



Pinelands Conservation Fund Land Acquisition Program



PCF Land Acquisition Program

Funding sources:

- **2004 MOA** with NJ Board of Public Utilities for electric transmission line improvements in PAD and FA
- **2006 CMP Amendment** to authorize Cape May Landfill expansion
- **2008 MOA** to authorize Garden State Parkway widening



Above: Conectiv transmission line through forested area

Below: Trail on 699 acre Cologne Avenue property

Photos by Paul Leakan, NJPC

PCF Land Acquisition Totals, to date

Round	Acreage	Grants Paid	# Projects
1 (2007)	2,426.48	\$2,845,612.00	8
2 (2008)	334.82	\$471,868.00	6
3 (2009)	167.70	\$368,775.00	3
4 (2010A)	290.22	\$350,458.20	5
5 (2010B)	3,437.77	\$3,896,398.20	5
6 (2012)	745.23	\$424,889.44	3
Cape May County	270.47	\$200,000.00	2
GSP	30.17	\$146,958.16	2
7 (2015)	487.31	\$243,500.00	3
Grand Total	8,190.17	\$8,948,459.00	36

Current PCF Land Acquisition Account

- **\$506,500** remaining in FY2017 budget allocation
- More land remains to be preserved!



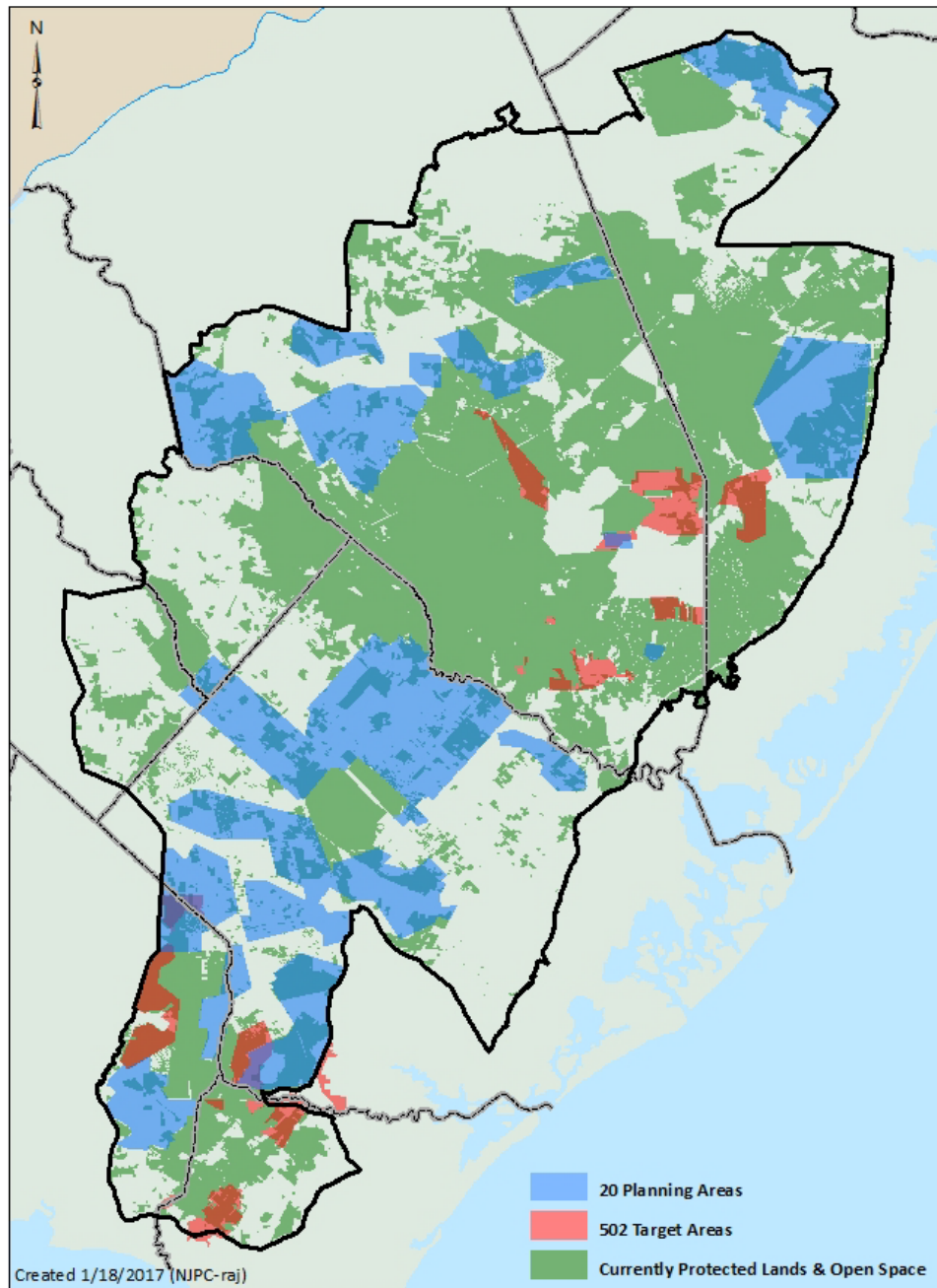
*Autumn view of the 203 acre Wollman property
Medford & Shamong townships, Burlington County
Photo by Paul Leakan, NJPC*

Proposed 2017 PCF Land Acquisition Program



*Fowler's toad on the 75 acre Maple Root River property
Jackson Township, Ocean County – Photo by Paul Leakan, NJPC*

- Dedicate **\$500,000** to new acquisition round
- **Priority allocation areas:**
 - Section 502 Target Areas (**±12,600 acres** remaining unpreserved)
 - 20 Planning Areas (**±118,400 acres** remaining unpreserved)
 - Ocean County Forest Area
 - Must be approved by P&I Committee
- **Contingency projects:**
 - Outside of priority allocation areas
 - Must be approved by full Commission



Section 502 Target Areas & 20 Planning Areas

- **Section 502 of 1978 National Parks and Recreation Act** required identification of land acquisition target areas featuring “**critical ecological values which are in immediate danger of being adversely affected or destroyed**”
- Commission staff analyzed remaining vacant lands and identified **20 planning areas** as being **exceptionally sensitive to development and disturbance**
- Together, these areas form the **priority allocation areas** for the Commission’s land acquisition efforts

Proposed 2017 PCF Land Acquisition Program

- Allocations up to 33.3% of certified fair market value
- Use same “higher standards of readiness” to ensure feasibility
- Use same deed of conservation restriction language



*Meadowbeauty on the 2,762 acre Lenape Farms property
Photo by Paul Leakan, NJPC*

Proposed 2017 PCF Land Acquisition Program

New area of focus:

- Address illegal **off-road vehicle impacts** to environmentally significant properties
- Site may be administratively protected from development (i.e. deed restriction) but **not actively managed** for protection from other impacts
- Site must still be **privately owned** and not managed by current land owner
- Future land owner must demonstrate **how impacts will be addressed**



*Sandy pine barrens trail on the 475 acre Zemel property
Photo by Paul Leakan, NJPC*

Proposed 2017 PCF Land Acquisition Program

- Grant administration
 - Commission staff
- Application distribution
- Project evaluation matrix
 - Project size
 - Habitat quality
 - Project feasibility
 - **Off-road vehicle damage threat, etc.**
- Site visits
- Grant recommendations
- Follow-up and closure



*The 163 acre Jackson Land LLC property in the Toms River Corridor
Jackson Township, Ocean County – Photo by Paul Leakan, NJPC*

Proposed PCF Timing

- **Early April 2017:**
Commission announces
2017 PCF grant availability
- **May 31 2017:** 2017 PCF
grant applications due
- Staff reviews and evaluates
applications
- **July 28 2017:** Staff presents
projects recommended for
PCF allocations to P&I
Committee



*Open field on 699 acre Cologne Avenue property
Photo by Paul Leakan, NJPC*

Committee Authorization?



Does the Committee authorize the initiation of this new round of PCF land acquisition grant funding?

*Mossy wetland on 415 acre Bear Swamp Headwaters property
Photo by Paul Leakan, NJPC*

