

October, 2013
Fall Edition

The Wildlife Society



New Jersey Chapter Newsletter

Fall 2013 Meeting:

Lenape Farms and Forest Management

When: Wednesday, October 16, 2013; 10:30-3:30.

Where: Lenape Farms Unit, Tuckahoe WMA, Estell Manor, Atlantic County

Directions to Lenape Farms (Coordinates of club house: 39.378341; 74.737581):

From Jct. US 40 in Mays Landing:

- Take State Route 50 south 4.3 miles to Steelman Landing Rd.
- Turn left onto Steelman Landing Rd.
- Proceed 1.2 miles to Lenape Farms club house

From Jct. NJ 49 in Tuckahoe:

- Take State Route 50 north 7.7 miles to Steelman Landing Rd.
- Turn right onto Steelman Landing Rd.
- Proceed 1.2 miles to Lenape Farms club house

Lunch: Lunch will be provided at Lenape Farms for a reasonable fee.

To obtain a head count for lunch, please contact Ted Nichols at 609-628-3218 or at ted.nichols@comcast.net if you plan on attending.

Individual Highlights:

Fall 2013 meeting agenda	1,2
Committee Status	2
President's Message	3
Scholarship info	4
TWS Distinguished Service Award	5

MEETING AGENDA

NJTWS business meeting

10:30 –11:00 *Evan Madlinger, President*

PRESENTATIONS 11:00-12:15

Lenape Farms history and overview

Dave Golden NJ Division Fish & Wildlife Southern Region Bur Land Management Superintendent

Forest management concerns, issues and plans for Lenape Farms

Jeremy Webber, NJ Forest Fire Service, Southern Region

Southern pine bark beetle management in New Jersey

Ron Corcory, NJ Forest Service, Southern Region

History of white-tailed deer management at Lenape Farms

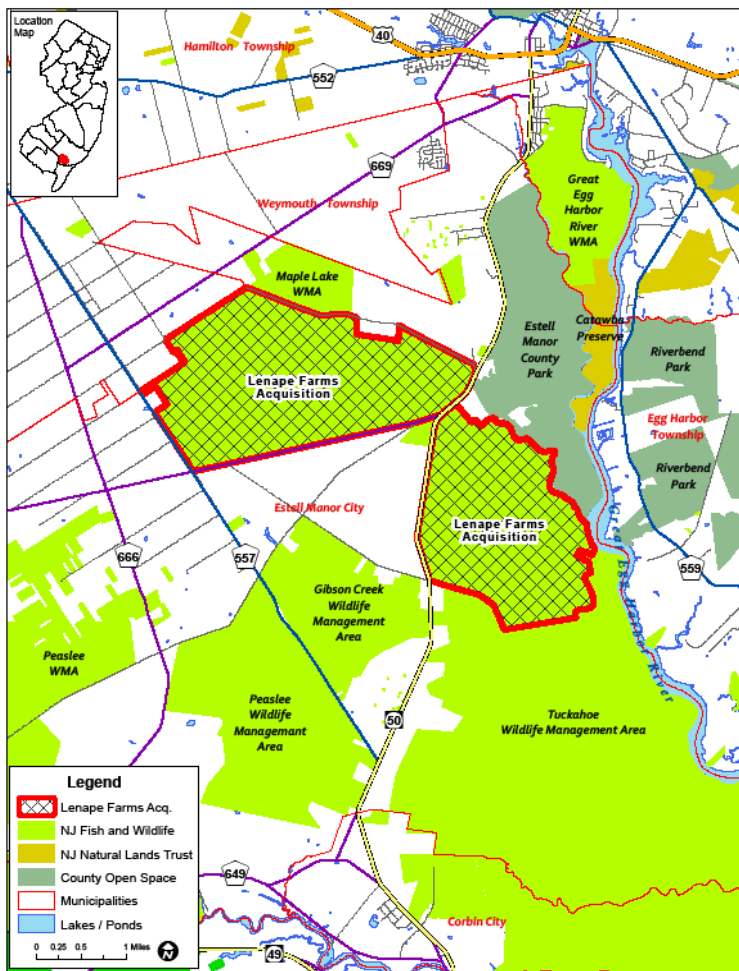
Dave Burke, Former deer management coordinator, Lenape Farms; Chair, NJ Fish and Game Council

Fall 2013 Meeting Agenda Cont.

FIELD TOUR

The field tour will be lead by the morning presenters and include observing and discussion of the following features:

- Southern pine-bark beetle treatment
- Forest thinning
- Atlantic white cedar regeneration and restoration
- Wetland restoration site
- Field management with warm season grasses
- User access plan



Bonus Field Trip

For those who might be interested, the **Head of the River M.E. Church** is 8 miles from Lenape Farms on State Route 49 in Estell Manor. This historic building, dedicated in 1792, is part of the NJ Heritage Trail and is one of the oldest remaining churches in New Jersey. A walk around the Head of the River cemetery is like a viewing a map of Atlantic/Cape May Counties containing 19th century headstones with names like Corson, Stites, Townsend, Burley, Swain, Weeks, and Steelman. The church is open to the public only twice per year but Ted Nichols can make arrangements for a tour inside the church if at least 5 people are interested in a short (15-20 minute) visit at the end of the day.

For more info see:

http://www.pressofatlanticcity.com/news/press/atlantic/th-century-estell-manor-church-all-that-remains-of-tuckahoe/article_3d9d0e6e-f148-11e0-bfaa-001cc4c002e0.html

NJTWS Fall 2013 President's Message

In September 2012 I was involved in a stream restoration project on the Capoolong Creek in Hunterdon County. Due to high flows from several large storms a debris dam had accumulated and forced the stream to cut a new channel, abandoning the existing flow path and creating a scenario where the new channel was actively eroding. After several months of planning and permitting machinery arrived on site and within a week the stream flow was restored to its original channel of which it had been separated from for a couple of years. Also, several habitat enhancement improvements were made within the reach.

Flash forward to a few weeks ago while sitting at my desk I received a phone call from Shawn Crouse NJDFW Principal Fisheries Biologist. He asked if I would be interested in electrofishing the restored stretch of the Capoolong to see how things were looking a year removed from the restoration.

Unfortunately, as with many agencies, monitoring completed projects is normally limited to one or two quick visits or walk troughs a year for the first year or two before the attention is then shifted to all the new projects. Knowing this I jumped at the chance to join Shawn and his crew to gather some real hands on data to see how my project was fairing.

A week later I found myself standing in the creek almost a year to the day of the restoration, netting stunned fish, and struggling to maintain my footing, and not take a plunge into the electrified water. It was a great day with a rewarding haul of 7 wild brown trout, and many different species of minnows, shiners, dace etc. Shawn patiently described each fish species habitat requirements, and subtle identification characteristics resulting in a great education of species typically overlooked by the common observer. On my way back to the office I reflected on the day and felt good about our findings from the survey. Our project had been successful, and we won a small victory in enhancing the overall habitat in New Jersey.

I decided to write about this project in my President's message not to brag about a nice project (well maybe a little bit) but to raise a concern I have been seeing in our field recently. Working as a Biologist for NRCS I have the privilege of working with many great partner biologists from government agencies, non-profits, and private entities across the state. Many of these partners have expressed concerns over the current state of their employers, ranging from budget cuts, changes in policy, changes in leadership, program funding, workload, and many others. Never before have I seen many of us facing so many challenges across the board, and little of it has anything to do with wildlife.

I wanted to share this story of one of my small victories in hopes that in these tough times it might remind all of you to reflect on some of your "small victories" to help you regain some focus on why we all chose to work in this profession. While 80%+ of our jobs may be dealing with human aspects, we all can agree that the 20% of the wildlife aspect is what makes being a Wildlife Biologist such a great profession.

On a completely different note, when I see all of you at the Fall NJTWS meeting Oct. 16 I will be only a few days removed from the National TWS conference in Milwaukee WI. I am very much looking forward to attending this conference and encourage all of you to try and attend one if you ever have the opportunity. While at the conference I will have the privilege of accepting The Wildlife Society Distinguished Service Award on behalf of Ted Nichols. Ted is very deserving of this award and I wanted to congratulate him on behalf of the NJTWS, and thank him for all his hard work and dedication over the years in support of this chapter. Congratulations Ted on this great honor!

Evan Madlinger
NJTWS President

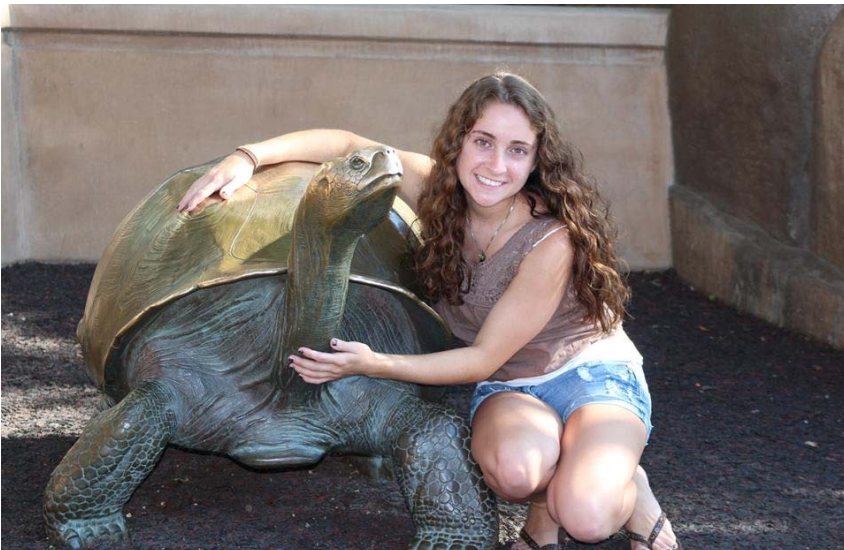
NJTWS 2013 Russell A. Cookingham Scholarship Award

The New Jersey Chapter of The Wildlife Society announced the award of the Russell A. Cookingham Scholarship to Toms River resident Jessica Valenti, a student at Richard Stockton College of NJ. Jessica was selected from a pool of qualified candidates chosen based on a combination of academics, experience in the field of wildlife conservation, and service to natural resources and the wildlife management and conservation profession.

Jessica is a marine science and chemistry major entering her senior year with extensive coursework in marine fisheries. She spent the past summer as a Rutgers University Marine Field Station summer intern working on fisheries research. She also worked as an education and research intern for American Littoral Society, and as a teaching assistant at Stockton. She has volunteered at Jenkinson's Aquarium, for Clean Ocean Action, ReClaim the Bay, and at Stockton's Marine Science and Environmental Field Station. Her career goals include graduate school and working as a fisheries biologist.

The \$1000 Cookingham Scholarship is offered annually to a qualified undergraduate student in the wildlife, fisheries or biological sciences field. This scholarship is made possible by an endowment from the late Russell A. Cookingham, former Director of the New Jersey DEP Division of Fish and Wildlife. It is intended to assist qualified students in the wildlife/fisheries or conservation education/communication field with college and related expenses. Students must reside permanently in New Jersey to be considered. New Jersey residents attending school out-of-state are eligible.

The New Jersey Chapter of The Wildlife Society, a chapter of The Wildlife Society, represents professional wildlife managers employed by state, federal and other government agencies, nonprofits, academic institutions, and private companies that address wildlife issues.



Jessica Valenti, 2013 Russell A. Cookingham Scholarship winner

TWS Northeast Section Distinguished Service Award

Congratulations to Ted Nichols, NJTWS Program Chair, on receiving the Distinguished Service Award from the Northeast Section of The Wildlife Society. On behalf of the New Jersey Chapter, we thank him for his hard work and dedication!



THE WILDLIFE SOCIETY

5410 Grosvenor Lane, Suite 200 • Bethesda, MD 20814-2144
Tel: (301) 897-9770 • Fax: (301) 530-2471
tws@wildlife.org • www.wildlife.org

July 25, 2013

Mr. Theodore C. Nichols
1416 11th Avenue
Dorothy, NJ 08317

Dear Ted:

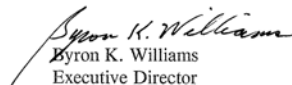
It was with a great deal of pleasure that we learned that the Northeast Section has selected you to receive the 2013 Distinguished Service Award. Congratulations!

The Distinguished Service Award recognizes individuals who have worked throughout their careers in a variety of ways to further the mission of The Wildlife Society and could always be counted on to serve when needed. The formal announcement and presentation of the award certificate and lapel pin will be during our Award Ceremony, on Sunday, October 6 starting at 6:00 pm in Ballroom C D of the Delta Center, during The Wildlife Society's 20th Annual Conference in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. I am providing you with this notice in hope that you, or your designee, may arrange to be present with us to receive the award. In addition to the announcement at the annual conference your name and photograph will be posted on the TWS website along with a short description of your contributions. Although the award carries no honorarium or travel assistance, it is our professional recognition of your outstanding contribution.

I would appreciate hearing from you at your earliest convenience as to the possibility of you being with us in Milwaukee to receive the award. I would also like to request a color photograph (electronic file preferred), that we can display as the award is announced. Please send the photo by August 15 to Yanin Walker, at yanin@wildlife.org.

Again, congratulations, and I look forward to hearing from you in the near future.

Sincerely,


Byron K. Williams
Executive Director

BKW/ymw

cc: Eric Schrading
Paul Castelli
John McDonald
Mitch Hartley

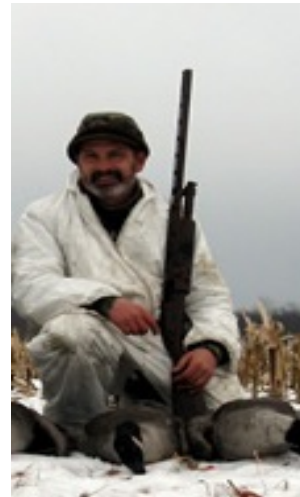


Photo: www.njfishandwildlife.com