

Imagine New Jersey without



the Appalachian Trail

*hundreds of local
ball fields, hiking and
biking paths*

*Liberty State Park,
Branch Brook Park*

*or the Camden
Waterfront Park....*

That's a New Jersey without the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF). And, that's why the Governor's Council on New Jersey Outdoors and the Americans for Our Heritage and Recreation want you to join its state-wide campaign to revitalize this important cornerstone of American conservation and recreation. It's not only about the quality of life we enjoy . . . but also about the quality of life that our children will inherit.

We invite you to attend the one-day summit as we seek to plan our strategy to assure that New Jersey receives its fair share of LWCF funding and help reach our million acre goal of additional preserved land.

About LWCF

In 1964, Congress created the LWCF. It was a simple idea: a program using revenues from offshore oil and gas receipts for the purchase of land and water to support the creation of national and community parks, forests, wildlife refuges, and open spaces to guarantee outdoor recreation opportunities and a clean environment.

From parks to playgrounds, wilderness to wetlands, open trails to open spaces, LWCF has been an American success story. LWCF has been responsible for nearly seven million acres of parkland, water resources, open space and the development of more than 37,000 state and local park and recreation projects. LWCF is authorized to receive \$900 million each year. In New Jersey, LWCF has provided \$150 million in funds for acquisition and development projects.

However, since the early 1980's Congress has diverted a significant percentage of the fund for purposes other than conservation and recreation. Since 1975, no stateside funding has been provided. Thus, every year, Americans lose countless opportunities to conserve precious resources and open space for all to enjoy.



*Land & Water Conservation Fund Summit
do NJ Recreation and Park Association
4 Griggstown Causeway, Princeton, NJ 08540*

NEW JERSEY'S

Land & Water Conservation Fund SUMMIT

*Renewing a State and Federal
Partnership for an Enduring Legacy*



July 8, 1999

STATE MUSEUM
TRENTON, NEW JERSEY

Sponsored by the
Governor's Council
on New Jersey Outdoors
& Americans for Our
Heritage and Recreation

SUMMIT

The New Jersey Land and Water Conservation Fund Summit will be held on Thursday, July 8, 1999 from 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. at the State Museum in Trenton.

Hosted by *Americans for Our Heritage and Recreation* and the *Governor's Council on New Jersey Outdoors*, the Summit will provide individuals, organizations and governmental officials with the information necessary to educate members of Congress and the public on the importance of restoring state and local funding from the LWCF.

Attendees will have an opportunity to learn the up-to-date status of the legislation; hear from the New Jersey Congressional delegation on their outlook for passage; highlight priorities for funding; and develop strategies for assuring the enactment of this critically important federal initiative. The registration fee of \$20 will cover the cost of lunch and conference materials.

Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. and the program at 9:30 a.m.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Governor Christine Todd Whitman - Keynote Speaker

NJ Congressional Delegation Panel

National Campaign Update - Americans for Our Heritage & Recreation

Lunch

Afternoon Strategy Sessions on:

Critical Landscapes and Watersheds; Suburban Sprawl; Urban Parks and Recreation;

Historic Preservation; Working with Private Land Owners: Farmland and Forests

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DIRECTIONS TO
MUSEUM & CAPITAL
COMPLEX PARKING

From Route 29, take the Willow St. exit and follow signs to "Capital Complex Parking." Be aware that there are detour signs for Route 29 if your approach is from the South. Visitor parking is on Level 1. Exit elevator on Level 3 and follow signs to Museum.

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Yes, I will attend the NJ LWCF Summit

Name: _____

Organization: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Fax: _____

Email Address: _____

- Registration fee of \$20 per person is enclosed. Please make checks payable to: LWCF Summit
- Our organization would like to co-sponsor the Summit. \$100 is enclosed.
- Sorry, I am unable to attend, please keep us on the mailing list.

Please indicate two sessions that you wish to attend:

- Critical Landscapes and Watersheds
- Suburban Sprawl
- Urban Parks and Recreation
- Historic Preservation
- Working with Private Land Owners: Farmland and Forests

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