



# *Pinelands Commissioners*

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**New Jersey Pinelands Commission**  
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*The Pinelands Commission is comprised of 15 Commissioners - 7 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. The gubernatorial appointees are subject to the review and consent of the NJ Senate. Members of the Commission serve staggered three-year terms and are uncompensated for their service. Commissioners devote significant personal time to their Pinelands duties. The full Commission meets monthly. Additionally, like many legislative bodies, the Commission is divided into various committees, which also meet monthly. Members typically serve on two committees each. There are also regular public meetings ranging from public hearings on specific development projects and regulatory issues to forums and panel discussions on topical issues. Each of these responsibilities may require many hours of review and preparation, meetings with other agencies and stakeholders and consultation with Pinelands staff. To follow are brief biographical sketches of all of the Commissioners.*

**Mark S. Lohbauer, Chairman** -- A resident of Pennsauken, Mr. Lohbauer joined the Pinelands Commission in July 2011. Since 2004, Lohbauer has been a principal of JGSC Group, a retail market-making firm that 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. 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.

**Candace McKee Ashmun** -- Ms. Ashmun has served as a member of the Pinelands Commission since its creation in 1979. She has also served on the State Planning Commission and as Executive Director and three-term President of the Association of New Jersey Environmental Commissions. Ms. Ashmun is a trustee of the Coalition for Affordable Housing and the Environment and Vice President of the Board of the Fund for New Jersey. At the local level, she has served on the Bedminster Board of Education, Board of Adjustment and Environmental Commission, and served as Vice Chair of the Far Hills Planning Board. A private consultant to nonprofit organizations, Ms. Ashmun has received numerous awards, including the American Planning Association Distinguished Leadership Award.

**William J. Brown** -- Mr. Brown has represented Cape May County on the Commission since 1981. A licensed insurance agent, real estate broker and certified real estate appraiser, Mr. Brown is the president of the William J. Brown Agency, Inc., a real estate and insurance firm in Marmora. He is the former mayor of Upper Township and currently serves as a member of the community's planning board. Mr. Brown is past Director and President of 1st National Bank of Tuckahoe, and past member and President of the Cape May County Board of Taxation. A World War II Navy veteran, Mr. Brown is retired from 25 years of service as an Engineer at the Woodbine State School. He currently serves as Vice President of Jersey Cape Diagnostic Training and Opportunity Center.

**Sean W. Earlen** -- Mr. Earlen has served as Burlington County's representative on the Commission since August 2011. A resident of Lumberton, Mr. Earlen is the Director of Real Estate & Acquisitions for Constructural Dynamics, Inc. of Fairless Hills, PA. He is involved in overseeing the company's land-use functions as well as its manufacturing and industrial locations in New Jersey and Pennsylvania. He coordinated the sale of 950 acres to the States Green Acres program, has managed the company's 3,200-acre Forest Stewardship Program, which includes approximately 1,000 Pinelands acres, and is responsible for promoting programs that promote wildlife habitat on company-owned woodlands in Eagleswood and Stafford. Earlen holds a bachelor's in business administration from Delaware Valley College in Doylestown.

**Leslie M. Ficcaglia** -- Representing Cumberland County since 1996, Ms. Ficcaglia served as a member of the Maurice River Township Planning Board for almost twenty years, including seven as Chair. She was Vice-Chair of the Cumberland County Planning Board until 2007, and is currently a member of the County Tourism Council, trustee of the Citizens United to Protect the Maurice River and its Tributaries, and sits on the Delaware Bayshores Advisory Council of The Nature Conservancy. Mrs. Ficcaglia is a past trustee for the Association of NJ Environmental Commissions and heads her township's environmental committee. She also received the 2003 federal Environmental Protection Agency's Region 2 Environmental Quality Award for Individuals for contributions to the protection of natural resources in the Southern New Jersey Delaware Bayshores Region and Pinelands Reserve. A professional portrait artist and retired psychologist, she was active in the City of Millville's downtown revitalization project. There, she was the founding chair on the board of the Riverfront Renaissance Center for the Arts. She has a bachelor's degree from New York University and a master's degree from Western Washington University in Bellingham, Washington.

**Paul E. Galletta** -- A lifelong resident of Hammonton, Mr. Galletta began serving as Atlantic County's representative on the Pinelands Commission in April 2007. Mr. Galletta is the owner and director of the Atlantic Blueberry Company, the largest cultivated blueberry farm in the United States. He is a member of the Atlantic County Board of Agriculture, the Atlantic County Parks and Environment Advisory Commission, the New Jersey Beekeepers Advisory Board, the New Jersey Farm Bureau, the North American Blueberry Council, the U.S. High Bush Blueberry Council and the New Jersey Blueberry Advisory Council. Additionally, he was a member of Governor Chris Christie's transition team for Agriculture. Mr. Galletta is the past chairman of the Hammonton Parks and Recreation Commission, and he is a member of the Hammonton Lake Water Quality Committee and the Hammonton Environmental Commission. He helped organize and is a current member of H.O.P.E. (Hammonton Organized for a Positive Environment), and he is vice president of the Hammonton Italian Sons and Daughters' board of trustees. Mr. Galletta was active in many youth sports programs in Hammonton.

**John Haas** -- Representing Ocean County on the Pinelands Commission since December 2005, Mr. Haas has served as the District Recycling Coordinator in Ocean County for the past 20 years. A resident of Seaside Park, Ocean County, Mr. Haas has worked in the Ocean County Department of Planning and Solid Waste Management for the past 25 years. He also has experience as a former member of the Borough Council, Board of Education and Planning Board in Seaside Park. Mr. Haas served on the steering committee of the ad hoc committee to preserve Cedar Creek and co-authored the committee's report. The report was instrumental in the effort that resulted in the preservation of the Cedar Creek watershed. In 2005, the Solid Waste Management Association of North America recognized Ocean County for having the best recycling program in North America. Mr. Haas holds a bachelors of science degree in biology from Monmouth University and a masters of arts degree in environmental education from Rowan University. He serves on the Board of Directors of the Association of New Jersey Recyclers.

**Richard L. Harris** -- A resident of Philadelphia, Mr. Harris began serving as the U.S. Secretary of the Interior's appointee on the Commission in 2011. Mr. Harris is the Associate Regional Director of Natural Resources and Science for the Northeast Region of the National Park Service (NPS). He began his federal career in Wilderness Management with the U.S. Forest Service in 1976, and he joined the NPS in 1983 as a vegetation restoration team leader at Mount Rainier National Park. He has held resource management positions at numerous national parks in the western U.S. and was the recipient of the U.S. Department of the Interior's Superior Service Award in 2006. Harris joined the NPS' Northeast Region in 2008, and he manages a staff of 150 natural resource and recreation professionals. Mr. Harris holds undergraduate and graduate degrees in Natural Resources Management and Public Policy from Oregon State University.

**Robert Jackson** -- A resident of Middle Township in Cape May County, Robert Jackson joined the Commission as a gubernatorial appointee in June 2008. Mr. Jackson served as the Mayor of West Cape May from 2001-2005. He is currently the Legal Redress Chairman of the Cape May County National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) and is the President of the Board of Cape Human Resources. In addition, he is a member of the New Jersey Natural Areas Council. An avid surf fisherman, Mr. Jackson has a background in marine environmental studies and is a former owner of a surf fishing center.

**Edward Lloyd** -- Mr. Lloyd joined the Commission as a gubernatorial appointee in 2002. Possessing a strong background in New Jersey environmental law, Mr. Lloyd is Clinical Professor of Environmental Law at Columbia Law School. He previously served for 15 years as Director of the Rutgers University Environmental Law Clinic. Mr. Lloyd is General Counsel and past Executive Director of the New Jersey Public Interest Research Group. He has served on the New Jersey Supreme Court Committee on Environmental Litigation, and has testified before Congressional and legislative committees on issues including energy conservation, solar power, clean water standards and regulations, freedom of information, water supply planning and conservation, and solid waste. A graduate of Princeton University, Mr. Lloyd holds a Juris Doctor from the University of Wisconsin.

**Edward McGlinchey** -- Mr. McGlinchey has served as Camden County's representative on the Commission since August 2010. Mr. McGlinchey has served as Winslow Township's Public Works Manager since 1979 and as the township's Zoning Officer since 1982. As the Manager of Public Works, Mr. McGlinchey oversees a staff of approximately 40 employees who maintain the township's roads, bridges, vehicles, parks and playgrounds and are responsible for trash pickup and snow removal. He also serves as the township's coordinator for safety, recycling, stormwater management and clean communities. Mr. McGlinchey is also Winslow's liaison to the Pinelands Municipal Council. He served as the Secretary of the Pinelands Municipal Council from 2004-2006, and he currently serves on the Pinelands Development Credit Bank Board of Directors, the Camden County Agriculture Development Board and the Diocese of Camden Real Estate Review Committee. Mr. McGlinchey graduated from Camden Catholic High School and served in the United States Navy Seabees from 1968-1972.

**Gary Quinn** -- Mr. Quinn joined the Commission on July 2011. Currently the Mayor of Lacey, Mr. Quinn has served on the Township Committee since 2003. He is the President and Owner of Eastport Builders, a real estate development company that specializes in developing single-family residential developments, multi-family senior housing and commercial site plans throughout southern Ocean County. A longtime member of the Lacey Township Chamber of Commerce, Quinn serves on the Ocean County Workforce Development Committee and the Lacey Planning Board, as well as the township's Municipal Alliance and Economic Development Committee. He holds a bachelor's degree in environmental studies from Ramapo College.

**D'Arcy Rohan Green** -- Ms. Rohan Green joined the Commission in July 2011. A resident of Bay Head, Rohan Green currently serves on the Bay Head Borough Council and is a former member of the Borough's Environmental Commission and Planning Board. A former dune consultant/inspector and former newspaper reporter/columnist, Rohan Green serves on the Board of Directors for Save Barnegat Bay and is an advisory member of Clean Ocean Action and the New Jersey Environmental Federation. She holds a bachelor's degree in English from New York University.

**Francis A. Witt** -- Francis Witt began serving as Gloucester County's representative on the Commission in February 2004. He is a Partner in the firm of Joseph F. McKernan Architects and Associates in Cherry Hill, where he also serves as Treasurer and Marketing Principal. A licensed Real Estate Agent for over 30 years, he has represented a host of US and international companies as a consultant. Mr. Witt has a long career in public service. He served for 16 years as Mayor of the Borough of National Park and, prior to that, served eight years on Borough Council. He is past Vice President of the New Jersey League of Municipalities and past President of the Gloucester County Mayors' Association. Mr. Witt served 15 years on the Board of the Gloucester County Utilities Authority, including as Director and Chairman, and on the board of the Gloucester County Solid Waste Council. Additionally, he is active in a number of civic, business, church and governmental organizations.

## **The Executive Director**

*Nancy Wittenberg* -- A resident of Toms River, Wittenberg began serving as the Commission's Executive Director in January 2011. She previously served as the Assistant Commissioner of Climate and Environmental Compliance for the NJ Department of Environmental Protection (DEP). There, she oversaw statewide programs covering air quality permitting and planning, climate change, energy, solid and hazardous waste planning and regulation, pollution prevention, radiation prevention, nuclear safety, and pollution and release prevention. She also served as the Director of Environmental Affairs for the New Jersey Builders Association and has extensive experience in previous high-level positions at the DEP. Wittenberg holds a master's degree in Environmental Engineering from Duke University and a bachelor's degree in Biology from the University of Vermont.