

A scenic photograph of a forested lake. In the foreground, a sandy shore leads to the water. Two kayaks, one red and one green, are pulled up onto the sand. A long wooden canoe paddle leans against a fallen log on the right. The lake is surrounded by dense green trees, and the water reflects the surrounding foliage. The sky is visible through the trees, showing some clouds.

# Pinelands Commission Fiscal Year 2026 Initiatives

September 12, 2025



# FY2026 Initiatives: National Park Service

Project/Initiative	Account
Local Conformance & Zoning System Database (through 9/30/2025)	NPS – Economic Monitoring
Historic cemetery mapping and GPR surveys (through 9/30/2025)	NPS – Economic Monitoring
PDC supply and demand methodologies (through 9/30/2025)	NPS – Economic Monitoring
Annual Pinelands calendar	NPS – Economic Monitoring
PCIS 2.0 – application tracking and reporting database (beginning 10/1/2025 for FFY26)	NPS – Economic Monitoring

# FY2026 Initiatives: National Park Service

Project/Initiative	Account
Water Quality Monitoring	NPS – Environmental Monitoring
Forest and pond water level monitoring	NPS – Environmental Monitoring
Annual Anuran surveys	NPS – Environmental Monitoring
Rare Snake Monitoring	NPS – Environmental Monitoring
Snake Fungal Disease and Adenovirus Monitoring	NPS – Environmental Monitoring
Box Turtle study	NPS – Environmental Monitoring

# FY2026 Initiatives: Energy Conservation Reserve

## Projects and Capital Expenditures

Electric vehicle charging station(s) and electrical upgrades

New and replacement energy efficient office equipment

Office composting supplies

Stormwater management: technical assistance

# FY2026 Initiatives: Pinelands Conservation Fund



Project/Initiative	Account
4 <sup>th</sup> annual land preservation summit	Land Acquisition
Stewardship and monitoring report on PCF-funded properties	Land Acquisition
Acquisition funding round	Land Acquisition

# FY2026 Initiatives: Pinelands Conservation Fund



Project/Initiative	Account
Corn snake research/study	Conservation Planning & Research
King Snake research/study	Conservation Planning & Research
Box turtle research/study	Conservation Planning & Research + NJDEP \$



# FY2026 Initiatives: Pinelands Conservation Fund



Project/Initiative	Account
Septic pilot program	Conservation Planning & Research
Kirkwood-Cohansey water management rule implementation	Conservation Planning & Research
T&E Plants: data sharing agreement and protected plant list	Conservation Planning & Research
Permanent land protection data and reporting	Conservation Planning & Research



# FY2026 Initiatives: Pinelands Conservation Fund

Project/Initiative	Account
Local Conformance & Zoning System (starting 10/1/2025)	Community Planning & Design
PDC Supply & Demand (starting 10/1/2025)	Community Planning & Design
PDC Bank administration, legislation, funding and rules	Community Planning & Design
Pinelands Infrastructure Trust Fund administration	Community Planning & Design
Affordable Housing: tracking and technical assistance	Community Planning & Design
CMP Amendments - Accessible Trails	Community Planning & Design





# FY2026 Initiatives: Pinelands Conservation Fund

Project/Initiative	Account
<p>Climate Change initiatives</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• IAC/Reports and Resilience Action Plans</li><li>• BPU dual use solar program and CMP amendments</li><li>• Research for CMP amendments</li><li>• Climate Change curriculum (w/Stockton University)</li><li>• Artificial turf research and recommendations</li><li>• Implementation of any adopted NJDEP REAL rules (e.g., stormwater management, wetlands general permits, MOAs, etc.)</li></ul>	<p>Community Planning &amp; Design</p>

# FY2026 Initiatives: Pinelands Conservation Fund



Project/Initiative	Account
Pinelands Short Course(s)	Education & Outreach
World Water Monitoring Challenge	Education & Outreach
Pinelands Speakers Series	Education & Outreach
Bog and native species gardens maintenance; tree/plant identification	Education & Outreach
Visitors Center programs and supplies	Education & Outreach



# FY26 Fenwick Manor Preservation Budget

	FY26 Anticipated
New Jersey Historic Trust Capital Grant	\$575,000
Fund Balance - Commission Match	\$575,000
Additional Commission Reserve Funding	\$45,000
FY26 State Appropriation	\$69,000
Total Expenditures	\$1,264,000

# Fenwick Manor





# FY26 Katie Fund Budget

	FY26 Anticipated
Rain Garden Supplies	\$100
Grounds Supplies - Plants, Mulch and Pavers	\$750
Pinelands Online Store - Merchandise and Supplies	\$3,500
On-Line Store Postage	\$200
Total Expenditures	\$4,550

# FY2026 Ongoing Work: Operating Fund

Review and processing of development applications, including Letters of Interpretation, general permits, CAFRA permits, landfill closure assessments and resolution of violations

Review and processing of municipal master plans, land use ordinances and redevelopment plans

CMP amendments

- Adoption and implementation: application fees; expiration of waivers and CFs; PDC/RGA codifications; Black Run watershed redesignation
- Proposal: “gap” application and approval process

Memoranda of Agreement and Understanding

- Evesham Township - accessible trail
- South Jersey Transportation Authority – AC Airport development
- Monitoring of existing agreements
- Annual update on status and accomplishments

Local communications facility (cell tower) plan amendment



# FY2026 Initiatives: Operating Fund

Project/Initiative
Legal advertising: implementation of new state law (website, archive, rules, etc.)
Escrow policies and procedures
AI data centers: research and identification of issues
Municipal training seminar(s)
Development/marketing of native seed mix(es) for landscaping
Cape May County MUA five-year waste flow report
WQMP amendments
Interpretations database
Grant research and identification of opportunities
Biosphere Region designation: 10-year report (?)

# FY2026 Ongoing Work: Operating Fund

Litigation
Legislation tracking
Committee and Commission meeting support
Reports (annual and monthly)
Website and social media
OPRA forms and responses
Financial management (audits, budget, insurance, purchasing)
Personnel management (recruitment, training, evaluations, telework, payroll)
Facilities management (buildings and grounds)
Development/enhancement of databases, tracking systems and mapping (GIS)
User support, hardware/software, cyber security



# FY2025 Initiatives: Operating Fund

Project/Initiative
Updated Personnel Policies
Updated Purchasing Policies
Review and recommendations related to State Health Benefits Program
Updated job descriptions
Emergency response policies and procedures
RFP for new payroll service
RFP for new outside accountant
Temporary relocation of staff due to Fenwick Manor rehabilitation
Transition report for new Administration
Unanticipated Projects





**Questions?**