







CONSIDERATION OF WETLANDS

Wetlands are valuable ecosystems where the land is regularly saturated with water for an extended period of time. There are a variety of types of wetlands, including bogs, marshes and swamps.

All wetlands have three essential characteristics in common: water, saturated soils and specially-adapted plants.

The freshwater aquifers beneath the Pine Barrens provide drinking water for residents of southern New Jersey. The shallow Kirkwood-Cohansey Aquifer provides ninety percent of the water in streams, rivers and wetlands. Water in this aquifer often occurs less than a few feet beneath ground surface and directly supplies water to the trees, shrubs and plants some of which are rare, threatened and endangered.







