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Pinelands Commission Mourns the Passing of Commissioner Ed Lloyd, who served on the agency's board for more than 20 years

NEW LISBON, N.J., August 7, 2023 – The New Jersey Pinelands Commission is mourning the loss of longtime Commission member Ed Lloyd, who passed away on Saturday, August 5, 2023, at the age of 74.

“The loss of Ed Lloyd will be deeply felt by New Jersey’s environmental community, especially those of us here in the Pinelands,” said Pinelands Commission Chair Laura E. Matos. “His dedication to the environment and preservation efforts was always at the forefront during his storied career, and he will be greatly missed. We on the Commission extend our deepest sympathies to his family and loved ones.”

“Ed Lloyd was among the state’s strongest, most effective advocates for Pinelands preservation,” said Susan R. Grogan, Executive Director of the Pinelands Commission. “As a Commissioner, he volunteered his time and considerable expertise in environmental law for more than 20 years. He always sought ways to strengthen and ensure the protection of the Pinelands and provide for public input in that effort. We will miss Ed’s thoughtful participation at public meetings and steadfast support of the Commission staff.”

“Ed Lloyd dedicated his entire career to the defense and preservation of New Jersey’s natural environment, and did so selflessly, with distinction,” said Commissioner Mark Lohbauer. “His success was assured by three qualities: his understanding and application of the law; his persuasive power and moral authority of his speech; and his dedication to the service of the public interest. His guidance, courage and friendship will be sorely missed.”

“It has been an honor to serve with Ed on the Pinelands Commission,” said Rick Prickett, who served on the Commission from January 9, 2012 to January 7, 2022. “He shared his professional expertise willingly, and his contributions in shaping the decisions made by the Commission during his tenure have been an immeasurable benefit to the enhancement and protection of the Pinelands and its resources.”

“Ed was a great leader of New Jersey’s environmental movement,” said Carleton Montgomery, Executive Director of the Pinelands Preservation Alliance. “He was a truly decent man who always kept a level head, even in the most heated conflicts over protecting the Pinelands and all of New Jersey’s



Above: Ed Lloyd attending his first meeting as a member of the Pinelands Commission on November 8, 2002.

natural treasures. He was also a beloved, irreplaceable mentor to me, to his legions of law students, and to so many other advocates.”

Mr. Lloyd joined the Pinelands Commission on November 8, 2002 after being appointed by then-Gov. James E. McGreevey. He was a Clinical Professor of Environmental Law at Columbia Law School. He previously served for 15 years as Director of the Rutgers University Environmental Law Clinic. Mr. Lloyd also served as General Counsel and past Executive Director of the New Jersey Public Interest Research Group. He served on the New Jersey Supreme Court Committee on Environmental Litigation, and he testified before Congressional and legislative committees on issues such as energy conservation, solar power, clean water standards and regulations, freedom of information, water supply planning and conservation, and solid waste. A graduate of Princeton University, Mr. Lloyd held a Juris Doctor from the University of Wisconsin.

Mr. Lloyd was a highly active member of the Pinelands Commission, having served on the agency’s Policy and Implementation, Climate, Permanent Land Protection, Public and Governmental Programs, Agriculture, Plan Review, Memorandum of Agreement and Personnel and Budget committees.

During Mr. Lloyd’s tenure on the Commission, the agency:

- Established the Pinelands Conservation Fund, which has since helped to permanently preserve nearly 9,000 acres of land in the Pinelands and has financed numerous Pinelands research, planning and education and outreach projects;
- Adopted significant amendments to the Pinelands Comprehensive Management Plan (CMP), the rules that govern land use, development, and the protection of resources in the Pinelands. Among these amendments were requirements for the clustering of residential development throughout much of the Pinelands Area, enhanced standards for stormwater management, a pilot program for vegetation management in electric transmission rights-of-way, and siting standards for solar energy facilities;
- Completed numerous scientific studies, including a multi-year study of the Kirkwood-Cohansey aquifer system that lies beneath the Pinelands and contains trillions of gallons of water;
- Established and implemented a highly successful pilot program to test the ability of advanced wastewater treatment technologies to meet stringent Pinelands water quality standards;
- Approved changes to the Pinelands Land Capability Map that reduced the size of development-oriented management areas and resulted in greater protections to nearly 14,000 acres of land; and
- Increased its focus on education and outreach by designing, building and opening the new Candace McKee Ashmun Education Exhibit at its headquarters and by expanding its educational offerings with annual Pinelands-themed World Water Monitoring Challenge events, the Pinelands Summer Short Course, and dozens of onsite presentations and webinars.

The Pinelands Commission is an independent state agency that is charged with protecting the natural, cultural, and historic resources of the 938,000-acre state Pinelands Area, which includes parts or all of 53 municipalities in Atlantic, Burlington, Camden, Cape May, Cumberland, Gloucester, and Ocean counties.

The Commission’s 15-member board consists of seven members who are appointed by the New Jersey Governor, one member appointed by each of the seven Pinelands counties, and one member appointed by the U.S. Secretary of the Interior. Commission members are unpaid volunteers who dedicate countless hours of their time and expertise while serving on the Commission.



Above (from left to right): The Rev. Dr. Guy Campbell, Betty Wilson, the late former Gov. James Florio and Ed Lloyd attending their first meeting as Pinelands Commission members on November 8, 2002.



Above: The late Commissioner Candace McKee Ashmun seated next to Ed Lloyd during the dedication of the educational exhibit that was named in her honor on December 14, 2018.