

New Jersey Pinelands Commission PRESS RELEASE September 8, 2010

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## New Jersey Pinelands Commission begins search for new Executive Director

NEW LISBON, N.J. – The New Jersey Pinelands Commission has formed a search committee for a new Executive Director to replace John C. Stokes, who is retiring from the post effective January 1, 2011.

The seven-member committee includes:

- Candace M. Ashmun, Acting Chair of the Commission;
- John A. Haas, Acting Vice Chair of the Commission;
- Edward Lloyd, Commission member;
- Paul E. Galletta, Commission member;
- Betty Wilson, former Chairperson of the Commission;
- Michele Byers, Executive Director of the New Jersey Conservation Foundation; and
- Chuck Chiarello, the Mayor of Buena Vista Township, Chair of the Pinelands Municipal

Council and First Vice President of the League of Municipalities.

The alternate members of the committee include Robert W. McIntosh, Jr., the U.S. Secretary of the Interior's appointee to the Commission, and Commission member Leslie M. Ficcaglia.

The committee will accept applications for the Executive Director post through the close of business on **October 15, 2010**. Applicants are required to submit a cover letter (not exceeding two pages in length) highlighting skills and work experiences related to the job's key responsibilities, a resume (not exceeding three pages in length) and a salary history. They can be sent to Pinelands Commission Search Committee, PO Box 359, New Lisbon, NJ, 08064 or emailed to <u>searchcommittee@njpines.state.nj.us</u>. Candidates will be notified if they are selected for interviews.

To review the official job posting, including details about the Executive Director's primary responsibilities, job qualifications, please log on to: <u>http://www.state.nj.us/pinelands/home/employ.html</u>.

The Pinelands Commission is an independent state agency that oversees land-use, development and the protection of natural resources in the million-acre Pinelands Area of southern New Jersey, including all or part of 53 municipalities in Atlantic, Burlington, Camden, Cape May, Cumberland, Gloucester and Ocean counties. It is governed by a 15-member board of directors,

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which includes seven members who are appointed by the Governor of New Jersey, one member appointed by each of the seven Pinelands counties and one member appointed by the U.S. Secretary of the Interior.

The Executive Director's position offers a unique opportunity for an experienced environmental or land-use planning professional to lead a staff of more than 45 professional and support personnel who administer the Pinelands Comprehensive Management Plan, an innovative planning and regulatory program that guides development within the Pinelands.

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