



# Forestry Policies Review Project Summary

## 1. PROJECT ISSUE:

Recent forestry activity within the Pinelands Management Areas has prompted the reconsideration of those provisions of the Implementation Element of the Comprehensive Management Plan that address Forestry (Subchapter 6. Management Programs and Minimum Standards, Part IV – Forestry, 7:50-6.41 through 6.50). The goal of the project is to maintain forestry as a viable land use while ensuring that harvesting, land preparation, and reforestation practices conducted within the Pinelands are consistent with the Pinelands Commission’s legislative mandate to maintain the Pinelands environment, in accordance with the Pinelands Protection Act.

## 2. PROJECT OBJECTIVE:

The objective of this Forest Policies Review project is to:

1. Review, clarify and refine the Forestry provisions where such refinements are deemed necessary
2. Reactivate the Forestry Advisory Committee

## 3. PROJECT PROCESS:

The first step of this project is to re-establish the Forestry Advisory Committee. Staff will then work with the Committee to identify those portions of the CMP Forestry regulations that require revision or clarification. Staff will work with the Committee to draft revised regulations where such changes are deemed appropriate. In addition, the Committee will consider any needed modifications to the Commission’s forestry policies (e.g. thresholds for application review, private vs. public forestry review, etc.). Committee recommendations will eventually be submitted to the Commission for consideration and adoption. The review of forestry policies is expected to take approximately 9 months to complete. The project schedule includes periodic updates to the Policy and Implementation Committee.

## 4. PROPOSED FOREST ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP:

Consistent with Resolution # PC4-99-94 amending the composition and clarifying the role of the Pinelands Forestry Advisory Committee

<b>Organization</b>
Environmental Consulting Community (1-2)
Forestry Academic Community (1-2)
NJDEP Forestry Services (1)
NJDEP (2)
Conservation Group (1-2)
Consulting Foresters (1-2)
Public at Large (1-2)