



# New Jersey Highlands Coalition

## Membership Contribution:

- \$1,000    \$500    \$100    \$50    \$30  
 \$20 (Senior / Student)    Other \_\_\_\_\_

*(Please make checks payable to New Jersey Highlands Coalition.)*

- Yes!** I am interested in volunteering for the New Jersey Highlands Coalition.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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*Your email will allow us to inform you of upcoming events.*

Please tell us your interests: \_\_\_\_\_  
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*Please return to:*

**New Jersey Highlands Coalition**

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## **The New Jersey Highlands** *Did you know?*

- The New Jersey Highlands are over 850,000 acres in size, stretch about 60 miles from Phillipsburg in the southwest to Oakland in the northeast, lie within portions of seven counties (Bergen, Hunterdon, Morris, Passaic, Somerset, Sussex, and Warren) and include more than 90 municipalities.
- The New Jersey Highlands are a vital source of drinking water for over 5 million residents of New Jersey, most of whom live outside the region. That's more than the populations of Alaska, Delaware, Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota, Vermont, and Wyoming combined!
- The New Jersey Highlands' exceptionally diverse natural communities provide habitat for 72 New Jersey-listed endangered, threatened and rare animal species, including mammals, birds, amphibians, reptiles, butterflies, dragonflies, damselflies and mussels. Importantly, some are federally listed. Also 137 endangered, imperiled and rare plant species can be found in the New Jersey Highlands.
- The Highlands were recognized as a "landscape of national significance" in a 1992 federal study by the USDA Forest Service. The 2004 federal Highlands Conservation Act authorized over \$100 million in funding for land conservation and technical assistance in the region.
- The Highlands have been inhabited since the retreat of the last glacier over 10,000 years ago. Iron found in the Highlands provided the base for the Industrial Revolution in America. Iron mines and the remains of forges and furnaces are found throughout the region.