

**Conservation**

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**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND CONSERVATION MEETINGS:**

Held at 7:30pm on the THIRD MONDAY of the month at a location to be determined. Contact Betsy Kohn or Hugh Carola or Tom Thompson (see above) for more information.

**GENERAL MEETINGS:** In January and February, general meetings will be held at 7:30pm on the THIRD THURSDAY of the month and in March on the SECOND AND THIRD THURSDAYS of the month. Please note the location for each meeting as indicated below. For more information, contact Betsy Kohn (see above).

**Jan 17:** At Oradell Public Library, 375 Kinderkamack Road, Oradell, NJ (201-262-2613). "We Are the Sierra Club" - an introduction (with video) to the volunteer activities and hiking opportunities of the NJ Sierra Club, and a discussion of the North Jersey Group's current conservation issues.

**Feb 21:** At Oakland Public Library, Municipal Plaza, Oakland, NJ (201-337-3742). "Protecting the New Jersey Highlands" - slide presentation by Wilma Frey, coordinator of the Highlands Coalition, with a review of current efforts to preserve the region from more sprawl development.

**Mar 14:** At Flat Rock Brook Nature Center, 443 Van Nostrand Avenue, Englewood, NJ (201-567-1265). "In the Presence of Nature: The Story of the Celery Farm" - a slide and music presentation by Jerry Barrack about the history of reclaiming the Allendale farm and turning it into a nature preserve. The program is based on a book (with photos by Dr. Barrack, text by Jim Wright) due out next year to honor the Celery Farm's 50th anniversary.

**Mar 21:** At Oakland Public Library, Municipal Plaza, Oakland, NJ. Slide presentation on "The Glories of Fungi" by Al Simpson, member of the NJ Mycological Society, about the ecological, economic and aesthetic aspects of mushrooms and other fungi. Plus guidelines on distinguishing edible from poisonous fungi.

**WANT TO GET INVOLVED?** We are currently working to keep commuter ferries and buses out of the Palisades Interstate Park, protect the Ramapo River Watershed lands and Sterling Forest, save Van Buskirk Island as a passive park, preserve the NJ Highlands, protect the wetlands in the Meadowlands, and more. For more information on how to help with any of these efforts or with issues of air and water quality, please contact Betsy Kohn, Hugh Carola or Tom Thompson (see above).

**E-MAIL NOTICES:** If you would like to receive notices of meetings, hikes and alerts, please send your e-mail address to BetsyKohn@aol.com and stipulate your preference for meetings, hikes or alerts — or all three. Your e-mail address will not be shared with anyone else.

**Hudson Group**

*(Hudson County and southern Bergen County: Lyndhurst, Rutherford, East Rutherford, Carlstadt, Ridgefield, Edgewater, Cliffside Park and Fairview)*

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**NEWS:**

Keep up with Group happenings at warp speed! Please send your e-mail address to Steve Lanset (slanset@hotmail.com) and you will be added to our distribution list. We are especially trying to network members who share similar environmental interests and to call meetings on shorter (two or three weeks) notice than usual. We are currently working on the Meadowlands Mall, Liberty

State Park, and green transportation issues. Members are invited to help with these or other local issues.

**MEETING NOTICE:** Contact Group Officers (or get onto Steve Lanset's e-mail distribution list) for news of meetings in January, February and March.

**Essex County Group**

*(Essex County, approximately)*

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**ACTIVITIES:** Working with the Sierra Club Loantaka Group to preserve wetlands in the Passaic River Basin, and continuing to ensure that the Essex County Park and Open Space Trust Fund is implemented in a fair and consistent way.

**\*\*OPENINGS\*\*** The Group has openings for those interested in our Wetlands Campaign Committee and for Chapter Delegate! For those interested in our Wetlands Campaign, contact Kyle at 973-218-9388, or at: k.lischak@worldnet.att.net. For those interested in learning more about Chapter Delegate and other positions, contact Rich at 973-716-0297, or at: risaacx@aol.com for details!! Thanks!!

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS:**

Held at 7:30 pm the FIRST MONDAY of the month. Please contact Rich at risaacx@aol.com or 973-716-0297 for the location, which may vary.

**GENERAL MEETINGS:** Held at 7:30 pm on the SECOND THURSDAY of the month at the Verona Park Boathouse, corner of Lakeside and Bloomfield Ave., Verona (unless otherwise specified). For directions, please call Sue, 973-564-9589.

**Jan 10, 2002:** Conservation easements are one vehicle to help preserve open space. Come learn more about this method of keeping New Jersey green from Martha Windisch, Outreach/Volunteer Coordinator for the New Jersey Natural Lands Trust. Martha will narrate a slide show and present an overview of the organization and their achievements.

**Feb 14:** The possibility of biological terrorism haunts Americans since the attack on the World Trade Center. However, the environmental threat of nuclear pollution dwarfs other poisoning options. Join Sid Goodman to discuss the targets, their risks and what should be done to safeguard our energy supplies.

**Mar 14:** Julie Eisenhardt, Sierra Club Environmental Justice Program Organizer, together with Michelle Garcia from the Ironbound Community Corporation, will present local environmental justice issues, and explain how Sierrans can get involved to help ensure that every resident has access to clean air and water. Be there as we forge a new partnership between the Sierra Club and the historic Ironbound community! NOTE SPECIAL MEETING LOCATION: St. Casimirs Church, 366 East Kinney St., Newark. For Directions call Rich Isaac at 973-716-0297 or the Church at 973-344-2744.

**Loantaka Group**

*(Morris and Union Counties, approximately)*

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The Loantaka Group invites you to join us at one of our meetings. If you are interested in volunteering for any of the open positions on the Executive Committee, please contact Paul Sanderson to find out more.

To join our mailing list, send a blank email to:

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**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS:**

Meetings are held on the FIRST TUESDAY of the month at 7:30 pm in the Library of the Chathams.

**GENERAL MEETINGS:**

Meetings are held on the SECOND WEDNESDAY of the month at 7:30 pm in the Library of the Chathams, 214 Main St. (Route 124), Chatham. Everyone is welcome! Library phone: 973-635-0603

**Jan 9, 2002:** Ross Kushner, president of the Pequannock River Coalition, will present a slide show and lecture about the unique resource values of the Pequannock Watershed, threats to that resource, and the efforts of the Pequannock River Coalition to protect it. The Pequannock River Coalition is a grassroots watershed advocacy group dedicated to the preservation of the Pequannock River.

**Feb 13:** Presentation by Louisa Lubiak, Environmental Specialist with the Passaic River Coalition, which focuses on protecting and preserving ground water supplies in the Upper and Central Passaic River Basin. A 12-minute video, "The Ground Water Adventures of Walter Wet," will be shown, followed by suggestions for protecting local subsurface drinking water sources. Ms. Lubiak will also explain what needs to be done to protect water quality and quantity in the Buried Valley aquifer systems, which supply nearly 90% of the water used by residents of 31 municipalities in Morris, Union and Essex Counties.

**Mar 13:** Have you ever considered going on one of the many National Outings that the Sierra Club offers each year but needed some incentive? Or are you an armchair traveler who enjoys seeing photographs that someone else has taken? Whichever you may be, come out for a scenic and informative slide presentation that Peter Weckesser has compiled over more than 12 years on National Sierra Club Backpack and Service Outings.

**Apr 10:** Michelle Burke, from the Great Swamp Assoc., will talk about watersheds, non-point source pollution and water runoff. Michelle also has a watershed model that shows visually how non-point source pollution affects the environment.

**Central Jersey Group**

*(Mercer County, parts of Hunterdon, Somerset and Middlesex)*

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