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# Agenda

- Team Overview
- What is the SCORP?
- Outside, Together! Overview
- Timeline



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# How did we get here?

- What is Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP)?
- How was SCORP prepared historically? What's different?
- How we plan to prepare the SCORP for 2023-2027?





## Objectives for *Outside, Together!*

- Identify opportunities for
  - expanding public access
  - improving the user experience
- Educate the public about the importance, needs, benefits
- Identify high value open space and recreational needs of underserved or overburdened communities.
- Appreciation of the economic benefits
- Identify policy, regulatory and legislative actions
- Encourage collaborative partnerships
- Satisfy the National Park Service requirements
- Engage the public

## Principles

- **Principle 1 – Expanding high-quality open space and recreational opportunities for all New Jersey residents and visitors.**
- **Principle 2 – Enhancing climate resilience and sustainability through acquisition and development of open and green space.**
- **Principle 3 – Empowering communities through investments in ecotourism and outdoor recreation.**
- **Principle 4 – Embracing the role of technology in conservation and outdoor recreation.**
- **Principle 5 – Furthering equity and environmental justice through outdoor recreation.**
- **Principle 6 – Continuing commitments to stewardship and the conservation and restoration of biodiversity.**



## PAST

- Administrative Order Signed
- Started working with Trust for Public Land
- Advisory Committee meetings
- Survey Development
- Research and Analytics
- Statewide Public Survey
- Focus Group Discussion

## PRESENT

- Finalizing the Draft SCORP

## FUTURE

- Advisory Committee, DEP and GO review the draft SCORP - SUMMER 2023
- Revisions to Draft SCORP - LATE SUMMER 2023
- Public comment & NPS review - FALL 2023
- SCORP Finalization - LATE FALL
- Full and Final SCORP submission due to NPS - December 2023