

Pinelands Acquisition Program

Section 502



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The Federal Act - 1978

To support the Pinelands protection effort, Section 502 of the National Parks and Recreation Act authorizes the US Secretary of the Interior to provide financial assistance to NJ for two primary purposes:

- Planning grants
- Land acquisition

Section 502 Funding

- Original 502 authorization:
 - \$3 million for planning grants
 - \$23 million for land acquisition
- Increased 502 authorization:
 - \$40 million for land acquisition

Section 502 Administration

1980 Memorandum of Agreement

- NJDEP: overall administration, including submission of applications for funding, grant management and monitoring
- Pinelands Commission: evaluation of all proposed acquisitions for conformance with Section 502 and the CMP
- US Secretary of the Interior: approve expenditure of 502 funds

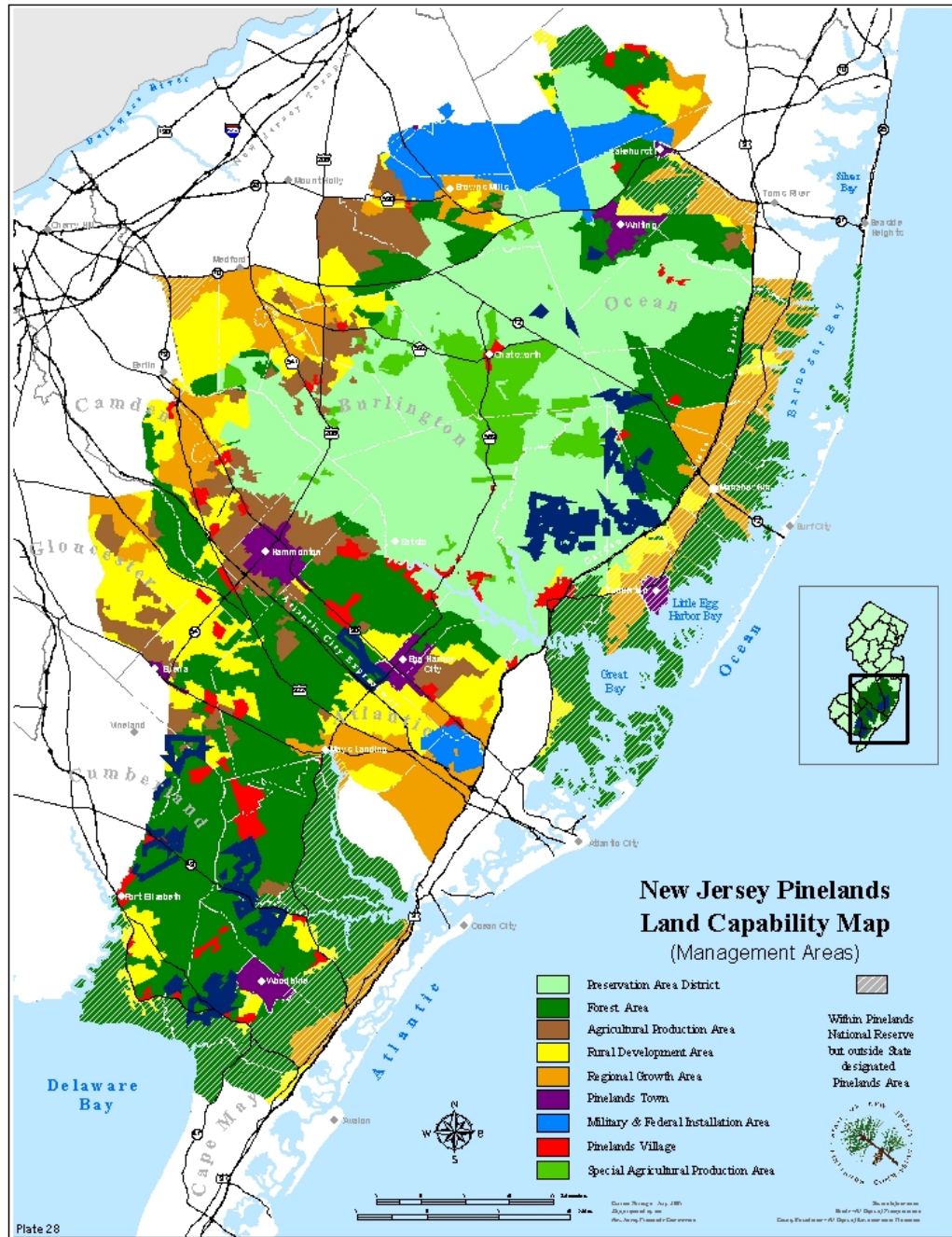
Section 502 Acquisition Areas

- Identified by the Commission to:
 - Save areas with critical ecological values in danger of being destroyed
 - Further the preservation, conservation, recreation and cultural objectives of the Pinelands Act and the CMP
- 11 target areas delineated:
 - 103,000 acres
 - Preservation Area District or Forest Area

Section 502 Acquisition Areas

- Cedar Creek Watershed
- West Plains/Greenwood Forest
- Oswego River
- Bass River
- Upper Wading River Watershed
- Goose Ponds at Tabernacle
- Friendship Bogs
- Makepeace Lake
- East Plains/Stafford Forge
- Wading River Ecosystem
- Southern Forest Region

502 Target Areas

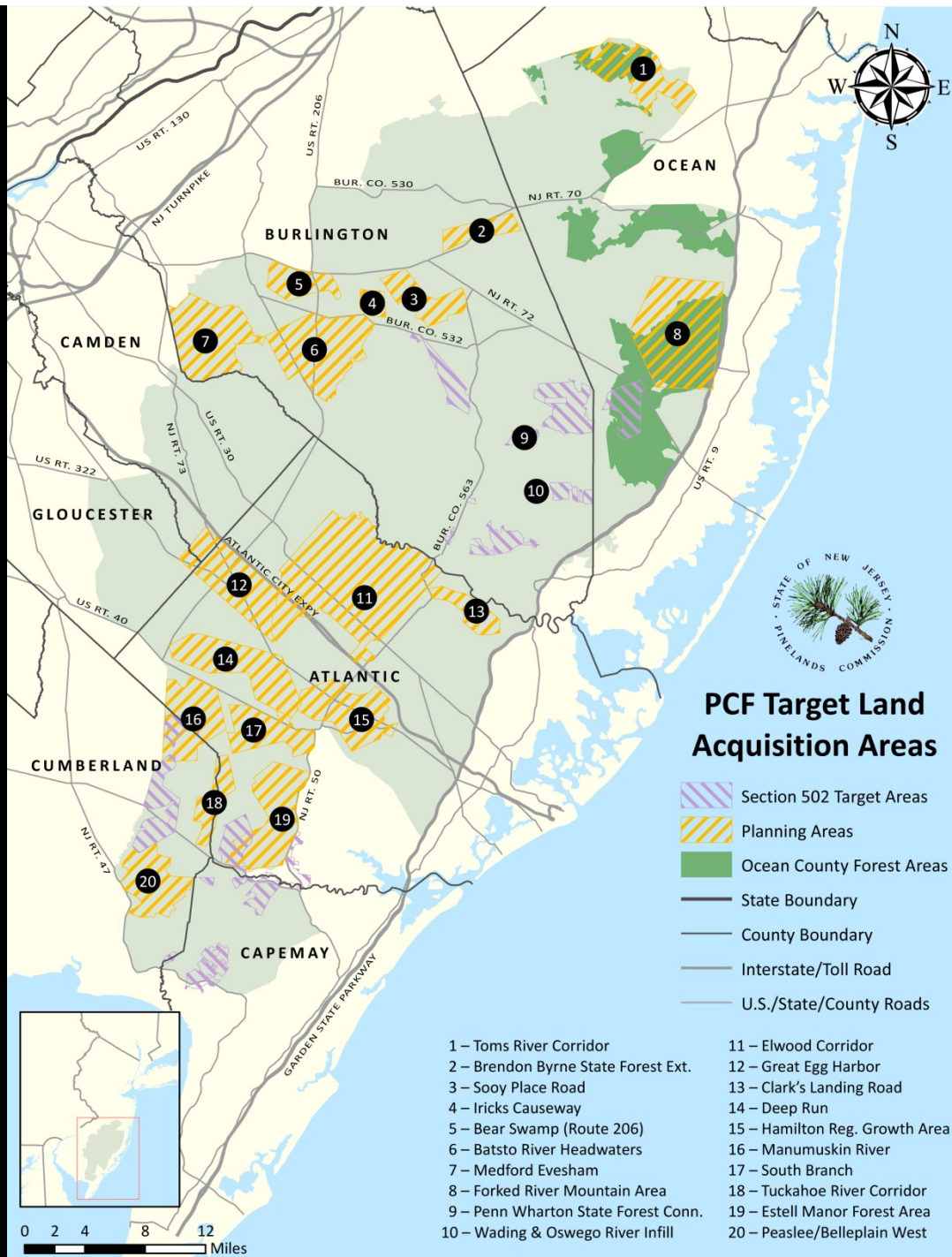


Section 502 Acquisition Activity

- Federal appropriations to date:
 - \$ 32 million, including \$1 million for the Limited Practical Use acquisition program
 - \$ 8 million remaining
- Land acquisition to date with 502 funds:
 - 73,000 acres
 - +/- 12,000 acres remaining in 502 target areas

20 Planning Areas

- In 2002, the Commission identified 20 new Planning Areas within which to target acquisition and protection efforts
- 120,000 acres
- Toms River Corridor
- Southern Medford/Evesham
- Elwood Corridor
- Forked River Mountains
- Bear Swamp
- Ocean County Forest Areas





Cedar Bridge Tavern



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