



New Jersey Pinelands Commission **PRESS RELEASE**

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Robert Jackson of Cape May County joins the Pinelands Commission as a new gubernatorial representative

NEW LISBON, N.J. – The New Jersey Pinelands Commission welcomed Robert Jackson of Middle Township, Cape May County as he attended his first meeting today as a new member of the Commission.

Governor Jon S. Corzine nominated Jackson to fill one of seven gubernatorial seats on the Commission, and the nomination was approved by the state Senate on Thursday.

After attending his first Commission meeting, Jackson said he was impressed by the complexity of the matters that the Commission considers in overseeing land-use, development and natural resource protection in the million-acre Pinelands Area of southern New Jersey.

“A lot of people don’t realize how complex this is, and I’m impressed by the Commission’s balance,” Jackson said. “I look forward to learning more and seeing how I can fit in.”

Jackson served as the Mayor of West Cape May from 2001-2005. He is currently the Legal Redress Chairman of the Cape May County National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) and is the President of the Board of Cape Human Resources. In addition, he is a member of the New Jersey Natural Areas Council. An avid surf fisherman, Jackson has a background in marine environmental studies and is a former owner of a surf fishing center.

Jackson fills a gubernatorial seat previously held by Robert Hagaman of Mullica Township, Atlantic County. A former Mayor of Mullica Township, Atlantic County, Hagaman joined the Commission in December 2002.

The Pinelands 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 EDITORS:** A digital photo of Commissioner Jackson can be obtained by contacting Paul Leakan at (609) 894-7300. Please see photo on the next page.

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Above: Robert Jackson is greeted by Pinelands Commission Chairperson Betty Wilson during the Commission's meeting.

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