



Pinelands Conservation Fund Land Acquisition Program

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PCF 2017 Round of Applications

- **April 4 2017:** Commission announced grant availability to eligible entities
- **May 31 2017:** 2017 PCF grant applications due
- Staff reviewed and evaluated applications
 - Using authorized evaluation criteria
 - Including site visits
- **June 30 2017:** Staff presents projects recommended for PCF allocations to P&I Committee for approval

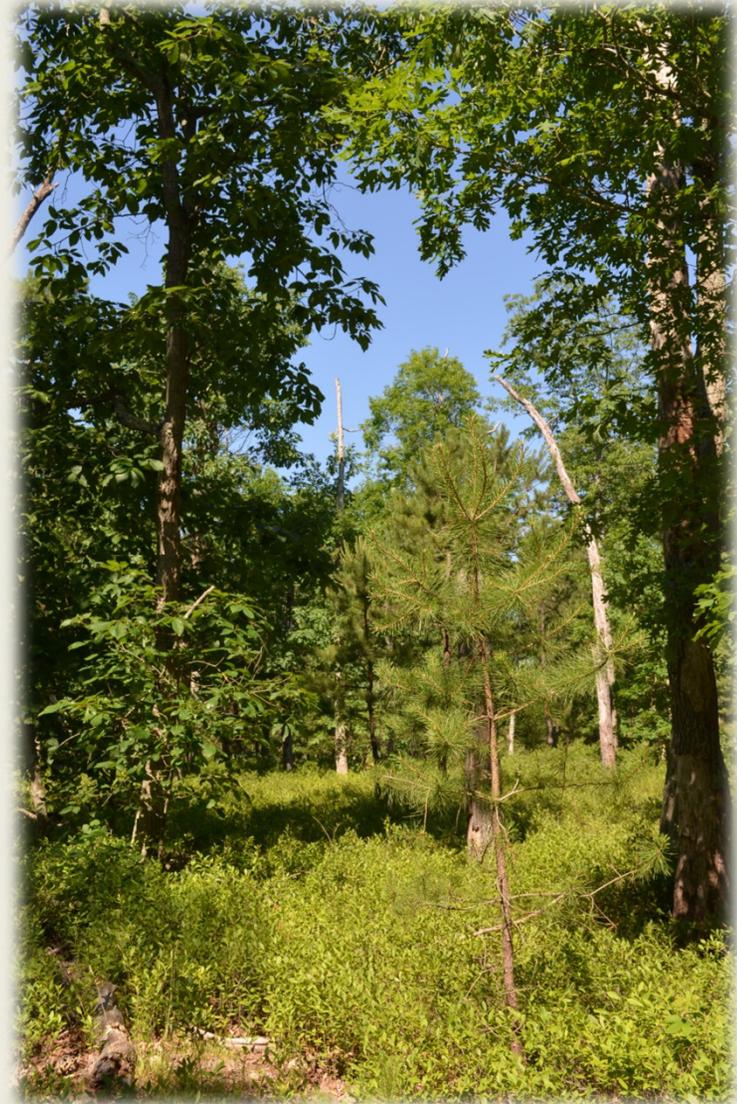


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Submitted Applications

8 applications submitted:

🌲 **OCNLT, Ocean County – 5**

🌲 **NJCF, Burlington County – 1**

🌲 **Rancocas Conservancy,
Burlington County – 1**

🌲 **TPL, Burlington County – 1**



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Evaluation Criteria

- Project size
- Contiguity with other permanently protected lands
- Habitat quality
- Protection of headwaters
- ORV damage threat & planned stewardship
- Project feasibility



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Today's Recommendations

Following the Committee's approval to allocate funds, a **December 1, 2017** deadline will be imposed to:

- 🌲 Complete appraisals
- 🌲 Obtain certification of fair market value
- 🌲 Sign contract with landowner; and
- 🌲 Execute grant agreement.

Deadline extensions are permissible, with the Committee's approval.



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If the Committee agrees, one project requires grant approval by the full Pinelands Commission, due to its location outside of a pre-designated target area.



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PCF Closed Session



Pine barren gentian (*Gentiana autumnalis*) remains closed on a cloudy day.

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Closed session is necessary to afford confidentiality to proposed projects while landowners and potential buyers negotiate a contract.



PCF Open Session



Pine barren gentian (*Gentiana autumnalis*) opens in the sunlight.

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Summary of Closed Session

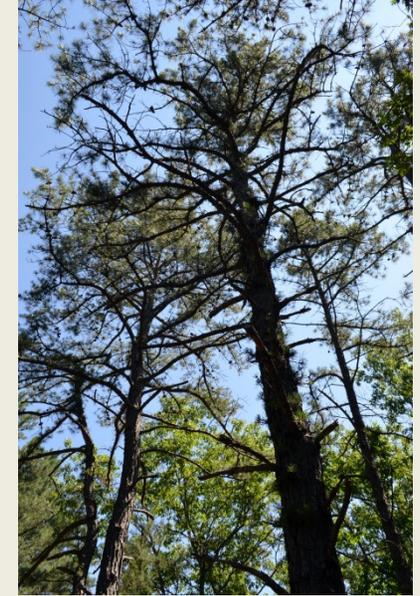
- 8 projects were reviewed
- **3 allocations** approved:
 - 🌲 1 in Burlington County
 - 🌲 2 in Ocean County
- Deadline of **December 1, 2017** to:
 - 🌲 Complete appraisals
 - 🌲 Obtain certification of fair market value
 - 🌲 Sign contract with landowner
 - 🌲 Execute grant agreement
- **1 project** recommended to full Commission for grant allocation



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2017 PCF Available Funds



Initial funds available: **\$500,000**

Allocation Area	Allocated	Paid	Acres
Forked River Mtns	\$ 54,363	--	44
Ocean Co. Forest	\$209,970	--	100
Sooy Place Road	\$169,000	--	457
Contingency	\$ 66,667	--	200
Total	\$500,000	\$--	801



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Thank you!



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