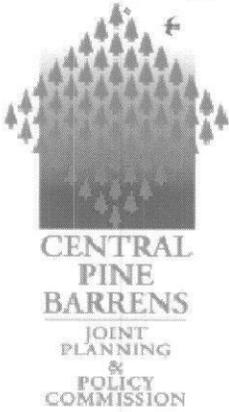


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New York State Education Department and
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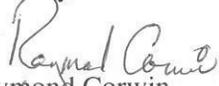
Dear Sir and/or Madam:

We would like to extend this reminder to school districts in the Central Pine Barrens region (see enclosed general boundary map) to kindly continue to include the Commission as an Interested Agency on proposed projects (e.g., new facilities, alternative energy systems, ballfields, redevelopment) in the Central Pine Barrens, as per New York State Environmental Conservation Law (ECL) Article 57 (Pine Barrens Protection Act)¹. Depending on the type of action proposed, the Commission's role may rise to the level of Involved Agency in the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) process. Although projects that are proposed by school districts are not subject to local (Town/Village) jurisdiction, **all projects in the Central Pine Barrens region must conform to NYS ECL Article 57 and the Central Pine Barrens Comprehensive Land Use Plan. If the project does not comply with these provisions, then a Hardship application must be submitted to the Commission, subject to review and approval.** To learn more about the Commission, the types of hardship applications, and related information, please visit the Commission's website at: www.pb.state.ny.us.

In order to facilitate intergovernmental communications, please copy the Commission on all proposals and final project approvals for project sites located in the Central Pine Barrens (Core Preservation Area or Compatible Growth Area). Communication among our agencies will keep the Commission aware of development activity in the region and assist the Commission's Land Use Division to maintain and update project site files. Moreover, it supports the Commission's Compliance and Enforcement (C&E) Division and C&E Coordinator in response to inquiries from the public and other agencies regarding construction and other activities in the Central Pine Barrens. Although some districts copied on this letter may not currently have schools built in the region, they were included because they may own property that would fall under Commission jurisdiction if developed in the future.

Please send relevant correspondence to my attention at the address provided on this letterhead. Thank you for your continued cooperation, and if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact our Land Use Staff at (631) 224-2604.

Sincerely,


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¹ Long Island Pine Barrens Protection Act of 1993 <http://pb.state.ny.us/article57/ecl57.html>

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