Protect New Jersey’s Rivers and Streams

For too long, New Jersey’s rivers, lakes and shorelines have been plagued by pollution. Incredibly, only one waterway in the entire state is deemed fishable and swimmable. To protect and restore our great water resources, Environment New Jersey supports:

- Protecting the lands immediately surrounding our state’s rivers and streams to filter out pollution before it enters our waterways.
- Requiring the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) to inform the public when sewage spills and overflows run into our rivers, lakes and coastal waters.
- Banning the dangerous deep-well gas drilling process known as hydro-fracturing (“fracking”) in New Jersey.
- Prohibiting the transportation or processing of harmful gas drilling wastewater in New Jersey.

Repowering New Jersey

New Jersey should lead the way to a clean energy future: one that relies on clean renewable energy like wind and solar power, and prioritizes energy efficiency. To break our dependence on fossil fuels, build a green economy and make our air healthy to breathe, Environment New Jersey supports:

- Opposing harmful logging on our public lands, like state parks and forests.
- Opposing any appointee to the Highlands Water Protection and Planning Council who is opposed to implementing the Highlands Act.
- Veto the DEP waiver rule that allows the agency to arbitrarily choose to ignore environmental regulations.

Protecting our forests, farms and open spaces

New Jersey’s forests, productive family farmlands and important open spaces—the places that make our state special—continue to be leveled and turned into sprawling strip malls and subdivisions.

Environment New Jersey supports policies that will protect and preserve our open spaces and wild places, including:

- Establishing long term, dedicated funding to protect New Jersey’s threatened open spaces, family farms and parks.
- Preserving New Jersey’s historic program to promote clean energy, the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI) from ongoing attacks.
- Adopting legislation to ensure that the state produces 30 percent of its energy from renewable energy sources by 2020, and that incentives are only given to truly clean energy projects.
- Supporting the historic creation of commercial off-shore wind power in New Jersey—and defend any attempts to roll this back.
- Ensuring that New Jersey’s Clean Energy Fund is not raided during the legislative budget process.
- Supporting the creation of a clean energy financing program to assist homeowners invest in clean energy and energy efficiency projects.