

New Jersey Pinelands Commission

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New Jersey Pinelands Commission Seeking Executive Director

NEW LISBON, N.J. – The New Jersey Pinelands Commission has started its search for an Executive Director.

The Commission's 15-member board appoints the agency's Executive Director according to the provisions of the state <u>Pinelands Protection Act</u>. Chairman Richard Prickett appointed a five-member Search Committee in accordance with the Commission's By-Laws after consulting with the Commission at its August 13, 2021 meeting. The agency has posted detailed information about the job description, qualifications, salary and benefits, and application information on its website. To review the job posting, please click <u>here</u>.

The Pinelands Commission is an independent state agency charged with protecting the 938,000-acre state Pinelands Area, which includes parts or all of 53 municipalities in Atlantic, Burlington, Camden, Cape May, Cumberland, Gloucester, and Ocean counties. The Commission is governed by a 15-member board that consists of state, county and federal appointees who volunteer their time and expertise.

The Commission's Executive Director is responsible for the daily operations of the Commission and its staff of approximately 40 planners, scientists, environmental reviewers, educators, and other support staff.

Nancy Wittenberg served as the Commission's Executive Director from January 3, 2011 until her passing on June 24, 2021. Prior to her passing, Ms. Wittenberg took a leave of absence and designated Susan R. Grogan, the Commission's Planning Director, as the Acting Executive Director. The Commission's Chairman has since designated Ms. Grogan to continue to serve as the agency's Acting Executive Director until the 15-member board acts on the position.

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