedar trees and Sphagnum Moss soak in standing water, acidic dyes called tannins leach into the water. A similar process and compound gives tea its color. Combined with dissolved iron and organic matter, the tannins make the water very dark.



### Cedar water: dark but sweet

Pinelands tea-colored "cedar water" was naturally good tasting. Sea captains used to fill their casks with it, because it stayed fresh longer than any other water they could find and actually tasted sweet. Today, no surface water is guaranteed drinkable, because it may contain harmful microorganisms.

**Blackbanded Sunfish**



**White Water Lily**



## 5.5 Aquarium

### Rare species survive in acid waters

Pinelands water is too acidic for a lot of common freshwater animals. Some fish can't reproduce in acidic water, and many mollusks and crustaceans need less acidic water to produce their shells. But you will find native frogs, toads, and fishes that thrive in swamps and other acidic waters, plus oodles of damselflies, dragonflies, and whirligig beetles.

**Rich opportunities for recreation**  
You can swim, fish, or watch wildlife in a Pinelands lake or kayak one of its rivers through the wild interior of this vast preserve.



**Skeleton Pond**

This is an example of an intermittent pond — sometimes it is there, sometimes it is not.



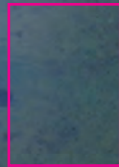
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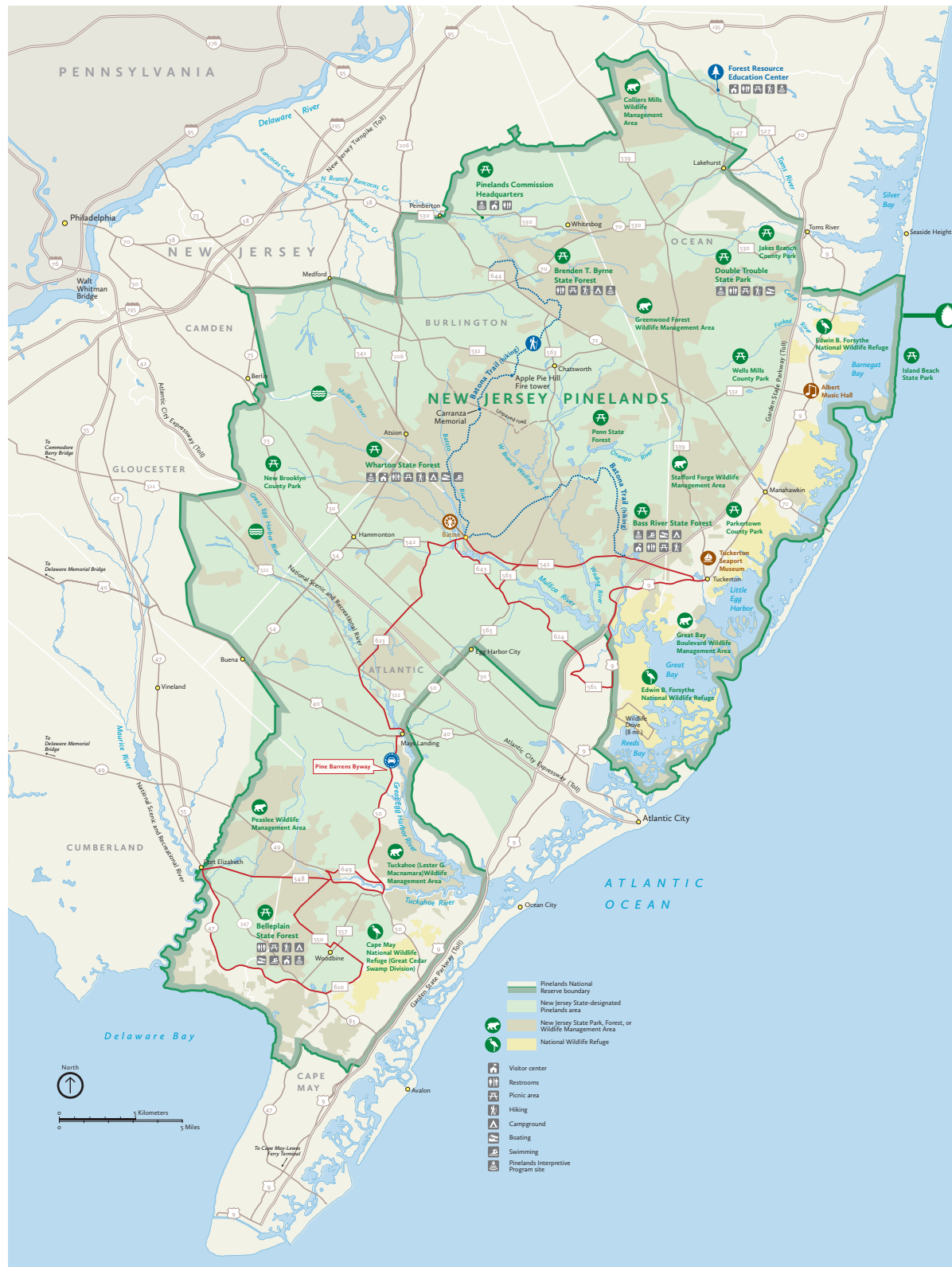
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## 6.6 Ceiling graphic

Graphic Layout Panel size 58"

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## Nature



**Pinelands National Reserve**  
Explore 1.1 million acres of private and public land where rivers, trails, and roads lead to wetlands, dwarf forests, mysterious ruins, and ghost towns.  
Photo: Paul Leakan



**National Wildlife Refuge Areas**  
Observe native and migratory wildlife in a variety of grassland, salt marsh, bog, and coastal habitats.  
Photo: Chris M Morris



**Scenic & Recreational Rivers**  
Accessible by kayak, canoe, or boat, these Pinelands rivers are among America's most pristine.  
Photo: Bill Besette



**State Parks & Forests**  
Walk through former villages and historic landmarks surrounded by pygmy pines and cedar swamps. Camping, mountain biking, horseback riding and cross-country skiing offer year-round outdoor opportunities.  
Photo: iStock



**State Wildlife Management Areas**  
Encounter diverse wild lands where over 43 animals listed as endangered or threatened make this their home. You might see bald eagles, swans, ospreys, river otters or foxes.  
Photo: Les Howard



**County Parks**  
Enjoy open space for picnics, hiking, golfing and scenic views. Programs include music festivals, crafts and environmental education. Jakes Branch is called *The Gateway to the Pines*, and Wells Mills hosts the annual *Pine Barrens Jamboree*.  
Photo: Cathy Antener

## Culture



**Albert Music Hall**  
An institution for over 30 years, and now home to 350-seat concert hall, Albert Hall is the cradle of traditional Pinelands music. Check schedules for performances and weekly jam sessions.



**Historic Villages**  
Visit an active historic village at Batsto or a deserted village in Atsion. Explore the ruins of Harrisville, Weymouth Furnace, and Esterville.  
Photo: Paul Leakan



**Tuckerton Seaport and Baymen's Museum**  
Relive the unique coastal heritage of the Jersey Shore. Observe local craftspeople, boat builders, and live aquatic displays.

## Venture



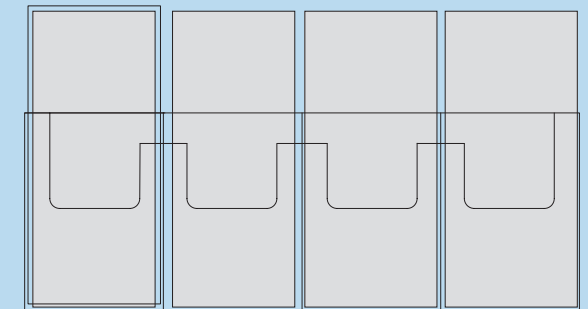
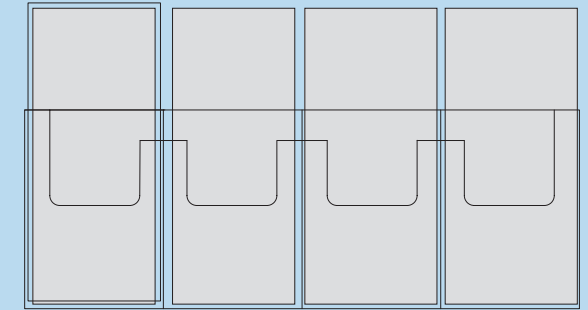
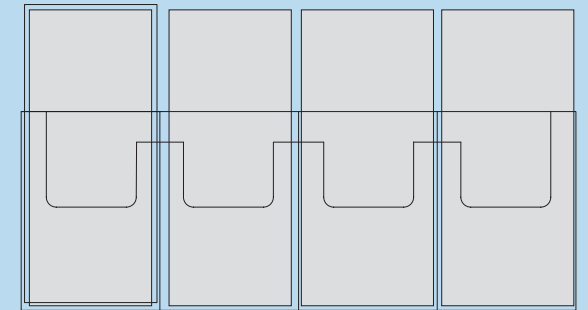
**Batona Trail**  
Winding over 50 miles, this easy trail passes through forests, crosses streams, and connects once bustling historic towns. Don't miss the view from Apple Pie Hill and the history of Batsto Village.  
Photo: Carol Cawfel



**Forest Resource Education Center**  
Explore the forests and learn about wildlife through indoor and outdoor exhibits, and environmental education programs.  
Photo: USFS



**Pine Barrens Byway**  
Drive 130 miles through the undiscovered pure scenic beauty and historic heritage of the Pinelands from Batsto and Tuckerton in the north to Dennisville and Port Elizabeth in the south.  
Photo: Dustin Farnum



## *Blackbanded Sunfish*

The majority of Pinelands fish species are found in the richly vegetated, quiet backwaters of streams and rivers.

Many are common throughout the state of New Jersey, but one such species—the Blackbanded Sunfish—is found only in Pinelands habitats.

**5.51 Changeable Aquarium label** size 6" x 9.25"

## *Pine Barrens Treefrog*

You can hear this tiny, beautiful symbol of the Pinelands calling loudly from its breeding areas around shallow temporary pools in the late spring. Unlike most amphibians, it thrives in acidic environments like the Pinelands' cedar swamps. It's protected in New Jersey because its habitat is so limited. The only other populations are in the Sandhills of the Carolinas and the Florida panhandle.

**4.42 Changeable Terrarium label** size 6" x 9.25"

## *Lenape Basket*

Reproduction of a typical Lenape basket woven by Mary Carty from the Pinelands Folk Music & Basketry Center.

**3.6 Basket label** size 4" x 4"