



NEW JERSEY HIGHLANDS COALITION

ACTION ALERT

Tell Your Legislators to Vote 'No'!

Bill on table for January would undo critical clean water rules.

Dear Friends,

In early January, the state Legislature is expected to vote on [a bill that would undo clean water rules](#) that the New Jersey Highlands Coalition and other environmental groups fought hard to secure.

[Please call your state Legislators](#) and ask them to vote "no" on bill # S2985 / A4257, the "Wastewater Planning Extension" bill. All the phone numbers you need are listed below.

The "Wastewater Planning Extension" bill keeps old, less protective wastewater rules in effect for at least two more years. The new wastewater rules we support are stronger and prohibit placement of sprawl-inducing sewer lines into large blocks of habitat for threatened and endangered species, wetlands and certain stream buffers. The new wastewater rules also include requirements for large developments built on septic systems that will help protect New Jersey's clean water and environment.

The new wastewater rules require counties and municipalities to direct development and redevelopment to areas that will not damage our water sources or precious habitat. Most counties have received from \$100,000 - \$200,000 in state and/or federal stimulus funding to complete plans that comply with the rules. Bill # S2985 / A4257 will postpone the deadline for those plans until 2012. The work that counties and municipalities have done will be out of date by 2012, the planning work will need to be redone, all that funding will have been wasted and our water and environment will be worse off.

If this legislation passes and is signed by the governor, it will jeopardize New Jersey's last remaining threatened and endangered species habitat, encourage continued pollution of our streams and promote "dumb" growth in place of "smart" growth.

The New Jersey Highlands Coalition will be in Trenton when the state Legislature comes back into session in the New Year. [Please support our work and protect clean water and healthy habitats by calling your representatives](#) and telling them to say "NO" to bill # S2985 / A4257.

Phone Numbers:

District 16 - (Morris and Somerset) Bedminster, Bernards, Bernardsville, Bound Brook, Branchburg, Bridgewater, Far Hills, Hillsborough, Manville, Mendham Borough, Millstone (Somerset), Montgomery, Peapack-Gladstone, Raritan (Somerset), Rocky Hill, Somerville, South Bound Brook

Senator Christopher Bateman (908) 526-3600
Assemblyman Peter J. Biondi (908) 252-0800
Assemblywoman Denise M. Coyle (908) 218-4059

District 21 - (Essex, Morris, Somerset and Union) Berkeley Heights, Chatham Township, Cranford, Garwood, Harding, Long Hill, Madison, Millburn, Mountainside, New Providence, Roselle Park, Springfield (Union), Summit, Warren, Watchung, Westfield

Senator Thomas H. Kean Jr. (908) 232-3673 or (908) 918-0414
Assemblyman Jon M. Bramnick (908) 232-2073 or (908) 918-0414
Assemblywoman Nancy F. Munoz (908) 918-0414 or (908) 232-3673

District 23 - (Warren and Hunterdon) Alexandria, Allamuchy, Alpha, Belvidere, Bethlehem, Blairstown, Bloomsbury, Clinton, Clinton Township, Delaware, East Amwell, Flemington, Franklin (Hunterdon), Franklin (Warren), Frelinghuysen, Frenchtown, Glen Gardner, Greenwich (Warren), Hackettstown, Hampton (Hunterdon), Hardwick, Harmony, High Bridge, Holland, Hope, Independence, Kingwood, Knowlton, Lambertville, Lebanon Borough, Lebanon Township, Liberty, Lopatcong, Mansfield (Warren), Milford, Oxford, Phillipsburg, Pohatcong, Raritan (Hunterdon), Readington, Stockton, Union (Hunterdon), Washington Borough, Washington Twp., West Amwell, White

Senator Michael J. Doherty (908) 835-0552
Assemblyman John DiMaio (908) 684-9550
Assemblyman Erik Peterson (908) 788-2060

District 24 - (Sussex, Hunterdon and Morris) Andover, Andover Township, Branchville, Byram, Califon, Chester, Chester Township, Frankford, Franklin (Sussex), Fredon, Green, Hamburg, Hampton (Sussex), Hardyston, Hopatcong, Lafayette, Montague, Mount Olive, Netcong, Newton, Ogdensburg, Sandyston, Sparta, Stanhope, Stillwater, Sussex, Tewksbury, Vernon, Walpack, Wantage, Washington (Morris)

Senator Steven V. Oroho (973) 300-0200 or (973) 584-4670
Assemblyman Gary R. Chiusano (973) 300-0200 or (973) 584-4670
Assemblywoman Alison McHose (973) 300-0200 or (973) 584-4670

District 25 - (Morris) Boonton, Boonton Township, Denville, Dover (Morris), Jefferson, Mendham Township, Mine Hill, Morris, Morristown, Mount Arlington, Mountain Lakes, Randolph, Rockaway, Rockaway Township, Roxbury, Victory Gardens, Wharton

Senator Anthony R. Bucco (973) 627-9700
Assemblyman Michael Patrick Carroll (973) 539-8113
Assemblyman Richard A. Merkt (973) 895-9100

District 26 - (Morris and Passaic) Bloomingdale, Butler, Chatham Borough, East Hanover, Florham Park, Hanover, Kinnelon, Lincoln Park, Montville, Morris Plains, Parsippany-Troy Hills, Pequannock, Pompton Lakes, Riverdale, West Milford

Senator Joseph Pennacchio (973) 227-4012
Assemblyman Alex DeCroce (973) 884-6190
Assemblyman Jay Webber (973) 884-6190

District 40 - (Bergen, Essex and Passaic) Cedar Grove, Franklin Lakes, Little Falls, Mahwah, Midland Park, Oakland, Ridgewood, Ringwood, Verona, Wanaque, Wayne, Wyckoff

Senator Kevin J. O'Toole (973) 237-1360
Assemblyman Scott T. Rumana (973) 237-1362
Assemblyman David C. Russo (201) 444-9719

If your town or district is not listed above, you can find it at:
<http://www.njleg.state.nj.us/members/legsearch.asp>.

Thank you for helping us take action on this critical issue!

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Your water. Your future.