



New Jersey Pinelands Commission **PRESS RELEASE**

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Three new gubernatorial appointees join New Jersey Pinelands Commission

NEW LISBON, N.J. – The New Jersey Pinelands Commission welcomed three new gubernatorial appointees who participated in their first regular meeting today.

New Commissioners D'Arcy Rohan Green of Bay Head, Ocean County, Mark S. Lohbauer of Pennsauken, Camden County and Gary Quinn of Lacey Township, Ocean County, took the oath of office as members of the agency's 15-member board. Candace McKee Ashmun, a resident of Basking Ridge, Somerset County, who has served on the Commission since its inception in 1979, was also sworn in.

Gov. Chris Christie nominated Rohan Green, Lohbauer, Quinn and Ashmun to serve three-year terms on the panel. The New Jersey Senate approved all four appointments in late June.

"New Jersey's foresight in saving such ecologically sensitive areas as the Pinelands will help to ensure a sustainable future for the entire state," said Ashmun, who is the Commission's Acting Chair. "I'm pleased that the Governor saw fit to reappoint me, as much important work lies ahead. I welcome the new Commissioners and look forward to working with them to safeguard this special area."

Rohan Green fills a seat on the Commission that was held by the Rev. Dr. Guy Campbell Jr., who resigned in 2010. She 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.

"I am tremendously honored and privileged to be appointed by Governor Christie to serve on the Pinelands Commission," Green said. "We live in very challenging times when the threat of overdevelopment is greater than ever, and so preserving our natural resources is increasingly critical. Since its inception, the Pinelands Commission has played a vital role in protecting our precious Pine Barrens. I am looking forward to the work ahead."

Lohbauer replaces Judith Y. Link, who had served on the Commission since 2009. 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

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of alternatives to waste incineration. He holds a Juris Doctor degree from Rutgers University.

"I'm very excited about this opportunity, and I look forward to joining the Commissioners and becoming a part of this tradition of preserving the water and the unique flora and fauna of the Pinelands," Lohbauer said.

Quinn fills a seat on the Commission that was held by Lloyd Henderson, Jr., who resigned in January 2011. Currently the Mayor of Lacey, he 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.

"The Pinelands has always been something that I have a deep-rooted interest in," Quinn said. "It's one of New Jersey's most valuable resources. I think the Commission over the years has done an outstanding job. I look forward to learning and becoming a part of the team. I hope that my background brings a little more balance to the Commission and that my contributions can be positive."

The Pinelands Commission oversees land-use, development and natural resource protection programs in the million-acre Pinelands Area, which covers portions of Atlantic, Burlington, Camden, Cape May, Cumberland, Gloucester and Ocean counties. The Commission consists of 15 members: seven 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. Members of the Commission serve staggered, three-year terms and do not receive compensation for their service.

*****ATTENTION REPORTERS/EDITORS:** To receive high-resolution photos of the new Commission members being sworn in, please contact Paul Leakan at (609) 894-7300, ext. 124.



From left: Gary Quinn, D'Arcy Rohan Green, Deputy Attorney General Jean Reilly, Candace Ashmun and Mark S. Lohbauer.