

**Unofficial compilation of references to “critical resource areas”
in the NY Environmental Conservation Law Article 57,
the Long Island Pine Barrens Maritime Reserve Act**

§ 57-0121. Central Pine Barrens comprehensive land use plan; interim regulations.

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6. The land use plan shall provide for, address and include but not be limited to the following:

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(e) Identification and mapping of critical resource areas within the Central Pine Barrens area which are of regional or statewide significance. Such areas shall include fragile lands, significant shorelands of rivers, lakes, and streams; freshwater wetlands; significant wildlife habitats; unique scenic or historic features; and rare or valuable ecosystems and geological formations which are of regional or statewide significance.

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§ 57-0123. Implementation of the Central Pine Barrens comprehensive land use plan.

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2. (a) The commission shall have jurisdiction to review and approve all proposed development in critical resource areas and developments of regional significance as identified in the land use plan and proposed developments found by the commission after petition by a commissioner to have significant adverse impact on the land use plan. Any commissioner may petition the commission to assert review jurisdiction over a proposed development outside of a critical resource area or which is other than a project of regional significance which has a significant adverse impact on the goals of the land use plan. If the commissioner by majority vote asserts jurisdiction, such project or action shall be subject to review by the commission. For the purposes of review and identification of projects coming under the jurisdiction of the commission by virtue of critical resource area or area of regional impact or at the request of any commission member, the commission shall designate the responsible planning entity or staff for the purposes of advising the commission with respect to such applications or projects. To the fullest extent possible, the commission shall consolidate and coordinate its review with the appropriate local government. An applicant for development in a critical resource area or development of regional significance shall apply to the commission for approval of the development. Applications shall be made to the commission on forms and in such manner as the land use plan and commission shall designate.