

Sierra club hosts: Highlands Act presentation by Elliott Ruga

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The NJ Sierra Club invites members and the public to an informative talk by **Elliott Ruga, Grassroots and Program Coordinator of the Highlands Coalition** on Monday, March 1 at 7:30 pm. **Mr. Ruga will provide an overview of the Highlands Act and how it affects our local communities.**

He will also address the concerns of residents and environmental organizations in regards to proposed developments in sensitive areas, including a plan to develop land in Clinton Township right on the Spruce Run Reservoir and the proposed truck depot in Franklyn Township. The NJ Highlands Coalition and The New Jersey Sierra Club as well as many other grassroots organizations strongly oppose this massive invasion of 192 acres of active farmland in Warren County. Upon completion, the truck transfer station would be approximately 50 acres larger than the Magic Kingdom in Orlando, Florida. This major industrial development would change the very face of the region. It would bring with it many environmental problems by permanently destroying open space, threatening drinking water and air quality, and cause an unwanted truck traffic nightmare for local residents.

Mr. Ruga will explain the chronology of conformance to the Highlands Regional Master Plan and how local citizens and environmental organizations may assist their municipalities in complying with the conformance process. Since 1988, the NJ Highlands Coalition has represented the interests of its 42 grassroots, regional, statewide and national organizations and individual members in the preservation of the Highlands water and other environmental, cultural and recreational resources.

The meeting will be held at The New Jersey Water Supply Authority, 1851 State Route 31, Clinton, NJ 08809-2018. Go to the back Annex Building (follow the road behind the main building to the back by the lake)

For directions to the Annex and for more information on NJ Sierra Club South Highlands Group including the schedule of upcoming events, and public meeting dates/time/place on the proposed Franklyn Township truck depot, visit: <http://newjersey.sierraclub.org/SouthHighlands/>

We welcome new members, come and find out how you can help protect and enjoy this beautiful region we live in.

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