

**CHAPTER 5A
NATURAL AREAS AND THE
NATURAL AREAS SYSTEM**

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Chapter Historical Note

Chapter 5A, Natural Areas and the Natural Areas System, was recodified from N.J.A.C. 7:2-11 by R.1991 d.487, effective October 7, 1991. See: 22 N.J.R. 2652(a), 23 N.J.R. 3005(a).

Pursuant to Executive Order No. 66(1978), Chapter 5A, Natural Areas and the Natural Areas System, was readopted as R.1993 d.350, effective June 17, 1993. See: 25 N.J.R. 1350(a), 25 N.J.R. 3150(a).

Pursuant to Executive Order No. 66(1978), Chapter 5A, Natural Areas and the Natural Areas System, was readopted as R.1998 d.308, effective May 22, 1998. See: 30 N.J.R. 897(a), 30 N.J.R. 2207(a).

In accordance with N.J.S.A. 52:14B-5.1d, the expiration date of Chapter 5A, Natural Areas and the Natural Areas System, was extended by gubernatorial directive from May 22, 2003 to May 22, 2004. See: 35 N.J.R. 2649(b).

Chapter 5A, Natural Areas and the Natural Areas System, was readopted as R.2004 d.463, effective November 17, 2004. See: Source and Effective Date. See, also, section annotations.

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SUBCHAPTER 1. NATURAL AREAS AND THE NATURAL AREAS SYSTEM

7:5A-1.1 Scope

(a) This subchapter constitutes the rules and regulations of the Department of Environmental Protection concerning the identification, classification, and management of natural areas and administration of the Natural Areas System pursuant to N.J.S.A. 13:1B-15.4 et seq. and 13:1B-15.12a et seq.

(b) This subchapter shall be deemed to be supplemental to existing Departmental rules and not in derogation thereof.

7:5A-1.2 Purpose

The purpose of this subchapter is to provide detailed procedures, standards, and criteria for the administration and public use of natural areas and the Natural Areas System in order to protect and preserve the natural and ecological resources thereon for present and future generations.

7:5A-1.3 Definitions

The following words and terms, when used in this chapter, shall have the following meanings, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

“Administering agency” means the Division of Parks and Forestry or Fish and Wildlife, in the Department, or any other group or organization managing land designated as part of the Natural Areas System.

“Commissioner” means the Commissioner of the Department or his or her designated representative.

“Conservation easement” means an interest in land less than fee simple absolute, stated in the form of a right, restriction, easement, covenant, or condition, in any deed, will or other instrument, other than a lease, executed by or on behalf of the person vested with a greater interest therein, appropriate to retaining land or water areas predominantly in their natural, scenic, open or wooded condition, or for conservation of suitable habitat for plants or animals.

“Construction of new trails” means the physical creation or alteration of a trail corridor or path to serve a function not formerly served by the trail, path or underlying land. Creation of the trail corridor or path can be undertaken by a variety of means including cutting, clearing or removing vegetation, and alteration of the ground surface to encourage trail use.

“Department” means the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection.

“Designation study” means a written report or analysis of an area or portion of an area listed on the Register that assesses the appropriateness for designation of that area to the Natural Areas System.

“Division” means the Division of Parks and Forestry within the Department.

“Ecological community” means an interacting assemblage of plants, animals and other organisms, their physical environment and the natural processes that affect them.

“Interim classification” means a category reflecting the type of habitat management permitted within the natural area prior to approval of a management plan.

“Interim management practice” means any use, activity, or management conducted within a natural area prior to approval of a management plan.

“Interpretive structures” means those structures and/or trails the sole purpose of which is to support the interpretation of natural features or the education of visitors and users of a natural area. Such structures may include, but are not limited to, buildings, blinds, kiosks, wayside trail exhibits, and signs.

“Invasive species” means nonindigenous plant and animal species that have been intentionally or accidentally introduced into habitats and geographical areas outside of their natural geographical range and that have the ability to reproduce and spread, thereby threatening native biological diversity and/or the integrity of natural ecosystems.

“Maintenance of existing trails” means routine activities conducted on an existing trail corridor or path to maintain the intended use of that trail. Maintenance may include, but not be limited to, signing or blazing, routine vegetation control such as trimming or brushing, and trail path grooming, provided that the vegetation control and trail grooming does not enlarge the existing width of the ground surface used as a trail.

“Management objective” means the stated purpose or goal of designating an area to the Natural Areas System to which management of the area is to be directed.

“Natural area” means an area of land or water, owned in fee simple or held as a conservation easement by the Department, which has retained its natural character, although not necessarily completely undisturbed, or having rare or vanishing species of plant and animal life, or having similar features of interest, which are worthy of preservation for present and future residents of the State.

“Natural Areas Council”, hereafter “Council”, means that body consisting of seven members including the Administrator of the Office of Natural Lands Management and six members of the public appointed by the Governor in accordance with N.J.S.A. 13:1B-15.7.

“Natural Areas System,” hereafter “System,” means those lands designated as natural areas pursuant to this subchapter, identified at N.J.A.C. 7:5A-1.13, and consisting of lands that serve as habitat for rare plant species or animal species, or both, or ecological communities representative of the State of New Jersey or the nation.

“Natural Heritage Database” means the manual and computerized file maintained by the Division that includes continuously updated information on the location and status of rare plant and animal species and ecological communities in New Jersey. Information on the Natural Heritage Database is available at <http://www.nj.gov/dep/parksandforestry/natural/heritage/index.htm>.

“Prescribed burning” means the open burning of plant material under such conditions that the fire is confined to a predetermined area and accomplishes the environmentally beneficial objectives of habitat management and prevention or control of wildfires.

“Preservation” means any measures, including no action at all, which are required in order to avoid injury, destruction or decay of a natural resource feature within a Natural Area or otherwise maintain or protect those features indicated in the management objective.

“Rare species habitat” means habitat for any plant and/or animal species listed, proposed or of candidate status by the Federal government as endangered or threatened throughout the United States pursuant to the Endangered Species Act of 1973, 16 U.S.C. §§ 1531 et seq., and its implementing regulations, 50 CFR §§ 17.11 and 17.12; any plant species listed as endangered or as a species of concern pursuant to N.J.S.A. 13:1B-15.151 et seq. and its implementing rules, N.J.A.C. 7:5C; any animal species listed as endangered, threatened or as a priority wildlife species pursuant to N.J.S.A. 23:2A-1 et seq. and its implementing rules, N.J.A.C. 7:25-4; and any rare plant and/or animal species and/or ecological community recorded in the Natural Heritage Database.

“Register” means the registry, required by N.J.S.A. 13:1B-15.12a6, of all lands, public and private, which are suitable for inclusion within the System. See also N.J.A.C. 7:5A-1.4.

“Register site summary” means a written report, on file with the Division, summarizing site-specific information on the suitability for inclusion of a site on the Register, and containing a map indicating the boundary of the site.

“Right-of-way” means a less-than-fee interest in property held by another over which the Department has no control, such as, but not limited to, use of property for pipelines, transmission lines, and roads.

See: 25 N.J.R. 1350(a), 25 N.J.R. 3150(a).
Amended by R.1998 d.308, effective June 15, 1998.
See: 30 N.J.R. 897(a), 30 N.J.R. 2207(a).

In (c), inserted ", consulting with the Office of Natural Lands Management or other offices in the Division, as needed," in the introductory paragraph.

Amended by R.2004 d.463, effective December 20, 2004.

See: 36 N.J.R. 3008(a), 36 N.J.R. 3463(a), 36 N.J.R. 5670(a).

In (b), rewrote 1 and 6: in (c), substituted "and" for "or following "the Office of Natural Lands Management", "Department" for "Division" following "other offices in the".

7:5A-1.11 Enforcement of rules

(a) Remedies for the violation of the provisions of this chapter applicable to those State-owned or leased lands, waters and facilities administered by the Department, other than wildlife management areas or reservoir lands, shall be as provided at N.J.S.A. 13:1L-23.

(b) Penalties for the violation of the provisions of this chapter applicable to State-owned or leased lands under the control of the Division of Fish and Wildlife shall be as provided at N.J.S.A. 23:7-9.

Amended by R.1993 d.350, effective July 19, 1993.

See: 25 N.J.R. 1350(a), 25 N.J.R. 3150(a).

Amended by R.2004 d.463, effective December 20, 2004.

See: 36 N.J.R. 3008(a), 36 N.J.R. 3463(a), 36 N.J.R. 5670(a).

7:5A-1.12 Boundaries of natural areas

(a) The Department shall maintain, and make available to the administering agency and members of the public, general location maps of each natural area in the System.

(b) All boundaries of natural areas shall conform with physical features identifiable in the field or the edge of State ownership of the natural area.

(c) Persons wishing to obtain a list of current boundaries of designated natural areas may contact the Office of Natural Lands Management as provided at N.J.A.C. 7:5A-1.14.

New Rule: R.1992 d.77, effective February 18, 1992.

See: 23 N.J.R. 1985(b), 24 N.J.R. 581(b).

Amended by R.1993 d.350, effective July 19, 1993.

See: 25 N.J.R. 1350(a), 25 N.J.R. 3150(a).

Public Notice: Proposed boundary change in Farny Natural Area.

See: 35 N.J.R. 4133(a).

Amended by R.2004 d.463, effective December 20, 2004.

See: 36 N.J.R. 3008(a), 36 N.J.R. 3463(a), 36 N.J.R. 5670(a).

In (a), substituted "Department" for "Division" following "The"; added a new (c) and deleted former (c) through (j).

7:5A-1.13 Natural Areas System

(a) The designated components of the Natural Areas System are as follows:

1. Absegami Natural Area:

i. Location: Bass River State Forest, Bass River Township, Burlington County;

ii. Management Objective: preservation of Atlantic white cedar and pine/oak communities, southern swamp habitat, and rare species habitat;

iii. Interim Classification: conservation preserve;

iv. Administering Agency: Division of Parks and Forestry, through Bass River State Forest;

2. Allamuchy Natural Area:

i. Location: Allamuchy State Park, Allamuchy Township, Warren County, and Byram Township, Sussex County;

ii. Management Objective: preservation of a hardwood forest of significant size and successional fields and protection of a rare plant community;

iii. Interim Classification: conservation preserve;

iv. Administering Agency: Division of Parks and Forestry, through Hopatcong State Park;

3. Batsto Natural Area:

i. Location: Wharton State Forest, Mullica Township and Hammonton Town, Atlantic County, and Washington and Shamong Townships, Burlington County;

ii. Management Objective: preservation of pitch pine lowland, Atlantic white cedar swamp, Pine Barrens bog, mixed pine-shrub oak barrens, savanna and other habitats, and rare species habitat;

iii. Interim Classification: conservation preserve;

iv. Administering Agency: Division of Parks and Forestry, through Wharton State Forest;

4. Bearfort Mountain Natural Area:

i. Location: Wawayanda State Park, West Milford Township, Passaic County;

ii. Management Objective: preservation of scrub oak and hardwood swamp forests, and rare species habitat;

iii. Interim Classification: conservation preserve;

iv. Administering Agency: Division of Parks and Forestry, through Wawayanda State Park;

5. Bear Swamp East Natural Area:

i. Location: Downe Township, Cumberland County;

ii. Management Objective: preservation of ecological communities and relationships, management of bald eagle nesting site and other known and potential endangered species habitat;

iii. Interim Classification: ecological reserve;

iv. Administering Agency: Division of Parks and Forestry, through Belleplain State Forest;

6. Black River Natural Area:

i. Location: Black River Wildlife Management Area, Chester and Washington Townships, Morris County;

ii. Management Objective: preservation of mesic, marsh, floodplain habitat, and rare species habitat;

iii. Interim Classification: conservation preserve;

iv. Administering Agency: Division of Fish and Wildlife, through Whittingham Wildlife Management Area;

7. Bull's Island Natural Area:

i. Location: Bull's Island Recreation Area, Delaware Township, Hunterdon County;

ii. Management Objective: preservation of a northern floodplain habitat, and rare species habitat;

iii. Interim Classification: conservation preserve;

iv. Administering Agency: Division of Parks and Forestry, through Delaware and Raritan Canal State Park;

8. Bursch Sugar Maple Natural Area:

i. Location: Hope and Knowlton Townships, Warren County;

ii. Management Objective: preservation of a northeastern hardwoods forest, and sugar maple/mixed hardwood community;

iii. Interim Classification: conservation preserve;

iv. Administering Agency: Division of Parks and Forestry, through Jenny Jump State Forest;

9. Cape May Point Natural Area:

i. Location: Cape May Point State Park, Cape May Point Borough and Lower Township, Cape May County;

ii. Management Objective: preservation of freshwater marsh behind a coastal dune, habitat diversity for migratory birds, and rare species habitat;

iii. Interim Classification: conservation preserve;

iv. Administering Agency: Division of Parks and Forestry, through Cape May Point State Park;

10. Cape May Wetlands Natural Area:

i. Location: Avalon Borough, Dennis and Middle Townships, Cape May County;

ii. Management Objective: preservation of tidal salt marsh ecosystem and rare species habitat;

iii. Interim Classification: ecological reserve;

iv. Administering Agency: Division of Parks and Forestry, through Cape May Point State Park;

11. Cedar Swamp Natural Area:

i. Location: Brendan T. Byrne State Forest, Woodland Township, Burlington County;

ii. Management Objective: preservation of southern swamp and floodplain habitat, Atlantic white cedar, red maple and pine/oak forest communities, and rare species habitat;

iii. Interim Classification: conservation preserve;

iv. Administering Agency: Division of Parks and Forestry, through Brendan T. Byrne State Forest;

12. Cheesequake Natural Area:

i. Location: Cheesequake State Park, Old Bridge Township, Middlesex County;

ii. Management Objective: preservation of habitat diversity including hardwood forest, cedar swamp, mature white pine stand, freshwater swamp, Pine Barren outlier and salt marsh, and rare species habitat;

iii. Interim Classification: conservation preserve;

iv. Administering Agency: Division of Parks and Forestry, through Cheesequake State Park;

13. Cook Natural Area:

i. Location: South Brunswick Township, Middlesex County;

ii. Management Objective: preservation of freshwater nontidal flood plain forest habitat;

iii. Interim Classification: conservation preserve;

iv. Administering Agency: Division of Parks and Forestry, through Delaware and Raritan Canal State Park;

14. Dryden Kuser Natural Area:

i. Location: High Point State Park, Montague and Wantage Townships, Sussex County;

ii. Management Objective: preservation of an inland high elevation Atlantic white cedar swamp, chestnut oak forest and associated forest communities, and rare species habitat;

iii. Interim Classification: conservation preserve;

iv. Administering Agency: Division of Parks and Forestry, through High Point State Park;

15. Dunnfield Creek Natural Area:

i. Location: Worthington State Forest, Pahaquarry Township, Warren County;

ii. Management Objective: preservation of a hemlock ravine, chestnut oak forest, and rare species habitat;

iii. Interim Classification: conservation preserve;

iv. Administering Agency: Division of Parks and Forestry, through Worthington State Forest;

16. East Plains Natural Area:

i. Location: Stafford Forge Wildlife Management Area, Little Egg Harbor, Stafford and Eagleswood Townships, Ocean County;

ii. Management Objective: Preservation and management of a globally rare dwarf pine plains community in the East Plains, a large occurrence of the state endangered broom crowberry, as well as other rare plant and animal species;

iii. Interim Classification: conservation preserve;

iv. Administering Agency: Division of Fish and Wildlife, through Stafford Forge Wildlife Management Area;

17. Farny Natural Area:

i. Location: Farny State Park, Rockaway Township, Morris County;

ii. Management Objective: preservation of northern mixed oak-hardwood forest, hardwood swamp forest, and rare species habitat;

iii. Interim Classification: conservation preserve;

iv. Administering Agency: Division of Parks and Forestry, through Ringwood State Park;

18. Great Bay Natural Area:

i. Location: Little Egg Harbor Township, Ocean County;

ii. Management Objective: preservation of tidal salt marsh ecosystem and rare species habitat;

iii. Interim Classification: ecological reserve;

iv. Administering Agency: Division of Fish and Wildlife, through Assunpink Wildlife Management Area;

19. Hacklebarney Natural Area:

i. Location: Hacklebarney State Park, Chester and Washington Townships, Morris County, Tewksbury Township, Hunterdon County and Bedminster Township, Somerset County;

ii. Management Objective: preservation of a river ravine and northern hemlock/mixed hardwood forest, and rare species habitat;

iii. Interim Classification: conservation preserve;

iv. Administering Agency: Division of Parks and Forestry, through Voorhees State Park;

20. Island Beach Northern Natural Area:

i. Location: Island Beach State Park, Berkeley Township, Ocean County;

ii. Management Objective: preservation of barrier island dune system, plant community associations, and rare species habitat;

iii. Interim Classification: ecological reserve;

iv. Administering Agency: Division of Parks and Forestry, through Island Beach State Park;

21. Island Beach Southern Natural Area:

i. Location: Island Beach State Park, Ocean and Berkeley Townships, Ocean County;

ii. Management Objective: preservation of barrier island dune system, saltwater marsh, freshwater bogs, and rare species habitat;

iii. Interim Classification: conservation preserve;

iv. Administering Agency: Division of Parks and Forestry, through Island Beach State Park;

22. Johnsonburg Natural Area:

i. Location: Frelinghuysen Township, Warren County;

ii. Management Objective: preservation of a mixed hardwood forest;

iii. Interim Classification: ecological reserve;

iv. Administering Agency: Division of Parks and Forestry, through Jenny Jump State Forest;

23. Ken Lockwood Gorge Natural Area:

i. Location: Ken Lockwood Gorge Wildlife Management Area, Lebanon Township, Hunterdon County;

ii. Management Objective: preservation of hemlock/mixed hardwood forest with highly varied understory, and rare species habitat;

iii. Interim Classification: conservation preserve;

iv. Administering Agency: Division of Fish and Wildlife, through Whittingham Wildlife Management Area;

24. Liberty Park Natural Area:

i. Location: Liberty State Park, Jersey City, Hudson County;

ii. Management Objective: preservation of a salt marsh in upper New York Bay and created uplands;

iii. Interim Classification: conservation preserve;

iv. Administering Agency: Division of Parks and Forestry, through Liberty State Park;

25. Manahawkin Natural Area:

i. Location: Manahawkin Wildlife Management Area, Stafford Township, Ocean County;

ii. Management Objective: preservation of a mature bottomland hardwood forest, and rare species habitat;

iii. Interim Classification: ecological reserve;

iv. Administering Agency: Division of Fish and Wildlife, through Assunpink Wildlife Management Area;

26. North Brigantine Natural Area:

i. Location: City of Brigantine, Atlantic County;

ii. Management Objective: preservation of salt marsh habitat, coastal dune, and rare species habitat;

iii. Interim Classification: conservation preserve;

iv. Administering Agency: Division of Parks and Forestry, through Bass River State Forest;

27. Osmun Forest Natural Area:

i. Location: Knowlton Township, Warren County;

ii. Management Objective: preservation of a north-eastern mixed hardwood forest;

iii. Interim Classification: ecological reserve;

iv. Administering Agency: Division of Parks and Forestry, through Jenny Jump State Forest;

28. Oswego River Natural Area:

i. Location: Wharton State Forest, Washington and Bass River Townships, Burlington County;

ii. Management Objective: preservation of hardwood swamp, pitch pine lowland, pine-oak, Atlantic white cedar, and bog communities, which serve as rare species habitat;

iii. Interim Classification: ecological reserve;

iv. Administering Agency: Division of Parks and Forestry, through Wharton State Forest;

29. Parvin Natural Area:

i. Location: Parvin State Park, Pittsgrove Township, Salem County;

ii. Management Objective: preservation of mixed oak and pine forest on the Pine Barrens fringe with a diversity of plant and animal species, and rare species habitat;

iii. Interim Classification: conservation preserve;

iv. Administering Agency: Division of Parks and Forestry, through Parvin State Park;

30. Ramapo Lake Natural Area:

i. Location: Ramapo Mountain State Forest, Wa-naque and Ringwood Boroughs, Passaic County, and Oakland Borough, Bergen County;

ii. Management Objective: preservation of northern upland habitats and rare species habitat;

iii. Interim Classification: conservation preserve;

iv. Administering Agency: Division of Parks and Forestry, through Ringwood State Park;

31. Rancocas Natural Area:

i. Location: Rancocas State Park, Westampton Township, Burlington County;

ii. Management Objective: preservation of freshwater marsh and southern floodplain habitat, including one of the largest stands of wild rice in the State;

iii. Interim Classification: conservation preserve;

iv. Administering Agency: Division of Parks and Forestry, through Brendan T. Byrne State Forest;

32. Readington Natural Area:

i. Location: Readington Township, Hunterdon County;

ii. Management Objective: preservation of mixed hardwood forest, floodplain habitat and early stages of secondary field succession;

iii. Interim Classification: conservation preserve;

iv. Administering Agency: New Jersey Natural Lands Trust;

33. Strathmere Natural Area:

i. Location: Corson's Inlet State Park, Upper Township, Cape May County;

ii. Management Objective: preservation of a dune habitat, plant community associations, and rare species habitat;

iii. Interim Classification: conservation preserve;

iv. Administering Agency: Division of Parks and Forestry, through Belleplain State Forest;

34. Sunfish Pond Natural Area:

i. Location: Worthington State Forest, Pahaquarry Township, Warren County;

ii. Management Objective: preservation of a lake of glacial origin surrounded by a hardwood forest, and rare species habitat;

iii. Interim Classification: ecological reserve;

iv. Administering Agency: Division of Parks and Forestry, through Worthington State Forest;

35. Swan Point Natural Area:

i. Location: Brick Township, Ocean County;

ii. Management Objective: preservation of tidal salt marsh ecosystem and Atlantic white cedar swamp;

- iii. Interim Classification: ecological reserve;
 - iv. Administering Agency: Division of Parks and Forestry, through Island Beach State Park;
36. Swartswood Natural Area:
- i. Location: Swartswood State Park, Stillwater and Hampton Townships, Sussex County;
 - ii. Management Objective: preservation of rare species and plant communities in sinkhole pond ecosystems;
 - iii. Interim Classification: conservation preserve;
 - iv. Administering Agency: Division of Parks and Forestry, through Swartswood State Park.
37. Swimming River Natural Area:
- i. Location: Borough of Tinton Falls, Monmouth County;
 - ii. Management Objective: preservation of habitat diversity including freshwater marsh, saltwater marsh, woodlands, fields and estuary;
 - iii. Interim Classification: conservation preserve;
 - iv. Administering Agency: Division of Parks and Forestry, through Allaire State Park;
38. Tillman Ravine Natural Area:
- i. Location: Stokes State Forest, Walpack and Sandyston Townships, Sussex County;
 - ii. Management Objective: preservation of a hemlock ravine and associated geologic forms, and rare species habitat;
 - iii. Interim Classification: conservation preserve;
 - iv. Administering Agency: Division of Parks and Forestry, through Stokes State Forest;
39. Troy Meadows Natural Area:
- i. Location: East Hanover and Parsippany-Troy Hills Townships, Morris County;
 - ii. Management Objective: preservation of freshwater marsh habitat northern swamp and floodplain habitat, and rare species habitat;
 - iii. Interim Classification: conservation preserve;
 - iv. Administering Agency: Division of Parks and Forestry, through Ringwood State Park;
40. Washington Crossing Natural Area:
- i. Location: Washington Crossing State Park, Hopewell Township, Mercer County;
 - ii. Management Objective: preservation of natural succession and mixed hardwood forests, and rare species habitat;
- iii. Interim Classification: conservation preserve;
 - iv. Administering Agency: Division of Parks and Forestry, through Washington Crossing State Park;
41. Wawayanda Hemlock Ravine Natural Area:
- i. Location: Wawayanda State Park, Vernon Township, Sussex County;
 - ii. Management Objective: preservation of hemlock/mixed hardwood forest and rare species habitat;
 - iii. Interim Classification: conservation preserve;
 - iv. Administering Agency: Division of Parks and Forestry, through Wawayanda State Park;
42. Wawayanda Swamp Natural Area:
- i. Location: Wawayanda State Park, Vernon Township, Sussex County, and West Milford Township, Pascaic County;
 - ii. Management Objective: preservation of extensive northern swamp and forest habitats, glacially formed, spring-fed pond, and rare species habitat;
 - iii. Interim Classification: conservation preserve;
 - iv. Administering Agency: Division of Parks and Forestry, through Wawayanda State Park;
43. West Plains Natural Area:
- i. Location: Bass River State Forest, Woodland Township, Burlington County;
 - ii. Management Objective: preservation of globally rare ecological communities within the West Plains Fireshed, including dwarf pine plains, pitch pine-shrub oak barrens, pitch pine-reedgrass savanna and hydric pine plains, as well as numerous rare plant and animal species;
 - iii. Interim Classification: conservation preserve;
 - iv. Administering Agency: Division of Parks and Forestry, through Bass River State Forest; and
44. Whittingham Natural Area:
- i. Location: Whittingham Wildlife Management Area, Fredon and Green Townships, Sussex County;
 - ii. Management Objective: preservation of a northern swamp and floodplain forest on a limestone cliff, rare and exemplary natural communities, and rare species habitat;
 - iii. Interim Classification: conservation preserve;
 - iv. Administering Agency: Division of Fish and Wildlife, through Whittingham Wildlife Management Area.

Amended by R.1989 d.566, effective November 6, 1989.
See: 21 N.J.R. 1480(b), 21 N.J.R. 3482(b).

New (c)41, West Pine Plains Natural Area, added; old (c)41 renumbered as 42 with no change in text.

Amended by R.1992 d.77, effective February 18, 1992.

See: 23 N.J.R. 1985(b), 24 N.J.R. 581(b).

Recodified from N.J.A.C. 7:5A-1.12; deleted (a) and (b), recodified (c) as (a); certain designations changed.

Public Notice: Management Plan and Boundary Revision for Cedar Swamp Natural Area.

See: 25 N.J.R. 601(b).

Amended by R.1993 d.350, effective July 19, 1993.

See: 25 N.J.R. 1350(a), 25 N.J.R. 3150(a).

Public Notice: Oswego River Natural Area boundary change.

See: 26 N.J.R. 1540(b).

Public Notice: Fanny Natural Area management plan and boundary revision.

See: 26 N.J.R. 2480(a).

Public Notice: Washington Crossing Natural Area management plan and boundary revision.

See: 26 N.J.R. 2481(a).

Public Notice: Dryden Kuser Natural Area management plan and boundary revision.

See: 27 N.J.R. 388(c).

Public Notice: Oswego River Natural Area management plan.

See: 27 N.J.R. 2488(b).

Public Notice: Amendment to Dryden Kuser Natural Area Management Plan.

See: 27 N.J.R. 4014(a).

Public Notice: Parvin Natural Area management plan.

See: 27 N.J.R. 4917(a).

Public Notice: Batsto Natural Area boundary revision.

See: 28 N.J.R. 5500(a).

Public Notice: Cape May Point Natural Area Management plan revision.

See: 29 N.J.R. 1402(c).

Public Notice: Wawayanda Hemlock Ravine Natural Area Management plan and boundary revision.

See: 29 N.J.R. 1404(a).

Amended by R.1998 d.308, effective June 15, 1998.

See: 30 N.J.R. 897(a), 30 N.J.R. 2207(a).

In (a), changed management objectives and administering agencies throughout, and inserted references to Hammonton Town and Shamong Township in 3i.

Public Notice: Ranocas Natural Area management plan.

See: 30 N.J.R. 3335(a).

Public Notice: Allamuchy Natural Area management plan.

See: 33 N.J.R. 3692(b).

Public Notice: Whittingham Natural Area boundary change.

See: 34 N.J.R. 3989(b).

Amended by R.2003 d.45, effective January 21, 2003.

See: 34 N.J.R. 73(a), 35 N.J.R. 416(b).

In (a), inserted a new 35 and recodified former 35 through 42 as 36 through 43.

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See: 36 N.J.R. 3008(a), 36 N.J.R. 3463(a), 36 N.J.R. 5670(a).

Rewrote the section.

7:5A-1.14 Public Information

Interested persons may obtain information on the Natural Area System or inspect general location maps of natural areas by contacting:

Office of Natural Lands Management
Division of Parks and Forestry
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