

## Remedial Priority System

# Ecological Health Layers Pinelands

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#### **Ecological Receptor Layers**

The Ecological Receptor Layers developed by the Department are:

- Pinelands,
- Highlands,
- Water Bodies (Surface Water Quality Standards),
- Natural Heritage,
- Landscape Habitats and Animals,
- Other Freshwater Wetlands,
- Salt Water Marsh





#### Derived Layer based on population

- Reason for Inclusion: The Pinelands is an internationally important ecological region occupies 22% of New Jersey's land area
- Source Layers:
  - Pinelands
    - Basis for layer: Outline of the Pinelands that was established in accordance with the Pinelands Protection Act of 1979
  - Pinelands Management Areas
    - Basis for layer: The Pinelands Management Area Boundaries data is made up of polygons representing the Pinelands Management Area Boundaries in Southern New Jersey



#### Cell Values:

 The cell values were established to give weight to more critical and sensitive ecological receptors. Values were created to reflect interrelationships between this layer and all other Ecological Receptor Layers.

Pinelands Ecological Health Layers	
Pinelands Management Area	Cell Value
Pinelands Town, Pinelands Village, Regional Growth Area	200
Rural Development Area	400
Agricultural Production Area	600
Federal or Military Facility, Forest Area, Special Agricultural Production Area	800
Preservation Area	1000

#### Calculation Method:

All cells that are within the ground water Extent Area are summed.



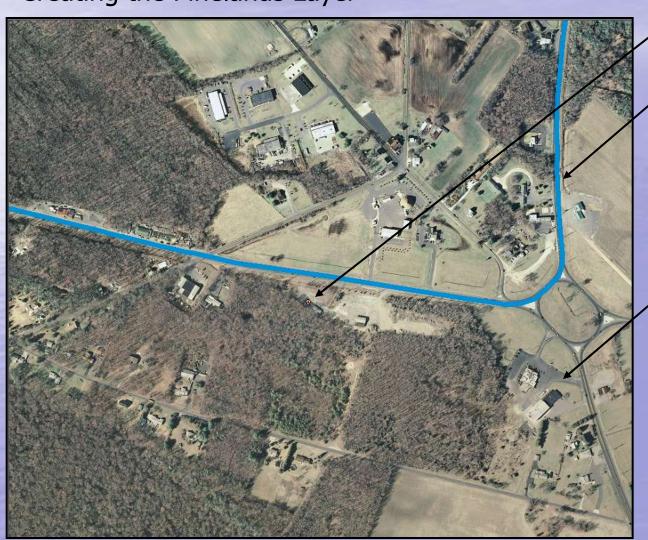


 The following is the method used to create the Pinelands GIS layer





Creating the Pinelands Layer



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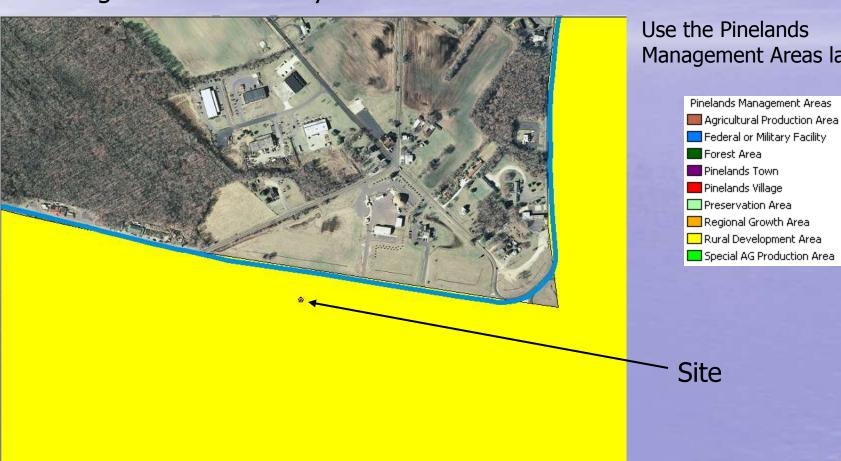
Pinelands boundary

Pinelands Management Area





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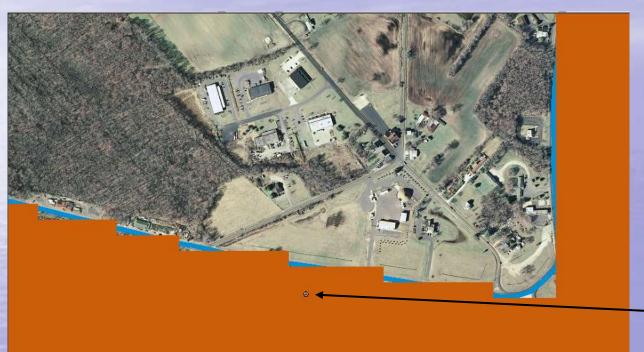


Management Areas layer





#### Creating the Pinelands Layer



Convert vectors into Raster (100 by 100 grid) and assign the appropriate values to each cell.

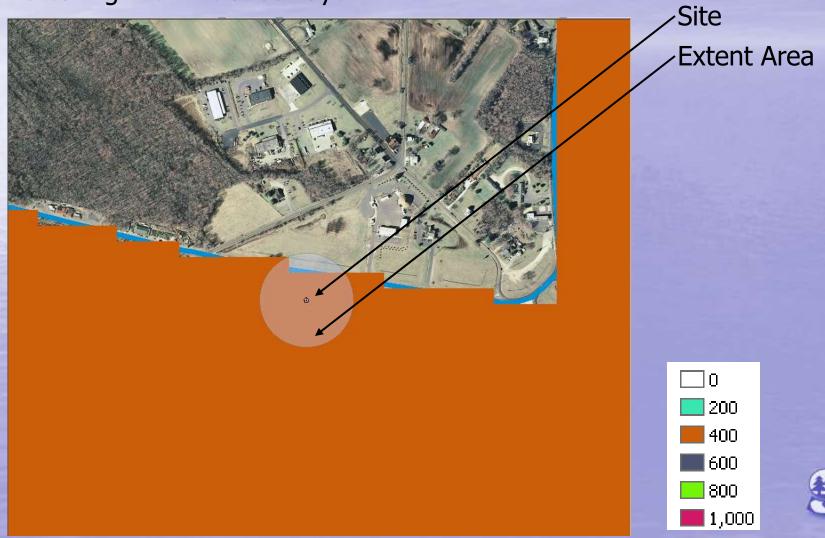
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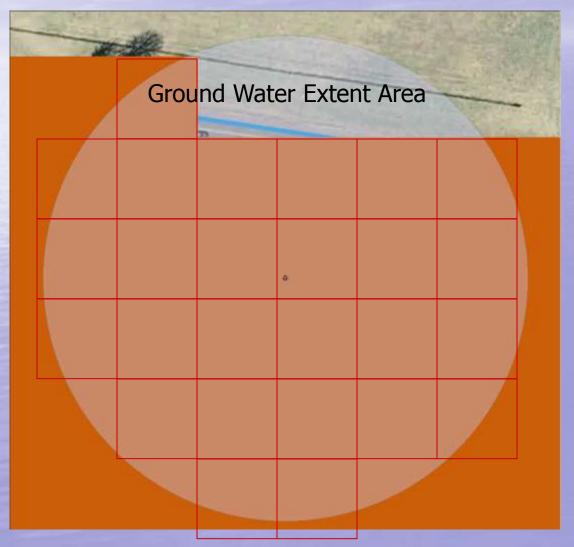
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Zoom in

Sum up all cell values that are within the Extent Area

cell value = 400

Cells within area = 26

Final Score = 10,400







- A Pinelands Layer is created for the entire state.
- The following is the layer used to calculate the Pinelands Receptor Layer Score.



