

New Jersey's 13th Annual Land Conservation Rally

Presenter Bios

James C. Amon is a founder of D&R Greenway Land Trust and joined their staff in 2005, after 29 years as Executive Director of the Delaware & Raritan Canal Commission. He has been a leading force in the preservation and stewardship of land in central New Jersey. Jim has served on the boards and advisory committees of over 15 conservation-related organizations; published numerous articles on the need to preserve the natural world and to develop proper planning for recreational areas; and has been recognized by many awards, including the 2004 Donald B. Jones Conservation Award, the Planning Design Award from Hunterdon County, and the Environmental Enhancement Award from the American Society of Landscape Architects (NJ Chapter).

Brent Burke has over a decade of experience as a conservation practitioner with Ocean County Parks, NJ State Parks, Edwin B. Forsythe National Wildlife Refuge and The Nature Conservancy. His expertise includes environmental interpretation, preserve management, and working with diverse communities throughout New Jersey on a variety of local and global conservation efforts. He is currently responsible for the management of The Nature Conservancy's Delaware Bayshores Program in New Jersey. Brent has a B.S. in Biology from The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey.

Kate Buttolph began working with the Hunterdon Land Trust on a contract basis in 2003. In 2007, she was hired as the part-time land acquisition and stewardship director. With direction from the executive director and the Land Acquisition and Stewardship Committee of the board of trustees, Kate is responsible for day-to-day management of land acquisition and stewardship programs. Her responsibilities include landowner outreach, negotiations, identification of potential projects, coordination of technical work, and securing funding commitments from public and private partners. Kate is a graduate of Swarthmore College and received her law degree from DePaul University College of Law. She is admitted to practice law in New Jersey, Illinois, and Massachusetts.

Louis Cantafio, Ph.D., is a senior land steward for New Jersey Conservation Foundation. He is a resident and Head Caretaker at the William L. Hutcheson Memorial Forest in Franklin Township, Somerset County and has his own carpentry business. He has a B.S. in Biology from Ramapo College; a M.S. in Biology from Montclair State University, and a Ph.D. in Ecology and Evolution from Rutgers University, where he studied the co-existence of mycophagous *Drosophila* and did his thesis in "Human Olfactory Communication of Alarm and Safety Signals."

Jim Cummings has been integrating his passion for nature and conservation with his love for Camden teenagers since 2004. By creating UrbanTrekks, and expeditionary learning program, Jim seeks to teach urban teens basic life skills by taking them out of their comfort zone and stretching them physically and emotionally. Their expeditions include outdoor activities as well as community service. Trips include the NJ Pine Barrens, Mt. Washington, the Everglades and the Pacific Northwest.

Kathleen Caren works as the Open Space Coordinator for the County of Passaic Planning Department. She is involved in open space preservation, park development and redevelopment, as well as farmland and historic preservation. Prior to this, she advocated for an open space trust fund in her hometown, and was subsequently appointed to the open space committee and named chair. In 2004, she was hired as Passaic County's Open Space Coordinator. She provides staff support and expertise to the county Open Space Advisory Committee as well as the County Agriculture Development Board, and thoroughly enjoys her work.

Steve Eisenhauer is the Regional Director, Stewardship and Land Protection, of the Natural Lands Trust, a nonprofit that owns more than 9,000 acres of preserved land in Salem and Cumberland Counties. Steve is based at the 250-acre Peek Preserve on the Maurice River in Millville. Previously he was Director of Stewardship at The Nature Conservancy's Delaware Bayshores Office and a Realty and Reclamation Specialist for the Indiana Department of Natural Resources Abandoned Mineland Division. He serves as a Board member of the state-affiliated New Jersey Natural Lands Trust and of the Great Egg Harbor Watershed Association. Steve has Master's degrees from Rutgers University in Public Policy and from Ball State University in Natural Resources, and a B.A. in English from Indiana University. He also completed the 7 core courses towards a Master's in Social Work at Rutgers University.

Larry Fink has been a Project Manager with the NJDEP Green Acres Program since 2004. He is the Coordinator of the Tax Exemption Program and is also a Land Acquisition Manager working in Warren and Sussex Counties. Previously, Larry was Director of Policy at the New Jersey Conservation Foundation. He serves as an elected Township Committeeman and is a former Mayor and member of the Planning Board, chairman of the Environmental Commission, and chairman of the Open Space Advisory Council. He serves on the Board of Trustees of the Monmouth Conservation Foundation. Larry has a B.S. in Engineering from Swarthmore College, a M.S. and Ph.D. (ABD) in Biomedical Engineering from University of Pennsylvania, and has completed several graduate courses at the Bloustein School of Planning and Public Policy at Rutgers University.

Dr. Marjorie Kaplan is the Manager of the newly formed Office of Climate and Energy at the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection. In addition to climate change issues, over the course of her career, Dr. Kaplan's science policy and research has addressed issues related to endangered and threatened species, wetlands, forestry, water quality, watersheds, and risk assessment. She has been with the NJDEP for 18 years after a decade in the private sector.

Gylla MacGregor, as Conservation Ecologist for the New Jersey Audubon Society, is responsible for land acquisition, trail installation and maintenance, biodiversity inventory and stewardship of NJAS property holdings. She oversees NJAS's 27 unstaffed sanctuaries and two conservation easements and also works with the State of New Jersey and private landowners on habitat restoration. Gylla has been involved in

field research since 1996 working primarily with small mammals and reptiles, using GIS and satellite imagery to track their behavior and movement patterns. Gylla received her B.A. in Biology from The College of New Jersey, and holds two Master's degrees, one in Ecology from Clarion University of Pennsylvania, and one in Integrative Biology from Lehigh University.

Greg Romano oversees NJCF's land acquisition program and serves as the organization's Assistant Director. Prior to joining NJCF, Greg was the Executive Director of the State Agriculture Development Committee (SADC), an independent authority of state government that administered the State Farmland Preservation Program and related programs. Under his purview, the Program preserved more than 900 farms totaling nearly 100,000 acres. Greg also served as the Executive Director of the State Transfer of Development Rights Bank Board of Directors from its inception in 1997. From 1984-1996, Greg was a Deputy Attorney General, serving as the lead counsel for the State Agriculture Development Committee and the New Jersey Department of Agriculture. In addition, he represented the Department of Environmental Protection, providing advice and representation in state and federal courts. He currently serves on the Boards of Trustees of the Crossroads of the American Revolution and the New Jersey Museum of Agriculture. Greg holds a Juris Doctorate from the Dickinson School of Law, and graduated with honors from New Jersey's Drew University.

Danny Thomas serves as the pastor New Covenant United Methodist Church, a growing, diverse Protestant congregation in Hamilton, NJ. He holds a Master of Divinity degree from Princeton Theological Seminary, as well as Bachelor of Science in Biology from Virginia Tech. His career change came midway through an MS degree program in Environmental Toxicology. Danny also served as the Diversity Training Administrator for Covance Inc, at their metropolitan Washington locations.

Danny likes to splash around in his kayak on the Delaware River and check out the egrets, herons, and eagles.

Barbara Simmons serves as Director of Programs and Partnerships at D&R Greenway Land Trust. She is an adjunct teacher at Arcadia University's International Peace and Conflict Resolution masters program and is founder and producer of PeaceTalks: Exploring the Alternatives to Violence, a public radio project.

Barbara is the former executive director of The Peace Center, where she co-creation of several programs, including Project PEACE, which has been implemented in schools throughout Bucks County, Philadelphia, and New Jersey. Her training is in international mediation, conflict resolution, diversity and sensitivity awareness and violence prevention.

Ms. Simmons serves on the Boards of Seeds for Tomorrow, Newtown Friends School and the Nakashima Foundation for Peace. She received awards from the Philadelphia Fellowship Commission, the National Peace Foundation's Peacemaker/Peacebuilder

Award, and the Community Leadership award from the NAACP and Interracial Harmony.

Michael Van Clef, Stewardship Director for the Friends of Hopewell Valley Open Space, has a Ph.D. in ecology and over 15 years of experience involving land stewardship, planning and research. Mike has developed and performed annual easement monitoring programs for private land trusts and has assisted two municipalities in documenting their easements. He has worked extensively in the evaluation and management of rare and invasive species, white-tailed deer management, development and implementation of forest health monitoring protocols and natural resource policy.

Diana L. Raichel, Conservation Biologist with D&R Greenway Land Trust, has worked in the environmental consulting field for almost 10 years where she would coordinate complex projects that involved grant application writing, ecological restoration, permitting, as well as working with landowners, natural resource agencies, and industry. With a graduate degree in ecology, her background is complementary to the educational and stewardship components of these initiatives, as well.

Greg Remaud, Conservation Director, NY/NJ Baykeeper, works closely with local community groups and government agencies to preserve and restore natural lands throughout the New Jersey side of the Hudson-Raritan Estuary (Coastal Monmouth, Middlesex, Union, Essex, Hudson and Bergen Counties). Remaud serves as a primary NJ acquisition and restoration site coordinator for the Harbor Estuary Program's (HEP). He has played a lead role in several urban natural restorations, such as the 250-acre interior of Liberty State Park and 40-acre Lincoln Park West in Jersey City.

Remaud co-drafted legislation to create the Meadowlands Conservation Trust, where he was appointed a seat on the Board and chairs the land acquisition committee. He has the privilege of serving as an advisor to many outstanding local groups including the Friends of Liberty State Park, Bloomfield Third Riverbank Association, Hazlet Open Space Committee, and Harsimus Stem Embankment Coalition under the principal that assisting and empowering local citizens is a key to successful communities and a healthy regional environment.

Remaud earned a Master's degree in Environmental Management/Geography from Rutgers University.

Mike Hunninghake founded and is the current Chair of the Bordentown City Environmental Commission, is a member of the Bordentown City Planning Board and serves as Director of Communications & Education for Pinelands Preservation Alliance. Mike is the lead local organizer of the Greenway efforts in Bordentown City. Under the auspices of the Bordentown City Environmental

Commission he has organized multiple outreach and volunteer programs, including multiple educational walks and trail-building events, with more than 100 individuals from the local community participating. He has also coordinated the various local, county, state and non-profit organizations involved in the preservation and park development efforts associated with Bordentown City. Mike continues these efforts to advance the project and to build a stewardship base.

Leah B. Yasenchak, AICP, PP, CECd, is a Principal at Brownfield Redevelopment Solutions (BRS), a consulting group which assists public and private entities in moving from brownfield site identification to redevelopment, including identifying and obtaining funding, managing projects, and working with regulatory agencies to satisfy cleanup requirements.

Ms. Yasenchak received her Bachelor and Master of Arts degrees in Public Administration of Environmental Policy from The American University, and her Master of Environmental Science degree from Johns Hopkins University. She is a certified and licensed planner, and a certified economic developer. She is currently pursuing a PhD from Rutgers University in Urban Studies and Environmental Planning.

Prior to establishing BRS, Ms. Yasenchak spent twelve years working for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency in various program offices. This includes four years on a detail assignment as the Brownfields Coordinator for the City of Trenton. In this position she assisted the City in identifying, funding, investigating, remediating, and redeveloping numerous Trenton brownfield sites.

Mark Becker and Lori Charkey, Co-Directors of Bergen Save the Watershed Action Network for over two decades, have designed, organized, and lead countless educational seminars and public programs. They have given hundreds of talks before a wide range of school groups, community organizations, and municipal agencies on the subject of watershed stewardship. They have worked closely with local municipalities and other agencies on cooperative projects, including creation of environmental ordinances; conducting park clean-ups; maintaining and improving watershed nature preserves; and the orchestration of large, outdoor educational events. In conjunction with the 2007 Bergen SWAN *Living Well in the Watershed Festival*, the Co-Directors worked with Greg Rusciano, Master Gardeners, local Scouts, and other volunteers to construct a highly effective residential rain garden. Lori and Mark are the prime organizers and managers for the subject workshop, and are intimately familiar with all of its details.

Greg Rusciano helps coordinate the *Stormwater Management in Your Backyard* and *Restore-a-Waterway* extension education initiatives for homeowners and volunteer organizations, respectively. He has a rich experience working with community groups and municipal officials in designing and building rain gardens and other stormwater control devices. Evidence of Greg's work can be viewed at the WRP web site at: http://www.water.rutgers.edu/Rain_Gardens/RGWebsite/raingardens.html

Greg also regularly gives lectures and presentations on his work at state and regional conferences and workshops.

Chris Statile is a Licensed Civil Engineer with over 30 years of uninterrupted service to the Borough of Hillsdale. Additionally he was recently contracted to provide his services to the Borough of River Vale Planning Board. Chris' long experience as an engineer for municipal governments provides him with a deep insight into how to present, fund, and manage municipal infrastructure projects. Chris' professional relationship with two of the four towns in our project area has proven a key asset to the success of our project thus far. He is an excellent speaker with a wealth of experience at making presentations before government boards and agencies, and at giving talks at professional conferences on municipal infrastructure and stormwater control topics.

Barbara Heskins Davis leads The Land Conservancy of New Jersey's *Partners for Greener Communities* program and oversees completion of Open Space and Recreation Plans, Farmland Preservation Plans and Trails Plans for local communities. This program has helped towns preserve over 8,600 acres of land and receive \$157 million in federal, state, and county grants for land preservation. Barbara is part of a leadership team that organizes the Morris County Green Table, a forum where municipalities and land trusts meet to discuss common goals and projects. She serves on the Board of Trustees for Morris Tomorrow, a broad-based community organization focusing on regional issues and building consensus to improve the quality of life in Morris County. Barbara has spoken at several New Jersey Land Conservation Rallies, the New Jersey League of Municipalities Annual Convention, and local workshops focusing on open space acquisition and planning. She is also a licensed planner.

Bob Canace specializes in identifying ecologically or culturally significant lands to be acquired for preservation by local and county governments, the State of New Jersey and non-profit land trusts. Bob has been the president of Ridge and Valley Conservancy since 1994, served on the Warren County Agricultural Development Board for 7 years, and spent 28 years as a hydrogeologist with the New Jersey Geological Survey. Bob serves as the open-space advisor for six communities in Warren and Sussex Counties, protecting farmland and open space. With his background in limestone geology and general geohydrology Bob brings a unique perspective to resource-based land protection.
Janice Reid, Assistant State Conservationist NRCS NJ

BS from Cook College, Rutgers Univ. in Environmental Science. Worked with Soil Conservation Service/Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) for 25 years as soil conservationist in the field putting conservation on the land. Has been Assistant State Conservationist for the past 4 years directing the agency's delivery of financial assistance and easement programs in New Jersey.

Tim Dunne, State Resource Conservationist, NRCS NJ

BS from Cook College, Rutgers Univ. in Wildlife Biology

Worked with Soil Conservation Service/Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) for 28 years as soil conservationist, biologist and most recently as State

Resource Conservationist. Worked on implementation of Farm Bill programs with landowners, focusing on fish & wildlife biology and wetland issues.

Gwen McNamara is Communications Manager for the Stony Brook-Millstone Watershed Association, central New Jersey's first environmental group. Since joining the association in 2008, she has helped galvanize the association's public relations and community outreach efforts, while also working on e-communications and membership development. She has seven years communications experience, holds a B.A. from The College of New Jersey, and is a LEED Accredited Professional through the U.S. Green Building Council's Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design program.

Tracey Costanzo has been responsible for fundraising, member recruitment, community outreach, and public relations at the Hunterdon Land Trust Alliance since 2005. She has seven years experience in non-profit fund development and communications, as well as 15 years experience in corporate marketing. Tracey holds a B.A. from the State University of New York and an M.B.A. in marketing from the Simon School at the University of Rochester.

David Froehlich is the Former Executive Director of the Wissahickon Valley Watershed Association for thirty years where he was involved in a variety of land preservation activities. Presently he is working as a consultant to some local governments and private landowners on land related issues. David is also a licensed real estate agent in Pennsylvania.

Brian Cowden has been a life long conservationist active in causes related to New Jersey's outdoor pursuits. His interest in conservation led Brian to become an active Trout Unlimited (TU) volunteer first at the chapter level and later in running New Jersey TU's highly successful Trout in the Classroom (TIC) program as state-wide coordinator. Later, Brian joined TU's New Jersey state council as vice chair where he continued to rapidly grow the TIC program and work with New Jersey's nine chapters in the areas of coldwater conservation and education. After nearly 21 years as a salesman in the corrugated packaging business, Brian left the corporate world and joined the Eastern Conservation staff at Trout Unlimited in February 2008 as the Musconetcong Home Rivers Coordinator, the first such paid position in New Jersey for TU.

Cristina Frank has been working to identify and conserve important bird habitat in NJ as Coordinator for NJ Audubon Society's Important Bird and Birding Areas Program. Cristina developed the methodology used to establish the conservation boundaries for priority IBAs. Cristina Frank attained her Bachelors of Science in Natural Resource Management and her Master's of Science in Ecology from Rutgers University.

Cristina has delivered many presentations about conservation and wildlife ecology and management at professional conferences including The Wildlife Society, The Society for

Conservation Biology, The Ecological Society of America and previous Land Trust Rallies. Cristina has also presented to citizen groups, private landowners and conservationists.

Patrick Woerner works as a Geographic Information Systems (GIS) Specialist for New Jersey's Endangered and Nongame Species Program. His primary responsibilities include mapping, data development and maintenance of New Jersey's Landscape Project. Over the past five years he has conducted training and information sessions that enable the public to use and interpret the Landscape Project through geographic information systems. He received a BA in Geography from the University of Colorado in 2001.

Peter Winkler graduated from Cook College with a BS in Natural Resource Management and has a Geomatics certificate from Rutgers University. He has worked for the Division of Fish and Wildlife's Endangered and Nongame species program since 2001 and is the head of the ENSP GIS unit.

Susan Lockwood is the Deputy Mayor of Delaware Township. Ms. Lockwood has served on various municipal boards and committees including as an elected member of Delaware Township's governing body (present), Mayor in 2003 and 2008; past Chairman and current member of the Environmental Commission; member of the Planning Board and Open Space Committee; and founder and editor of the township newsletter. She is a Supervising Environmental Specialist with the State of New Jersey, Department of Environmental Protection supervising the rule-writing unit in the Division of Land Use Regulation

Laura Szwak is New Jersey Conservation Foundation's Director of Partnerships and Greenways. She manages the Garden State Greenways program and coordinates technical assistance and networking opportunities for land conservation organizations throughout the state. She has made many presentations, from community groups to large workshops at conferences, including the national Land Trust Alliance, NJ League of Municipalities, ANJEC, and the NJ Land Conservation Rally.

Matt Blake manages the American Littoral Society's Delaware Bay Program. He has a Master's of Science degree from Antioch University in Resource Management and Administration and a Bachelor's of Science from Prescott College in Conservation Biology. Matt joined the Society in 2005. He is a fourth generation landowner in Hopewell Township, Cumberland County and resides in Greenwich.

Michael Catania is the founder and President of Conservation Resources Inc., a nonprofit conservation group which provides financial and technical assistance to the conservation community in New Jersey. Earlier in his career, he served as Deputy Commissioner of the NJ Department of Environmental Protection under three Commissioners and two Governors. Michael began his career with the non-partisan NJ Legislative Services Agency, where he drafted many of New Jersey's landmark environmental laws, including the Pinelands Protection Act, several of the Green Acres

Bond Acts, the Conservation and Historic Preservation Restriction Act, and the Spill Compensation and Control Act. Michael also served as the Executive Director of The Nature Conservancy of New Jersey for 12 years. He currently serves as Chair of the New Jersey Natural Lands Trust and President of a local land trust, the Schiff Natural Lands Trust, Inc. In 2003, he became the founder and Chairman of the Coalition for Conservation. He holds a BA and MA in Political Science from Rutgers University as well as a JD from Rutgers School of Law in Camden.

Jon Wagar, who serves as Vice President for Conservation Programs at Conservation Resources Inc., has had extensive experience with land acquisition, stewardship and restoration projects on behalf of several non-profit conservation organizations during the last several years. From 1999 through 2004, Jon was a member of the staff of the New Jersey Conservation Foundation, where he served as Director of Stewardship and Assistant Director of Land acquisition and Stewardship. Jon also managed the Garden State Greenways Project for NJCF, and he has extensive experience using Geographic Information Systems and Global Positioning Systems for conservation purposes. Jon currently serves as Chair of the Mendham Township Open Space Trust Committee and Director of Land Acquisition and Stewardship for Schiff Natural Lands Trust in Mendham. He has served as a Trustee of the Washington Township Land Trust, the NJ Forest Stewardship Committee, and the Pinelands Forestry Advisory Committee. Jon holds a BS in biology from Richard Stockton College, as well as a Master of Forestry Degree from Yale University School of Forestry and Environmental Studies.

Todd Klawinski is a committed lifelong learner and educator residing in Wilmington, DE. His childhood, spent mostly out of doors, was essential to becoming a conservation minded adult today. He has a big Earth perspective, and a local drive for action especially when it comes to sparking enthusiasm for nature in those he meets. In April 2007, Todd was selected to be one of 1,000 diverse citizens to be trained in Nashville with *The Climate Project* to deliver public education presentations on the science and crisis of global climate destabilization. His personal and professional mission is to create and encourage a thriving conservation minded community that begins with a powerful sense of wonder for Nature in childhood, and active stewardship of natural lands and waters through to adulthood.

Timothy J. LaSalle is CEO of the Rodale Institute, an internationally recognized leader in regenerative organic agricultural research, advocacy and education. LaSalle is the first CEO of the non-profit organization, located in Kutztown, Pennsylvania, which was founded in 1947 by J.I. Rodale to explore the scientific foundation of organic agriculture.

Since he began work at the Institute in July 2007, he has engaged national and international policy planners on how organic farming can address the global challenges of famine prevention, global warming and human nutrition.

LaSalle was Executive Director of the Northwest Earth Institute in Portland, Oregon, 2006-2007, that offers discussion courses on sustainability, deep ecology, living in place, and the practice of simplicity for groups and individuals in the across the United States. He served as Interim Executive Director of the Environmental Center of San Luis Obispo County and from 2003 to 2005 was Executive Director of the Allan Savory Center for Holistic Management, an international non-profit who mission is to restore and regenerate deteriorating landscapes for the people dependent on that land.

As President and CEO of the California Agricultural Leadership Program from 1986 to 2003, LaSalle directed a two-year fellowship program that developed leaders in the agricultural industry. From 1974 to 1986 he was a full professor at California Polytechnic State University (Cal Poly) San Luis Obispo, California, where he taught a range of dairy science classes.

LaSalle has a Ph.D. in depth psychology from Pacifica Graduate Institute. He holds a Master's in Science in Populations Genetics from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University and a Bachelor's in Science from Cal Poly. He has served on many nonprofit boards, committees and leadership groups, including roles with the Kellogg Leadership Alliance and Chaired an International Call to Action on Sustainability at EARTH University in Costa Rica.

Alison Mitchell is charged with spearheading the development and management of NJCF's public policy program and has direct leadership in farmland preservation efforts. The author of *The New Jersey Highlands Treasures at Risk*, and *Gaining Ground*, a farmland policy report, Alison has worked on land acquisition and policy initiatives for NJCF and has served as a: Member of the advisory committee of the NJ Agricultural Experiment Station Board of Managers, Rutgers University; founding trustee and president of the Hunterdon Land Trust Alliance, member of the Board of Trustees of Isles, Inc and has recently been appointed member of the Delaware and Raritan Canal Commission. Prior to joining NJCF, Alison interned with the Rails-to-Trails Conservancy and The Wilderness Society, and during her graduate studies she worked with Northeast States for Coordinated Air Use Management (NESCAUM) – a nonprofit working on air quality issues. She holds a MA in Urban and Environmental Policy from Tufts University and a BA in International Relations from Connecticut College.

Deborah Newcomb holds a BS in Environmental Science from Cook College and a Masters Degree in Environmental Education from Montclair State. She is the Chairman of the Clinton Township Environmental Commission. Professionally, she has worked as the Municipal Assessment Project Coordinator and as an Environmental Educator for South Branch Watershed Association, and as a Watershed Protection Specialist for the New Jersey Water Supply Authority. At NJWSA, she assessed public education and outreach efforts for the watershed management planning process for the Raritan River Basin, managed subcontracts for preparation of public reports, planned and facilitated stakeholder activities for watershed management planning programs, and carried out the EPA Watershed Initiative Project for the Raritan Basin. Ms Newcomb also worked as an environmental scientist at Frederic R. Harris, Inc., where she conducted wetlands, T&E and other ecological studies for regulatory compliance and permitting.

Harriet Honigfeld has been a planner for the Monmouth Co Planning Board since 2000. As Coordinator of Monmouth County's Farmland Preservation Program, she handles easement acquisition, monitoring, stewardship and right-to-farm matters, and recently completed the updated *Monmouth County Farmland Preservation Plan*. Ms Honigfeld previously worked at NJ Conservation Foundation, first as a Land Steward and later as a Project Manager. She is the author of NJCF's *Charting a Course for the Delaware Bay Watershed*, a four-county regional plan. Harriet also authored *A Landowner's Guide to Saving Streamways in the Great Swamp Watershed* and conducted numerous baseline easement monitoring surveys for the Harding Land Trust and Harding Township. She has an undergraduate degree from Williams College and a Master's degree from Yale School of Forestry and Environmental Studies.

Tim Brill joined the NJ State Agriculture Development Committee as Agricultural Retention Program / Planning Manager in August 1999. He supervises the Garden State's ambitious Farmland Preservation Program, with primary focus on the County and Municipal Planning Incentive Grant Programs and the State Transfer of Development Rights Bank. Mr. Brill also coordinates agricultural retention efforts with other State and regional planning initiatives such as the *State Plan* and the *Highlands Regional Master Plan*, as well as county, municipal, open space / recreation and historic preservation activities. After graduating from Glassboro (Rowan) State College with a BA in Geography, Tim started his career as a planner for the City of Bridgeton. He then served as Assistant Planning Director for Cumberland County from 1988 through 1999, where he developed the County's Farmland Preservation Program. Tim has served as President of the NJ County Planners Association. He and his family live in Hopewell Township, Mercer Co.

Larry Fink has been a Project Manager with the Green Acres Program since 2004. He is the Coordinator of the Tax Exemption Program and is also a Land Acquisition Manager working in Warren and Sussex Counties. Previously, Mr. Fink was the Director of Policy at the New Jersey Conservation Foundation. He serves as an elected Township Committeeman and is a former Mayor and member of the Planning Board, Environmental Commission, and Open Space Advisory Council.

Donna Ann Harris is the principal of Heritage Consulting Inc., a Philadelphia-based consulting firm that works in three practice areas: downtown and commercial district revitalization, historic preservation and organizational development.

Since starting her firm and during her career, Donna has assisted citizen groups and government agencies to identify appropriate reuses for threatened historic properties that ensure the long term preservation and maintenance of the site. From 1984-1992 Ms. Harris managed the façade easement program for the Philadelphia Historic Preservation Corporation (now Preservation Alliance for Greater Philadelphia) where she negotiated with potential easement donors, prepared façade easement documents and managed the annual inspection of 135 donations. Since then she has prepared façade and interior easement documents for the seminal Chicago style skyscraper, the Reliance Building, and several other Chicago buildings. Donna continues to advocate for the greater use of façade and conservation easements in her new book *New Solutions for House Museums: Ensuring the Long-Term Preservation of America's Historic Homes* published by AltaMira Press in April 2007. She speaks and presents regularly at workshops and conferences nationwide.

Megan Thomas concentrates her practice in trust and estate planning and administration. She has extensive experience in estate planning through the use of charitable trusts, private foundations, family partnerships and conservation easements. She also regularly handles the administration of estates and trusts including Internal Revenue Service audits and related litigation on behalf of corporate and individual fiduciaries. Megan has

developed and executed conservation and preservation easement documents, and chairs Preservation NJ's Easement Program Committee.

Ms. Thomas speaks and presents regularly at a variety of conferences and workshops for the Gift Planning Council, the Garden State Preservation Trust, and other organizations.

Education:

University of Pennsylvania School of Law, J.D., 1989

Dartmouth College, A.B., 1979

Ron Emrich is Executive Director of Preservation New Jersey, Inc. the statewide membership-based non-profit education and advocacy organization. Leading the group since 2003, he works with a distinguished board of directors and staff of three to advance the group's mission to sustain and enhance the vitality of New Jersey's communities by promoting and preserving their diverse historic resources. As Chief Executive Officer, he is responsible for establishing and implementing programs and projects in historic preservation education, advocacy and technical assistance, and plans and directs the organization's membership and resources development program.

Prior to his tenure in New Jersey, Ron was principal in Urban Prospects, Inc., a historic preservation and resources consulting firm that provided preservation planning services. He was also Adjunct Assistant professor in the school of city and regional planning at the University of Texas – Arlington, teaching historic preservation planning courses, Emrich was the Executive Director of the Grapevine Heritage Foundation, a non-profit preservation advocacy and educational organization in Grapevine, Texas, where he served as the city's Historic Preservation Officer and Main Street program manager. From 1995 to 1996, he was Executive Director of Landmarks Preservation Council of Illinois (LPCI), the non-profit statewide preservation advocacy organization based in Chicago. Ron served as Historic Preservation Officer for the City of Dallas from 1986 – 1991 and later was appointed to serve two terms on the Dallas Landmark Commission.

Ron is a member of the Board of Advisors of the New Jersey Main Street program, and an Executive Board member of Preservation Action, the national historic preservation advocacy organization. As a past Chairman of the Board of the National Alliance of Preservation Commissions, he serves on the NAPC Board of Advisors, and has served as conference moderator and facilitator for the bi-annual National Preservation Commissions Forum. Ron has presented programs on a wide range of preservation topics at conferences, workshops and a variety of public events for more than 20 years, and has participated as moderator or panelist in several past New Jersey Land Conservation Rallies.

He completed coursework in the Masters in Historic Preservation program at Columbia University in New York City and holds a B.A. in American History from the University of Colorado.

Beth Styler Barry, Musconetcong Watershed Association Executive Director has over nine years experience in watershed education and protection issues including work with municipal, county and state government. Ms. Styler Barry leads the River Watcher Volunteer Monitoring Program, Musconetcong River Management Council and the Musconetcong Watershed Education Program. Beth works with landowners and private, state and federal partners on the removal of dams on the Musconetcong and along with a “Green Building Team” to design and build a U.S. Green Building LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) certified River Resource Center.

Tom Wells, Director of Government Relations for The Nature Conservancy in New Jersey, manages all public policy engagements for the organization working with partner organizations to promote funding, policies and legislation to protect New Jersey’s natural heritage. In addition, he solicits the support of New Jersey’s congressional delegation for federal legislation to enhance conservation in the US and abroad. Prior to joining the Conservancy, Tom directed NJDEP’s Green Acres Program for 10 years, following 9 years as Assistant Director of the New Jersey Conservation Foundation. Tom holds degrees in landscape architecture from Rutgers and the University of Michigan, and is a licensed landscape architect and professional planner.

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