Pinelands Conservation Fund
Land Acquisition Program
PCF 2017 Round of Applications

• **April 4 2017**: Commission announced grant availability to eligible entities

• **May 31 2017**: 2017 PCF grant applications due

• Staff reviewed and evaluated applications
  → Using authorized evaluation criteria
  → Including site visits

• **June 30 2017**: Staff presents projects recommended for PCF allocations to P&I Committee for approval

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Submitted Applications

8 applications submitted:

- OCNLT, Ocean County – 5
- NJCF, Burlington County – 1
- Rancocas Conservancy, Burlington County – 1
- TPL, Burlington County – 1

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Evaluation Criteria

- Project size
- Contiguity with other permanently protected lands
- Habitat quality
- Protection of headwaters
- ORV damage threat & planned stewardship
- Project feasibility

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Today’s Recommendations

Following the Committee’s approval to allocate funds, a December 1, 2017 deadline will be imposed to:

- Complete appraisals
- Obtain certification of fair market value
- Sign contract with landowner; and
- Execute grant agreement.

Deadline extensions are permissible, with the Committee’s approval.
Today’s Recommendations

If the Committee agrees, one project requires grant approval by the full Pinelands Commission, due to its location outside of a pre-designated target area.

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PCF Closed Session

Pine barren gentian (*Gentiana autumnalis*) remains closed on a cloudy day.

*Photo by Robyn A. Jeney, NJPC*

*Closed session is necessary to afford confidentiality to proposed projects while landowners and potential buyers negotiate a contract.*
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Summary of Closed Session

• 8 projects were reviewed

• **3 allocations** approved:
  - 1 in Burlington County
  - 2 in Ocean County

• Deadline of **December 1, 2017** to:
  - Complete appraisals
  - Obtain certification of fair market value
  - Sign contract with landowner
  - Execute grant agreement

• **1 project** recommended to full Commission for grant allocation
2017 PCF Available Funds

Initial funds available: $500,000

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Thank you!