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Pinelands Commission Opens New Round of Land Conservation Funding

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NEW LISBON, N.J. – The New Jersey Pinelands Commission is pleased to announce a new round of permanent land preservation grants from the Pinelands Conservation Fund (PCF).

The Commission has designated a total of \$750,000 from the PCF Land Acquisition Program to fund the acquisition of lands in the Pinelands Area that feature significant ecological, cultural, historical and/or agricultural values.

To date, the PCF Land Acquisition Program has contributed more than \$8 million toward 33 land preservation projects in the Pinelands Area, resulting in the permanent protection of approximately 7,700 acres. Projects have been completed in all seven Pinelands counties and in 19 different Pinelands Area municipalities.

Counties, municipalities and non-profit organizations working in the Pinelands Area are invited to submit applications for grant funds to support land acquisition projects for conservation purposes. Applications for funding will be evaluated based on several ranking criteria that focus on resource values, project feasibility and the threat of development. Applications for projects located within one of several pre-designated priority allocation areas will be given precedence. Those applications ultimately approved for funding will receive grants of up to 33.3% of the total project cost.

The application submission deadline is September 30, 2015. The application form and supporting documentation are available on the Commission's website under the Pinelands Conservation Fund page (<http://www.nj.gov/pinelands/landuse/perm/pcf/#2>).

To request additional information regarding the PCF Land Acquisition Program's project criteria, scope and eligibility, please contact Robyn A. Jeney of the New Jersey Pinelands Commission at robyn.jeney@njpines.state.nj.us or (609) 894-7300, extension 138.

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