Palisades Interstate Park Commission
Annual Report 2008

DAVID A. PATTERSON, Governor, State of New York
CAROL ASH, Commissioner, NY State Office of Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation
JON S. CORZINE, Governor, State of New Jersey,
MARK N. MAURELLO, Commissioner, NJ Department of Environmental Protection

Kevin J. Cullums (appointed in 1998, PPC Vice-President) has served as chair of the Rutgers University Board of Governors and the New Jersey Commission on the Outdoors, and as vice-chair of the Saddle River Environmental Commission.

James E. Kasso 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.

David Kazarian (appointed in 2001) is a founder and CEO of MSK Development, LLC. He is on the board of Directors and Executive Committee for American Network of America, the YMCA Raritan Valley Program and Trustee of Bergen Community College.

PHILIP H. WHITE (appointed in 2005, PPC Treasurer) is President/Manager of Trumbull, Llc. Nj! Vice Presidents/ Director of Berk-Lea Acres and South Shoreland, Inc. He is active in many civic organizations and real estate associations.

Edward P. Sabatino (appointed in 2008) is Executive Vice President/CEO of UDIstri Food, Inc. He is actively involved with the Private Label Manufacturers Association, serving on the Board of Directors and Chairman of the Strategic Goals Committee. Also serves on Board of Directors of the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, and the Corridor Group, Inc., and is involved in many community and civic groups.

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 Vineyard Arts of Rockland.

Barbara McKenney (appointed in 1987) serves as Chair of the Hudson River Valley Greenway Communities Council and is also a Director of Boiceville Restoration, Open Space Institute, Friends of the Hudson Valley, Saratoga Performing Arts Center, and the National Museum of Dance.

David Mortimer (appointed in 2008) is President of the American Assembly. He has been involved with more than 60 national and international projects and more than 100 regional assemblies co-sponsored with other educational institutions. He is a Director of Scenic Hudson, Inc., and the Scenic Hudson Land Trust. Mr. Mortimer is President of the Mary W. Harriman Foundation.

Sawyer, F. Penin II (appointed in 1999, PPC 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 Scenic Hudson and NY Audubon.

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

(4/1/08-3/31/09)

**New York State Fund**

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**New York Operating Fund**

| Receipts | 3,208,969 |
| Disbursements | 3,172,977 |
| Receipts minus disbursements | 35,992 |

**Concessions**

Rockland Lake

Chris's Boat & Bait Shop (boat rental) 2,000

**Global Golf** (reservation fees, cart rentals, golf instruction, pro-shops, 106,680

HGA Vending (North/South Pool) 5,122

**Palisades Interstate Parkway**

Palisades Parkway Service, Inc. (parkway gas station):

Gasoline 44,030

Food and beverages 114,031

Harriman

InnCredible Caterers (refreshment) 13,345

Harriman, High Tor and Tallman

HGA Vending (vending machines) 5,729

Total 291,873

**Commission Gift Fund**

| Receipts | 345,107 |
| Disbursements | 259,082 |
| Receipts minus disbursements | 86,025 |

2008 Accomplishments

- Acquisition of 148 acre McNeil Farm adjacent to Goosepond State Park
- Acquisition of 180 acre Arrow Park adjacent to Sterling Forest
- Acquisition of 460 acre Torne Valley parcel adjacent to Harriman State Park.
- Awarding of management contract for the Bear Mountain Inn Complex with Guest Services. The 20 year lease will provide $3 million in capital improvement as well as an annual fee.
- Minnewaska State Park Preserve experienced a 3,100 acre forest fire. One of the largest in New York State in decades.
- Budget issues in New York and New Jersey resulted in personnel hiring freezes and a $400,000 reduction in New York seasonal staff position resulting in significant winter service reductions.
- Portions of Stony Point Battlefield, including the lighthouse, were closed for several months in the Spring to protect nesting Bald Eagles.
- Handicap accessible improvements to the pedestrian tunnel providing access to the pool and Trailside Zoo and Museum under Route 9W were opened on June 5, 2008.
- Opening of Sterling Forest Lakeville Ironworks Trail.
- Portions of County Route 106 in Harriman were closed by Orange County due to deteriorated culverts causing significant impact of the operations several group camps.
- Second Annual Knickerbocker Ice Festival was held with record crowds.
- $35,000 grant received from Consolidation Edison of New York, in part ship with Friends of PIPC to renew support of educational programs at Trailside Museums and Zoo, Group Camp Regional Museums and Roland Lake Nature Center.