



Resolution on the Environmental Protection Fund

Central Pine Barrens Commission Meeting of February 24, 2010
Brookhaven Town Hall, Farmingville, NY

Commission members present:
Mr. Scully (for New York State),
Ms. Gallagher (for Suffolk County),
Ms. Baldassare, Ms. Prusinowski and Mr. Turner (for Brookhaven Town),
Mr. McCormick (for Riverhead Town),
Ms. Throne-Holst and Mr. Shea (for Southampton Town).

Whereas, the New York State Environmental Protection Fund has been a crucial source of land acquisition and land protection monies since its inception simultaneous with the passage of the Long Island Pine Barrens Protection Act (the Act) in 1993, and

Whereas, the statutory goals for the protection and preservation of the Core Preservation Area established by the State of New York under the Act have been significantly furthered by this steady funding stream to date, and

Whereas, there remain approximately 2,500 acres to be preserved within the Core Preservation Area in order to complete the land acquisition component of this landmark State Pine Barrens initiative,

Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that the Commission hereby expresses its concern about the proposed elimination of funding under the Environmental Protection Fund including land acquisition in the Central Pine Barrens, and be it further

Resolved, that the Commission strongly urges that the open space protection component within the Environmental Protection Fund be restored in order to attain the nearly at hand goal of complete and permanent preservation of the Long Island Pine Barrens

Motion by: Ms. Throne-Holst

Second by: Ms. Gallagher

Ayes: Ms. Gallagher, Ms. Baldassare, Mr. McCormick, and
Ms. Throne-Holst

Nays: None

Abstentions: Mr. Scully

Peter A. Scully
Chair

Mark Lesko
Member

Steve A. Levy
Member

Anna E. Throne-Holst
Member

Sean M. Walter
Member

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