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2016 Northeast Regional Meeting
TUESDAY, AUGUST 16TH



PINE BARRENS CONSERVATION TOUR & 'JERSEY FRESH' LUNCH

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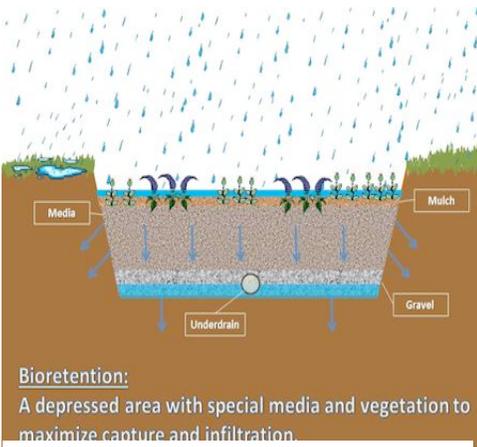
Breakfast On Your Own

Setting the Stage for the Day of Exploring

8:15 am

Joe Lomax (Lomax Consulting), Supervisor, Cape Atlantic SCD District

Depart Stockton Seaview Resort - 9:30 am



Arrive

**NJM BIORETENTION BASIN
10:00 am**

***Depart**

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10:30 am**



Arrive

**BUDD'S
CRANBERRY FARM
11:00 am**

***Depart Cranberry Farm -
12:00 pm**



Arrive

**BLUEBERRY &
CRANBERRY RESEARCH
FACILITY / 'Jersey Fresh'
Picnic Lunch**

**12:45 pm
*Depart Research Facility -
2:45 pm**

Arrive STOCKTON SEAVIEW RESORT - 3:30 pm
Site Descriptions following and/or on Reverse Side

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Pine Barrens Conservation Tour Descriptions

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NJM Bio-retention Basin

The tour kicks off with a stop at the New Jersey Manufacturers Insurance Company's Hammonton site for a visit to a bio-retention basin that was created during construction of the facility five years ago. This will be an opportunity to see first-hand how a well maintained bio-retention basin provides for the continued collection and infiltration of stormwater runoff to help recharge groundwater aquifers. Representatives from Princeton Hydro, a firm that specializes in water resources engineering, will talk about their role in design and maintenance of the site.

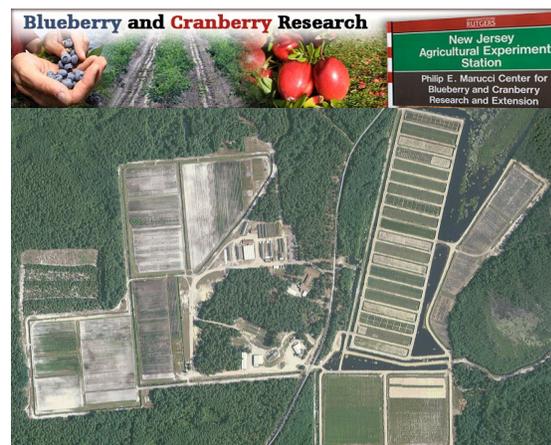


Budd's Cranberry Farm

Visit a 300 acre cranberry farm nestled in the Pinelands National Reserve. The farmer, Tom Budd, is a District Supervisor with the Burlington SCD that has truly embraced conservation efforts on his land. The farm has a dedicated conservation area on which he, in cooperation with NRCS and with the Xerces Society, has designed and installed wildlife habitat plantings. Tom's farm is also one of the locations that is host to a pollinator habitat project that was funding under Cape Atlantic Conservation District's National Innovation Grant program. This farm represents what can be achieved as a result of cooperative efforts of USDA-NRCS, multiple conservation districts, the Xerces Society and a private landowner.

Philip E. Marucci Center for Blueberry & Cranberry Research

The Philip E. Marucci Center for Blueberry and Cranberry Research and Extension, a substation of the Rutgers New Jersey Agricultural Experiment Station ([NJAES](#)), generates and disseminates research information directly applicable to the production of high-quality blueberries and cranberries and develops new cultivars for industry. The Marucci Center was first established at Whitesbog in 1918 under the direction of C.S. Beckwith. Originated established to focus solely on cranberry problems, research gradually evolved to include blueberries as the new fledgling cultivated blueberry industry developed. In 1927, the station was moved to Pemberton and in 1962, to its permanent new facilities at Chatsworth, NJ, in the midst of New Jersey's cranberry and blueberry industry in the Pinelands. It is recognized by the federal government as the national Center for Vaccinium Research. The facility supports an extensive cranberry breeding program in cooperation with scientists from Massachusetts



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COASTAL CONSERVATION TOUR & 'JERSEY FRESH' LUNCH

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Breakfast On Your Own

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8:30 am

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Depart Stockton Seaview Resort - 9:30 am



Arrive

**AVALON DUNES/
MARITIME WALKING TRAIL**

10:30 am

***Depart Avalon Dunes –
12:00 pm**

Arrive

**NRCS PLANT MATERIALS
CENTER @ Cape May
'Jersey Fresh' Lunch**

12:15 pm

***Depart NJPMC -
2:00 pm**

Arrive

**THE WETLANDS
INSTITUTE**

2:15 pm

***Depart The Wetlands
Institute – 2:45 pm**

Arrive Stockton Seaview Resort - 3:45 pm

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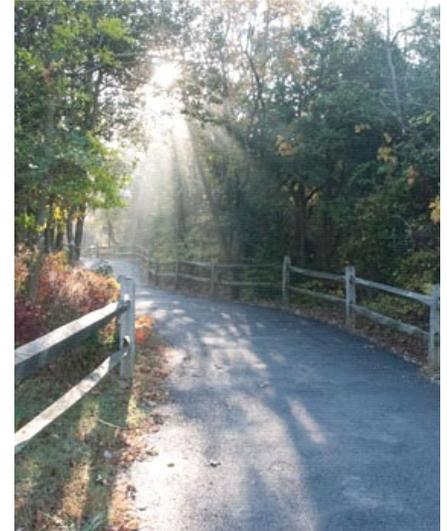
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Coastal Conservation Tour Descriptions

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Avalon Dune and Beach Trail

The Avalon Dune and Beach Trail provides a remarkable opportunity to explore a rare and unique landscape—a lost ecosystem. Prior to European settlement, barrier islands throughout the mid-Atlantic regions were largely covered with maritime forests that gradually gave way to shrub forests, then meadows, dunes and finally the beach. Traveling from the island interior toward the beach comprises a dynamic environment, continually shaped and changed by the power of the ocean. A trail walk through the remnant maritime forest will take a visitor on a journey that includes both freshwater and salt water environments, from a spectrum of tall and hardy forest trees, through a progression of shorter and more stunted trees gradually giving way to shrubs, grasses and finally blowing and drifting sand. The maritime forest's trees flourish in the protection afforded them by the dunes, shielding them from the ocean's energy. .



Cape May Plant Materials Center

The Cape May Plant Materials Center provides solutions for natural resource concerns pertaining to coastal shorelines, sand dunes, mined lands, critical areas and coastal grassland habitat. The 88 acre facility established in 1965 serves a nine-state area, including parts of Connecticut , Delaware, Maryland, Massachusetts, Long Island - New York, New Jersey, North Carolina, Rhode Island and Virginia. Learn how field research is conducted at the center, and how plant species are developed to address critical issues.

The Wetlands Institute

The Wetlands Institute was founded by Herbert Mills in the late 1960's, fulfilling his life-long vision of creating a world-class research, education and conservation center at the Jersey Shore to educate people of all ages about the beauty and wonders of the coastal environment, and the importance of that environment to their daily lives. His dream was to inspire everyone to want to conserve and sustain that environment forever. Because the coastal ecosystems are so vital to human life, and because so many decisions about man's relation to those systems are dependent upon scientific knowledge, research and public understanding, the institute is dedicated to conducting meaningful research. Sound scientific techniques assist with fulfilling its mission *"To promote appreciation, understanding and stewardship of wetlands and coastal ecosystems through our programs in research, education, and conservation."*

