



# ***RESOLUTION OF THE NEW JERSEY PINELANDS COMMISSION***

**NO. PC4-24-\_\_\_\_\_**

**TITLE:** To Adopt the Pinelands Commission's Fiscal Year 2025 Budgets for the Operating Fund, Fenwick Manor Preservation Fund and Pinelands Conservation Fund

**Commissioner \_\_\_\_\_ moves and Commissioner \_\_\_\_\_**  
**seconds the motion that:**

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the Pinelands Protection Act, the Pinelands Commission is charged with the continuing implementation and monitoring of the Pinelands Comprehensive Management Plan; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of New Jersey has appropriated \$3,749,000 to support the Commission's operations during Fiscal Year 2025; and

**WHEREAS**, the Department of the Treasury has informed the Commission that \$687,000 (29%) of budgeted health benefits and pension costs will be covered through the State's interdepartmental accounts in Fiscal Year 2025; and

**WHEREAS**, the Commission anticipates that additional funding sources of \$1,368,000 will be available to further support the Commission's operations, including grants from the National Park Service, the Environmental Protection Agency and the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, interest income and application fee revenue; and

**WHEREAS**, the Fenwick Manor Preservation Fund Budget includes the State's \$500,000 special appropriation to the Pinelands Commission in Fiscal Year 2023 and \$120,000 from the Commission's Fenwick Manor Painting Reserve, with all funds to be used for the refurbishment, maintenance and preservation of Fenwick Manor; and

**WHEREAS**, a financial plan for the Pinelands Conservation Fund (PCF), which includes four programs (Land Acquisition, Conservation Planning and Research, Community Planning and Design and Education and Outreach), was approved by the Commission in April 2005 and last revised in August 2014; and

**WHEREAS**, the Fiscal Year 2025 budget for the Land Acquisition program totals \$3,027,450 and includes potential expenditure of up to \$3,000,000 for acquisition and preservation of land in the Pinelands Area; and

**WHEREAS**, the Fiscal Year 2025 budget for the Conservation Planning and Research program totals \$549,324 and

**WHEREAS**, the Fiscal Year 2025 budget for the Community Planning and Design program totals \$211,230; and

**WHEREAS**, the Fiscal Year 2025 budget for the Education and Outreach program totals \$70,950; and

**WHEREAS**, the total Fiscal Year 2025 budget for the Pinelands Conservation Fund is \$3,858,954; and

**WHEREAS**, the Operating Budget for Fiscal Year 2025 totals \$7,127,603; and

**WHEREAS**, the Fiscal Year 2025 Operating Budget reflects the continuation of the Energy Conservation Reserve established in Fiscal Year 2023 at the request of the Pinelands Climate Committee, with funds to be used for projects and capital expenditures that foster the Commission's mission toward improved energy conservation, sustainability and mitigation of greenhouse gas emissions to the greatest extent feasible, consistent with Pinelands Commission Resolutions PC4-20-37 and PC4-22-15; and

**WHEREAS**, in order to accomplish these and other important initiatives and to continue to carry out the Commission’s regulatory responsibilities, the Fiscal Year 2025 Operating Budget anticipates the need for a \$929,603 draw from the Commission’s unreserved, undesignated fund balance; and

**WHEREAS**, the remaining unreserved, undesignated fund balance amount is sufficient to cover unforeseen or emergency expenditures in the near future; and

**WHEREAS**, the Commission’s Personnel & Budget Committee has reviewed the FY 2025 budgets for the Operating Fund, Fenwick Manor Preservation Fund and Pinelands Conservation Fund and has recommended their adoption by the Commission; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 13:18A-5h, no action authorized by the Commission shall have force or effect until ten (10) days, Saturdays, Sundays and public holidays excepted, after a copy of the minutes of the meeting of the Commission has been delivered to the Governor for review, unless prior to expiration of the review period the Governor shall approve same, in which case the action shall become effective upon such approval.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Pinelands Commission hereby adopts the attached Fiscal Year 2025 Budgets for the Operating Fund totaling \$7,127,603, the Fenwick Manor Preservation Fund totaling \$1,195,000 and the Pinelands Conservation Fund totaling \$3,858,954.

**Record of Commission Votes**

	AYE	NAY	NP	A/R*		AYE	NAY	NP	A/R*		AYE	NAY	NP	A/R*
Asselta					Lettman					Rittler Sanchez				
Avery					Lohbauer					Wallner				
Christy					Mauriello					Matos				
Holroyd					Meade									
Irick					Pikolycky									

\*A = Abstained / R = Recused

Adopted at a meeting of the Pinelands Commission

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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Susan R. Grogan  
Executive Director

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Laura E. Matos  
Chair