Citizen Boards

COMMISSIONERS

New Jersey

Kevin J. Ollins (appointed in 1995, Vice-President) has served as chair of the Rutgers University Board of Governors and the NJ Commission on the Outdoors, and as vice chair of the Saddle River Environmental Commission.

James E. Newson II (appointed in 1995) is president of the Hampshire Companies, a real estate investment and development company. He is active in environmental and community organizations.

Kathryn A. Porter (appointed in 1999) is a trustee of the New Jersey Conservation Foundation and a member of the NJ Advisory Council of the Trust for Public Land. She has been Mayor of Mendham Township, commissioner of the Morris County Park Commission, and a vice chair of the Governor's Council on NJ Outdoors.

David Kasparian (appointed in 2007) is founder and CEO of MDK Development, LLC. He is on the board of Directors and Executive Committee for Armenian Network of America, the YMCA Rainbows Program and Trustees of Bergen Community College.

Philip H. White (appointed in 2005, PIPC Treasurer) is President-Manager of Transit, LLC, NJ Vice President/ Director of Bank-Lee Aures and South Shoreland, Inc. He is active in many civic organizations and realty associations.

New York

Keith Cornell (appointed in 2007). His law firm, Cornell & Cornell LLP practices municipal law, land use planning, commercial, real estate and corporate law. He is Director of Rockland County Bar Association, the arts Council of Rockland and Home Aides of Rockland.

Howard G. Seitz (appointed in 2007) is counsel to NY law firm Satterlee Stephens Burke & Burke LLP, where he specializes in business and commercial law. Mr. Seitz is a board member of various privately held companies and charities and is a member of City Council of Rye, NY.

Beverly McLennan (appointed in 1987, PIPC secretary) serves as chair of the Hudson River Valley Greenway Communities Council and is also a director of Boscobel Restoration, Open Space Institute, Friends of the Hudson Valley, Saratoga Performing Arts Center, and the National Museum of Dance.

Ann C. O'Sullivan (appointed in 1998, PIPC Co-President) is Special Assistant to New York Governor Pataki. She has been active in community affairs serving as a legislator for Rockland County and a member of the Stony Point Town Board.

Sewell, F. Peirce III (appointed in 1998, PIPC Co-President) He is a director of the National Forest Foundation and the New York League of Conservation Voters. He was president of the Appalachian Mountain Club, and a director for Sierra Hudson and NY Audubon.
2007 Accomplishments

- Acquisition of 42.3 acre Bryant parcel adjacent to High Tor State Park.
- 4th annual Ross Dock Dinner honoring Laurance Rockefeller, sponsored by Friends of PIPC, Inc.
- Appointment of James Hall as Executive Director by the Commission.
- Group Camp agreements are restructured to allow for up to 10 year terms in order to provide additional opportunity for private investment toward the restoration of the camps.
- The Trailside Museums and Zoo amphitheatre is reconstructed after many years of not being suitable for use.
- Significant restoration work of Perkins Tower is undertaken. Complete re-pointing of structure as well as repainting of interior walls with breathable paint to reduce damage from water being trapped in stone walls. Decorative tile mosaics are stored and mounted on new panels.
- New Jersey staff published “Images of America: NJ’s Palisades Interstate Park” using many of the digitally preserved historic photographs.
- Installation of a new playground at Ross Dock was completed. This playground adds a significant family friendly recreational amenity to this area.
- A multi-year effort to restore the Appalachian Trail at Bear Mountain in partnership with the Appalachian Trail Conservancy, National Park Service and the NY/NJ Trail Conference.