



**CENTRAL  
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**Commission Meeting of May 13, 1998**

Riverhead Town Hall

Present: Mr. Cowen (for New York State), Mr. Shea (for Southampton), Ms. Wiplush (for Brookhaven), Mr. Proios (for Suffolk County), Mr. Vilella (for Town of Riverhead)

**Sense Resolution**

**Inclusion of Wertheim National Wildlife Refuge ("Refuge") into the Core Preservation Area of the Central Pine Barrens**

**Whereas**, the Central Pine Barrens contains a 52,000 acre Core Preservation Area which includes a mosaic of pitch pine and pine-oak forests, coastal plain ponds, streams, rivers and salt marshes; and

**Whereas**, the Refuge contains a mixture of upland and aquatic habitats including the lower portion of the Carmans River and its associated creeks; and

**Whereas**, the upper portion of the Carmans River is currently in the Central Pine Barrens; and

**Whereas**, the Central Pine Barrens contains a mix of public land-owning agencies and law enforcement jurisdictions; and,

**Whereas**, these agencies have been working cooperatively and sharing resources for management activities through the Commissions' working councils, now therefore be it

**Resolved**, the Commission finds that the inclusion of the Refuge into the Core Preservation Area will enhance the ecological integrity of the Central Pine Barrens, and be it further

**Resolved**, the Commission finds that interagency working relationships amongst the public landholders is an invaluable asset for management activities, and be it further

**Resolved**, that the Commission supports the inclusion of the Refuge into the Core Preservation Area of the Central Pine Barrens .

**Record of Motion:**

Motion by Mr. Shea

Seconded by Mr. Vilella

**Yea Votes:**

Unanimous

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