

MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT

between

**MIGLIARINO – S. ROSSORE – MASSACIUCCOLI
REGIONAL PARK
(TUSCANY, ITALY)**



and

**CENTRAL PINE BARRENS JOINT PLANNING & POLICY COMMISSION
(LONG ISLAND, NY, USA)**



Whereas, the common mission of the Migliarino – S. Rossore – Massaciuccoli Regional Park Authority (MSRMSPA) and the Central Pine Barrens Joint Planning & Policy Commission (CPBJPPC), jointly (the “Management Authorities”), is the conservation of extraordinary natural and cultural resources for this and future generations,

Whereas, lands under the jurisdiction of the Management Authorities (the “Protected Areas”) share many similarities in the ecosystems that they preserve, mainly both for their floristic and faunal components; and

Whereas, the Protected Areas include some factors such as high urbanization in the landscapes surrounding, intensive cultivation and, in general, significant tourist pressures and human activities, which represent critical factors for the existence of the Protected Areas themselves; and

Whereas, these factors cause the Management Authorities to deal with similar issues and to develop similar strategies of conservation and sustainable development; and

Whereas, initial exchanges between the Management Authorities, including a visit by CPBJPPC Staff, to the MSRMSPA in November 1998, September 2001 and June 2004 and the visit of a MSRMSPA's consultant and a MSRMSPA Scientific Committee Member, in June 1999 to Long Island and a prior visit of the Vicechair of MSRMSPA to Long Island; and

Whereas, the foundations and the development of long term cooperative relationships through the mutual knowledge and the exchange of ideas, information and experience is the basis for a valuable organizational learning and enrichment which will lead to positive results on the effectiveness of the two institutions;

Now therefore

**THE MIGLIARINO – S. ROSSORE – MASSACIUCCOLI
REGIONAL PARK AUTHORITY**

and

THE CENTRAL PINE BARRENS JOINT PLANNING & POLICY COMMISSION

hereby agree to the following articles

Article 1

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The Management Authorities will develop a cooperative relationship through the following steps:

- a) Integrated communication strategy and exchange of information
- b) Mutual actions aimed at developing strategies for continuous improvement of the Protected Areas

Article 2

Integrated communication strategy and exchange of information

Within this step the Management Authorities will perform the following common actions:

- a) Creation of a permanent link between the two entities' web sites
- b) Continuous updating and exchange of information, including planning documentation, research studies, technical and teaching materials
- c) Organization of temporary exhibitions regarding the Protected Areas' characteristics and activities

- d) Exchange of personnel, park officials, public officials from local and regional governments within the Protected Areas
- e) Organization of workshops upon subjects of common interest, aimed at finding operational solutions

Article 3

Mutual actions aimed at the development and improvement of the two Protected Areas

Within this step the Management Authorities will realise the following common actions:

- a) Realization of joint Formative Programs (training) for students, employees and public officials
- b) Organization of periodical joint events to recognize results obtained and to outline future planning of primary strategies.

Article 4

Cooperation Committee

The Parties will designate a Cooperation Committee for the Twinning which will facilitate the start-up of the cooperative actions described in this Memorandum and will advise the Management Authorities on the carrying out of the common initiatives. The Committee will be comprised of an equal number of appointments by each Party.

SIGNATURE

For: MIGLIARINO – S. ROSSORE –
MASSACIUCCOLI REGIONAL PARK

/s/ _____

Sergio Paglialunga

October 8, 2004

DATE

For: CENTRAL PINE BARRENS JOINT PLANNING & POLICY COMMISSION

/s/ _____

Peter Scully

October 8, 2004

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