

North Jersey Group (this version revised 29 May 2020)

(Bergen and Passaic Counties)

Website: <http://www.sierraclub.org/new-jersey/north-jersey>

Meetup: <http://www.meetup.com/NJSierraClub/>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/northjerseysierraclub>

The North Jersey Group has a duly elected nine-member Executive Committee and benefits from the assistance of volunteers. We are seeking someone with in an interest in developing and conducting online or virtual events. If interested, please contact the Group Co-Chairs.

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*Elected Executive Committee Members.

We are actively involved in preserving open spaces and parklands, fighting climate change, and collaborating with Empower NJ and Don't Gas the Meadowlands partners to advocate for renewable energy and a moratorium on fossil fuel usage.

The addendum below includes information about each committee. Please contact the appropriate chair listed above to join a committee or for specific information about it.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Unless otherwise noted, meetings and outings are free and open to the general public. Due to the virus, we have been forced to cancel our in-person events. We are in process of planning virtual events so, please check our Meetup page, Facebook page, or website for newly posted meetings and events. Please email our Co-Chairs or contact one of the committee chairs listed below, if you have suggestions for events or if you would like to be added to our email list.

The North Jersey Group seeks members for the following volunteer committees. *Please contact the Chair of the Committee below if you are interested in joining dedicated people taking meaningful action in Bergen and Passaic Counties and throughout the state.*

COMMITTEE OPENINGS

Conservation Committee: We assist people in the community with grassroots efforts to prevent destruction of natural habitat in Bergen and Passaic Counties and surrounding areas. Help us by finding and reviewing public records, circulating petitions, going door-to-door with lawn signs, speaking in public meetings, and attending and organizing press conferences. The choice of activity is up to you. No activity or time commitment is too small. Make your voice heard. If interested contact **Mary** at blehlwalsh@hotmail.com or **Judy** at jugreen547@gmail.com (Committee Co-Chairs), or **Diane** at diascat@hotmail.com (Group Co-Chair).

Climate Change Committee: The objectives of the Climate Change Committee are to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, discourage new fossil fuel facilities (like the Meadowlands and NJ Transit gas-powered plants) and encourage the use of renewable energy. Slowing down climate change may give scientists time to find permanent solutions to this crisis. Our committee works in conjunction with other environmental groups to support a transition to renewable energy. Your help could bring us a little closer to a cleaner, safer, and healthier world for our children and grandchildren – be a part of it! For more information or to sign up, contact **Jeff** (Committee Chair) at jefrap@optonline.net.

Political Action Committee: We recommend candidates for political office in Bergen, Passaic and Hudson Counties (where there is overlap). Learn where our elected officials and candidates for office stand on environmental issues by examining their voting records and interviewing them. You can phone bank or otherwise work from your home, or visit candidates and their representatives in their offices. Canvass door-to-door for endorsed candidates. The way you contribute is up to you. But know there is work to do. If interested, contact **Sandi** (Committee Chair) at libertisandi@gmail.com.

Event Planning and Membership Committee: We are in need of a Committee Chair and additional members, *especially those with experience and interest in setting up virtual events!* Interested in conducting an event on a particular topic? Like speaking with other people about environmental issues and concerns? This committee is for you! We seek someone who is dedicated to the environment, believes in the Sierra Club, is enthused about the actions our North Jersey Group is taking and wants to help us move forward through program planning and the recruitment of new members. If interested contact **Diane** (Acting Chair & Group Co-Chair) at diascat@hotmail.com.

Publications/Marketing Committee: Are you creative? Do you love graphic design, writing press releases and short stories, contacting newspapers and radio, and using social media? We need you! If interested, contact **Jan** (Committee Chair) at janbarry61@hotmail.com.

Outings Committee: Organize and lead hikes, snowshoeing, kayaking and other of your favorite outdoor activities on trails and locations of your choice. Trips can vary in length, level of difficulty and location. If interested, contact **Mary** at blehlwalsh@hotmail.com (Committee Chair) or **Buddy** (Group Co-Chair) at buddy.jenssen@gmail.com.

Trail Maintenance: If you are interested in combining outdoor activity with actions that restore hiking trails and preserve the natural environment, please contact **Marty** at martincohen@verizon.net

Youth Outreach Committee: The Youth Outreach Committee plans nature walks in local parks for elementary and middle school youth. It outreaches to high schools and youth organizations to encourage local teenagers to become organizers of these events, so that all can appreciate the value of the outdoors. The committee creates liaisons with local schools, parents, other youth groups, and Sierra Club certified hike leaders to help young people learn to appreciate and protect the planet as they explore the natural world. The Committee uses social media to expand participation, as the group conforms to the goals of the national Sierra Club. If you are interested, please contact **Sophie** (Committee Chair) at sophianeue@gmail.com or **Mary** at blehlwalsh@hotmail.com and **Buddy** at buddy.jenssen@gmail.com (Committee Advisors).