

Natural Area Management Plans

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The Natural Areas and Natural Areas System Rules at [N.J.A.C 7:5A-1.8](#) require that a management plan be prepared for each Natural Area in the Natural Areas System (System). The primary purpose of a management plan is to describe the natural features of the area and prescribe management practices and public uses to ensure preservation in accordance with the management objective of the natural area. Management plans are reviewed by the Natural Areas Council before they are presented to the Commissioner of the Department of Environmental Protection for approval. An approved management plan may supersede the general interim management practices listed at N.J.A.C. 7:5A-1.9 if the Commissioner determines, through his or her approval of the management plan, that the practices in the management plan more specifically address the requirements of the management objective for that area.

To date, management plans have been approved for 20 of the 44 Natural Areas that currently comprise the System. Click on the Natural Area name in the table below to view or download the approved management plan.

Natural Area Name	Date Approved	Date Amended
Allamuchy	5/24/89	1/2/01
Bear Swamp East	8/11/88	
Bull's Island	5/4/92	
Cape May Point	2/27/86	
Cedar Swamp	2/1/93	
Cheesequake	5/29/85	12/20/85; 10/2/89
Dryden Kuser	1/17/95	10/16/95
Farny	6/6/94	
Hacklebarney	6/22/88	
Island Beach Northern	10/11/85	
Oswego River	6/19/95	
Parvin	12/4/95	
Rancocas	9/8/98	
Readington	8/11/88	
Richard J. Sullivan (Liberty Park)	6/22/88	
Strathmere	12/21/92	
Swimming River	10/21/91	
Tillman Ravine	4/14/86	
Washington Crossing	6/6/94	
Wawayanda Hemlock Ravine	4/7/97	