

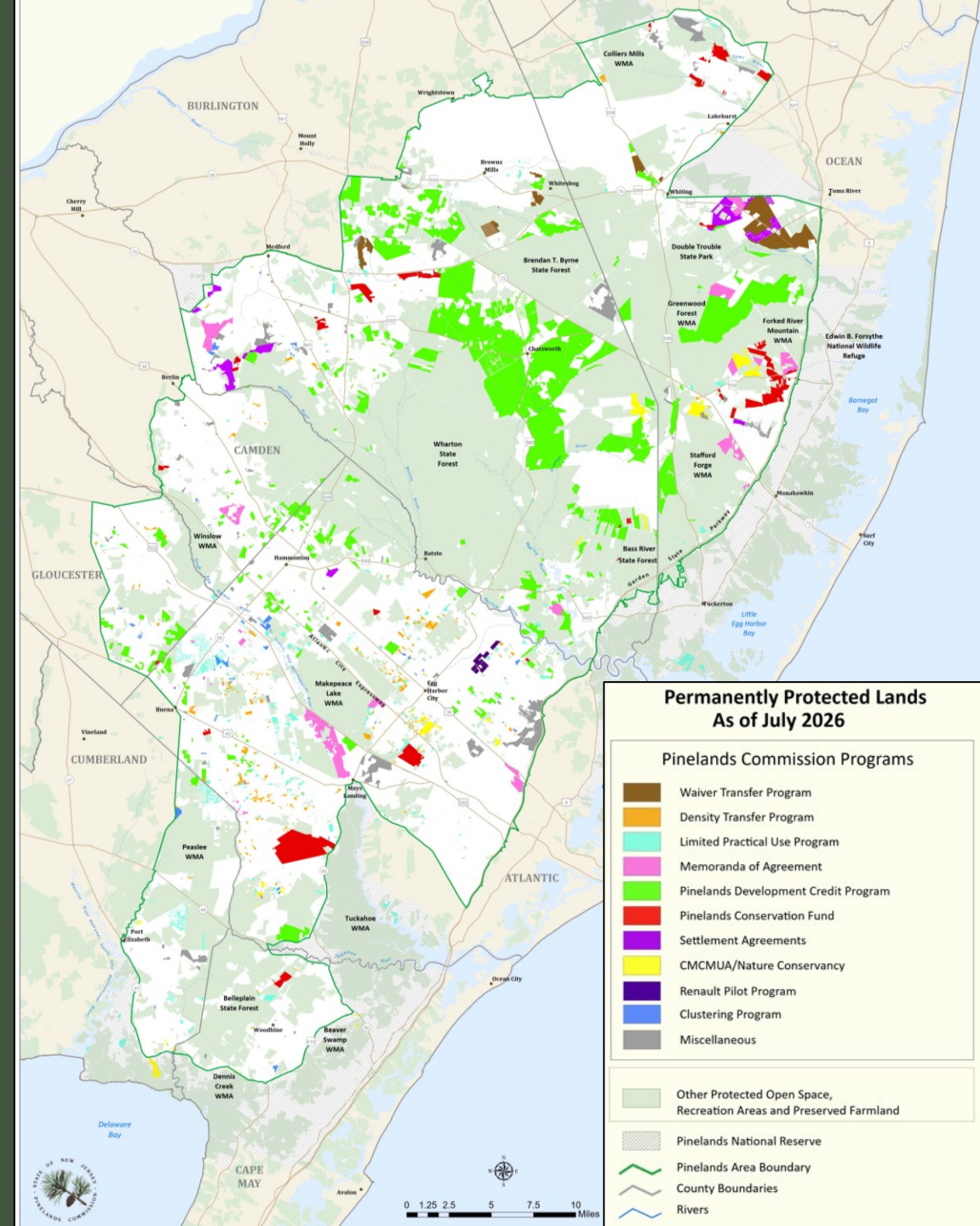
A photograph of a forest. The top half shows tall, straight tree trunks reaching up into a canopy of green leaves. The bottom half shows a forest floor covered in brown pine needles and fallen branches, with several tree bases covered in bright green moss. A semi-transparent white box with rounded corners is overlaid on the left side of the image, containing the title and date.

FY 2026 Permanent Land Protection Annual Update

Pinelands Commission Meeting, October 9, 2026

FY 26 Highlights

- More acres protected than in FY 25:
 - Farmland preservation
 - Pinelands programs
- Fewer acres protected than in FY 25:
 - State acquisitions
 - PDC Severance
 - Non-profit acquisitions



Newly Protected Land by Program

All Programs FY 2026	Acres Protected
Farmland Preservation	340
Pinelands Programs	181
State Acquisitions	94
County Open Space	32
PDC Severance	43
Total Acres	690



Farmland Preservation

- Burlington County
 - Southampton Township, Agricultural Production Area
 - 57-acre farm
 - 147-acre farm
- Gloucester County
 - Franklin Township, Rural Development Area
 - 135-acre farm



Pinelands Programs

Pinelands Programs	Acres Protected
Clustering - FA/RDA	24
Density Transfer – FA/RDA	115
Septic Dilution	39
Non-Buildable Lot/Lot with No Use	3
Total Acres	181

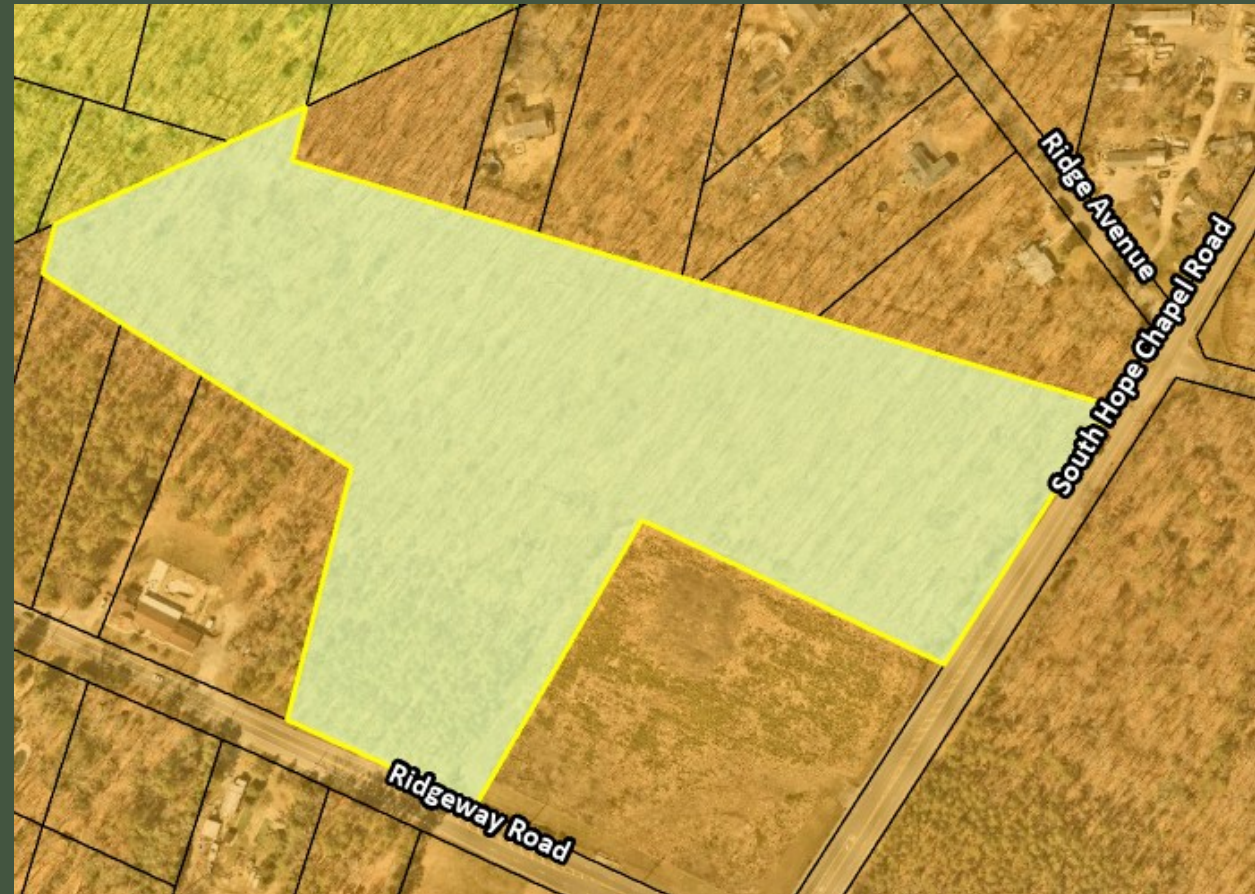


State Acquisitions (Green Acres/NJDEP)

Municipality	Management Area	Acres Protected
Hamilton Township	Forest Area	58
Southampton Township	Forest Area	<1
Southampton Township	Rural Development Area	36
Total Acres		94

County Open Space

Municipality	Management Area	New Acres Protected
Manchester Township	Forest Area	6
Manchester Township	Regional Growth Area	25
Lacey Township	Preservation Area District	<1
Stafford Township	Pinelands Village	<1
Stafford Township	Regional Growth Area	<1
Total Acres		32



PDC Program through FY 2026

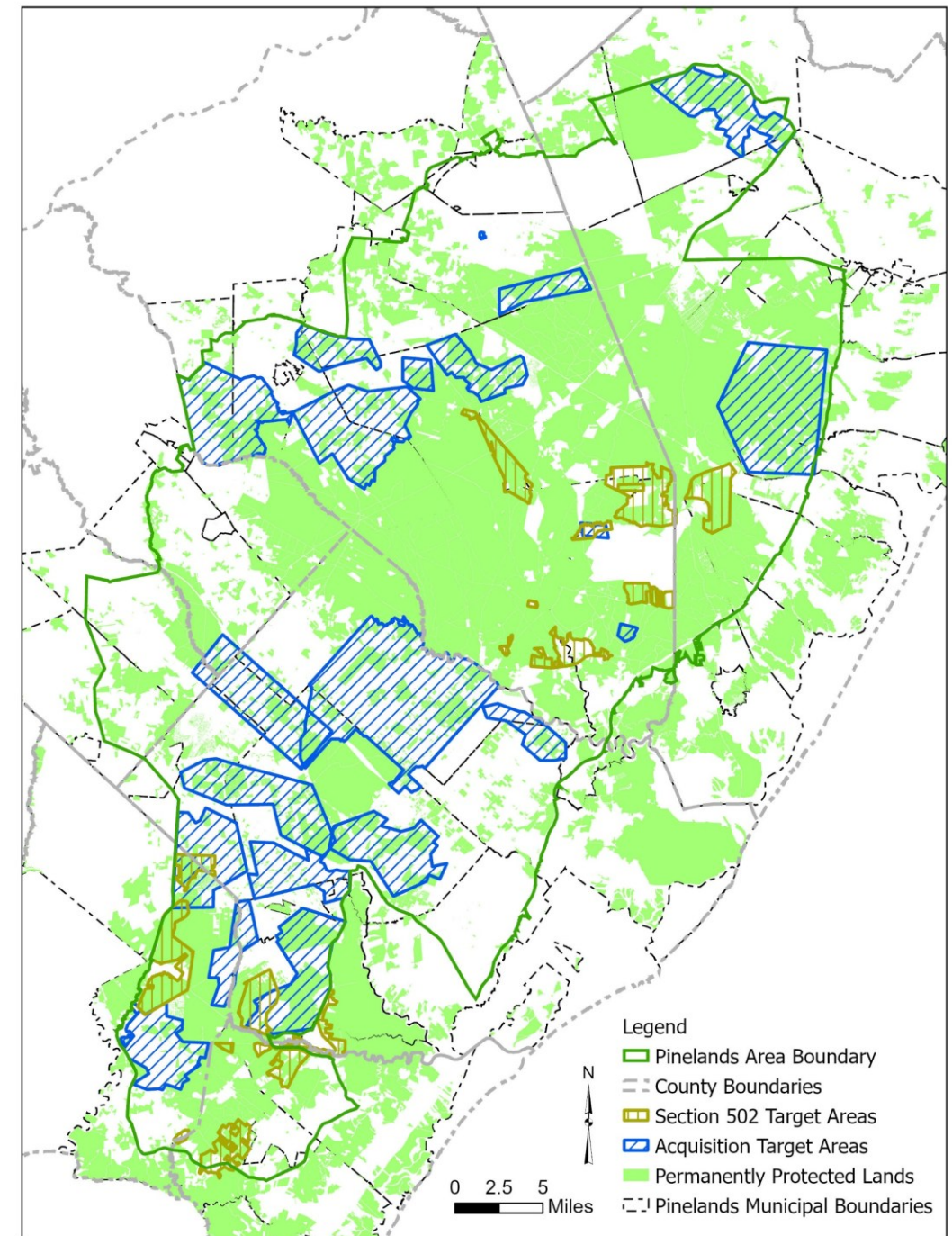
Management Area	Acres Protected
Preservation Area District	24,476
Special Agricultural Production Area	22,755
Agricultural Production Area	14,826
Other Management Areas	368
Total Acres	62,425

13% of permanently protected land is preserved through PDC Severance



Acquisition Target Areas

- Section 502 Areas: 66% preserved
 - 0 acres preserved in FY 2026
- 21 Planning Areas: 42% preserved
 - 155 acres preserved in FY 2026



Newly Protected Land by Management Area

Management Area	Acres Protected
Preservation Area District	3
Forest Area District	172
Agricultural Production Area	248
Pinelands Village	<1
Rural Development Area	242
Regional Growth Area	25
Total Acres	690



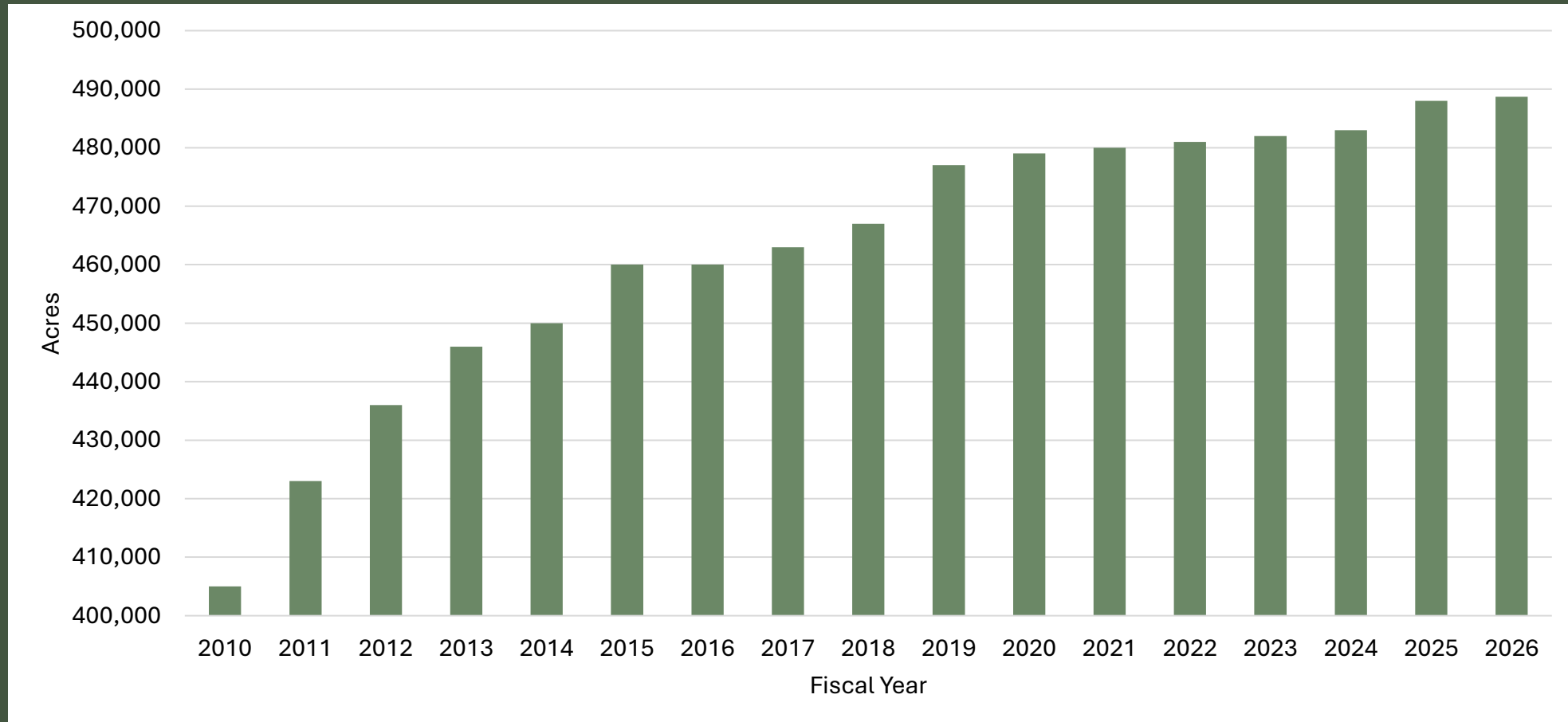
Protected Land in All Management Areas

Management Area	Total Acres in Management Area	% of Management Area Protected
Preservation Area District	295,000	85%
Special Agricultural Production Area	37,500	78%
Forest Area	257,000	58%
Agricultural Production Area	68,500	44%
Rural Development Area	109,500	23%
Regional Growth Area	76,500	8%
Pinelands Village	26,000	4%
Pinelands Town	21,500	6%
Military/Federal Installation	47,000	1%

As of FY 2026, approximately 52% of the Pinelands Area is preserved

Acres Preserved in Pinelands Area

(rounded to the nearest thousand)



As of FY 2026, approximately 488,700 acres preserved



Questions?