



New Jersey's Wildlife Action Plan - *Status*

- Submitted late summer 2005
- Conditional approval by federal government spring 2006
- Resubmitted to federal government summer 2006

Stakeholder Process - State Level

- Two Meetings of statewide stakeholders
- Hosted by Conserve Wildlife Foundation & Duke Farms
- Facilitated by Environmental Law Institute
- **Objective:** Prioritization to aid implementation, cooperation and funding request

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Stakeholders

Who are they?

Representatives from organizations and agencies that have statewide or important regional constituencies:

- Statewide and regional NGO's - NJAS, PPA, ALS
- Federal agencies in NJ - NRCS, USFWS, NPS
- Nontraditional stakeholders - the Builder's Association & the League of Municipalities

Stakeholder Process - State Level - Meeting #1

Objective:

To prioritize State-level Goals

- Stakeholder participation
- 60 stakeholders invited - 40 attended
- Pre-prioritization exercise required of participants
- Created Short list of 20 prior to the meeting
- Duke Foundation helped meet costs
- Final list of 13 goals agreed upon at the meeting

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Stakeholder Process - State Level - Meeting #2

Objective

To prioritize State-level Strategies

- Stakeholder participation
- Over 60 invited - 44 attended
- Strategies pre-selected by Program staff
- Final list agreed upon at the meeting

Outcomes from Stakeholder Meetings

- 13 priority goals from 63
- 72 strategies considered priority under these 13 goals
- 72 strategies made measurable
- Increase in awareness of New Jersey's Wildlife Action Plan and generate true cooperative effort refining implementation focus

Post Meeting Activities

- Program staff made all of the conservation strategies measurable for plan resubmittal
- Reports of meetings with priority measurable strategies circulated to stakeholders
- Prioritized goals and strategies distilled for publication for general public
- Regional (landscape) prioritization meetings are/ are being organized

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- (23) Upper Delaware/Musconetcong River Valley
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- (25) Urban Highlands
- (26) Southern Highlands

Landscape Conservation Zones

Piedmont Plains

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- (13) Raritan Bay
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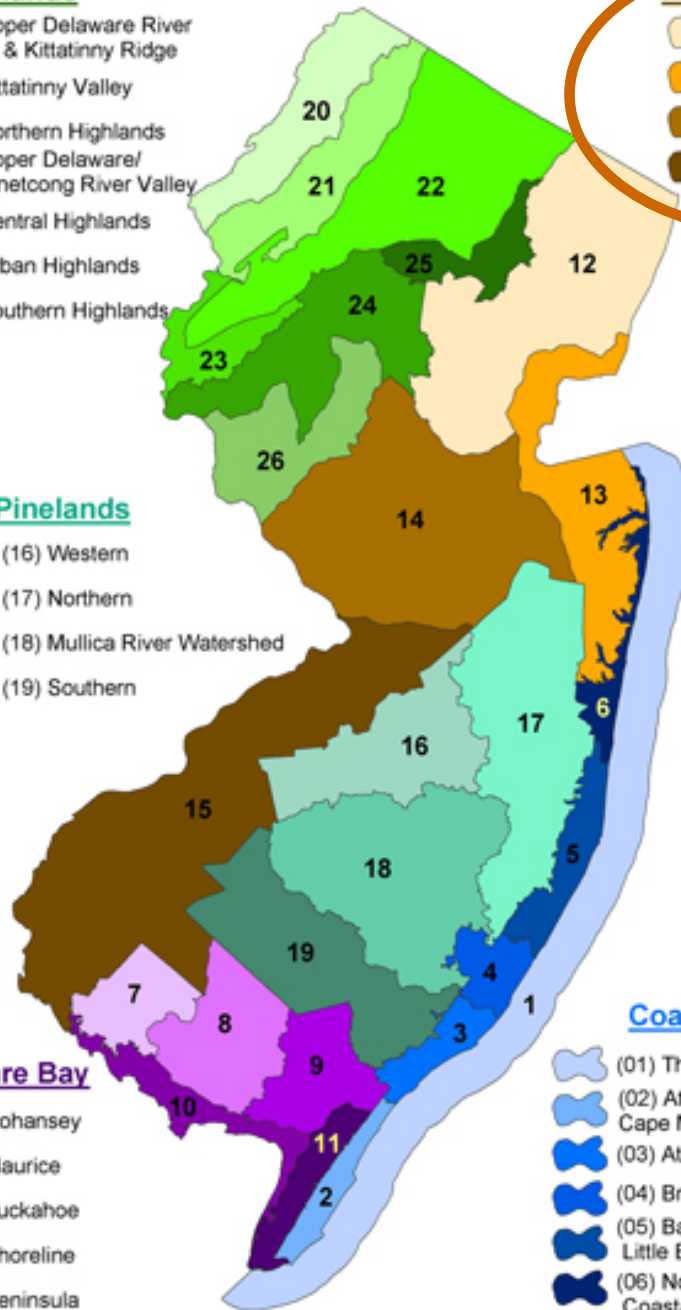
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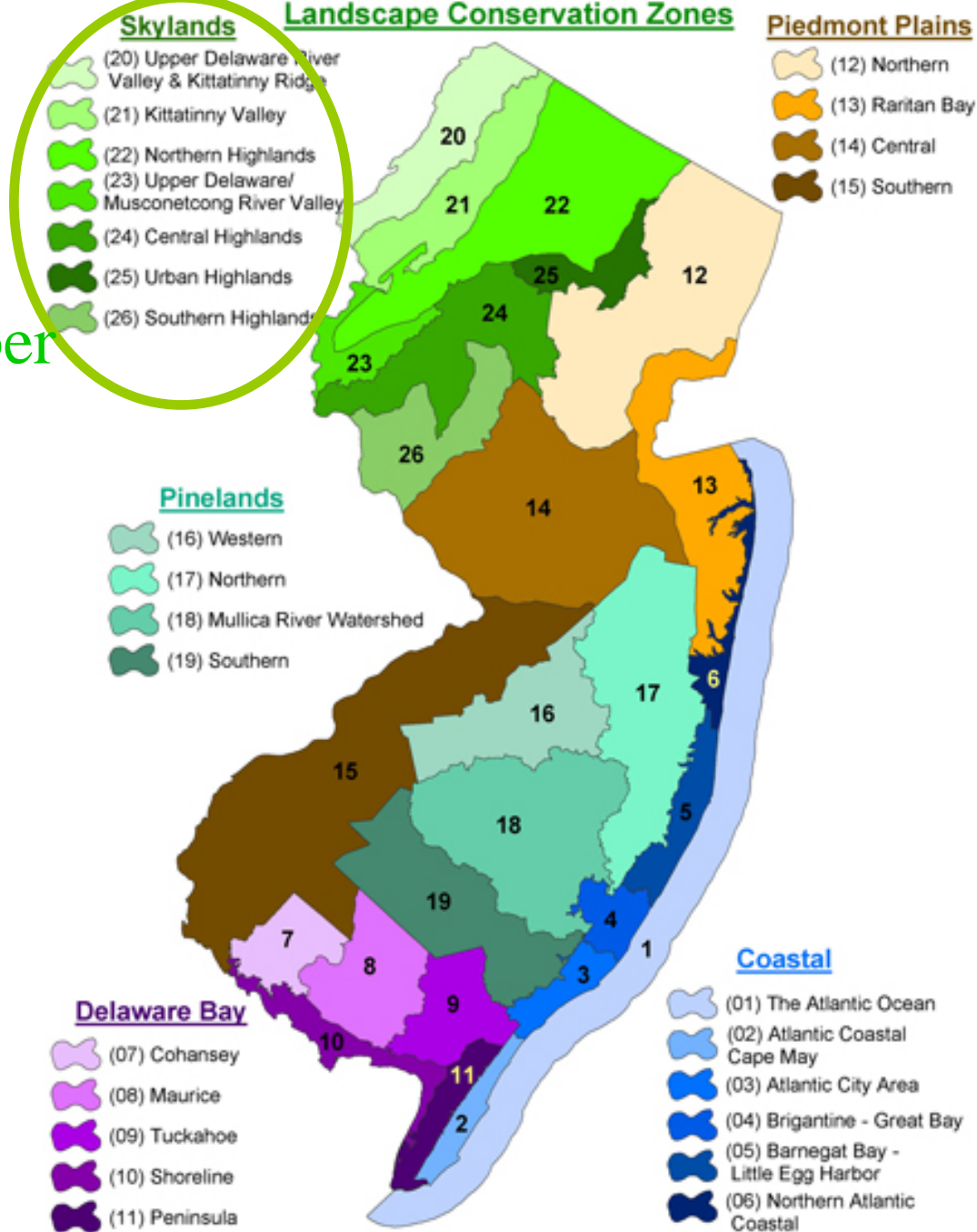
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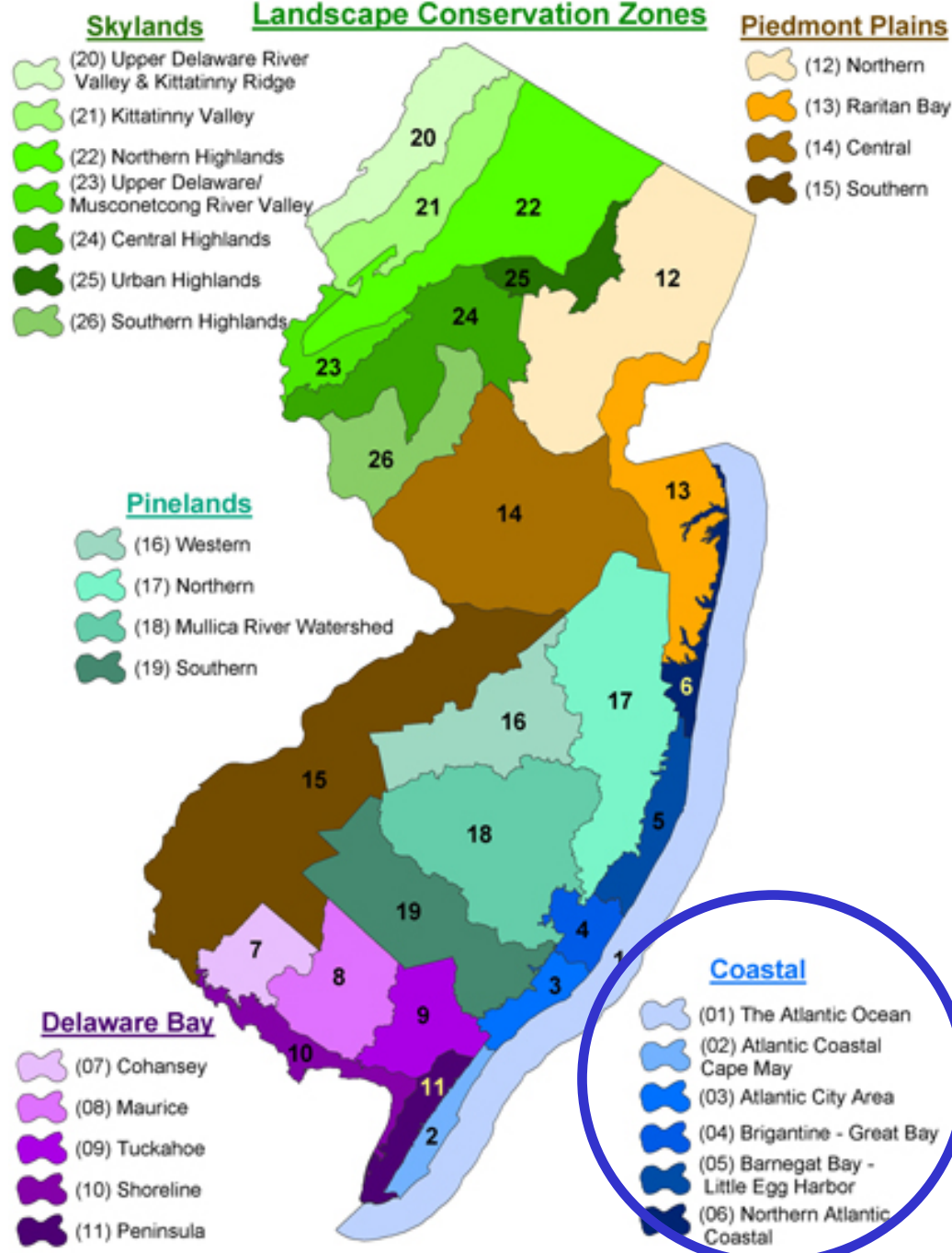
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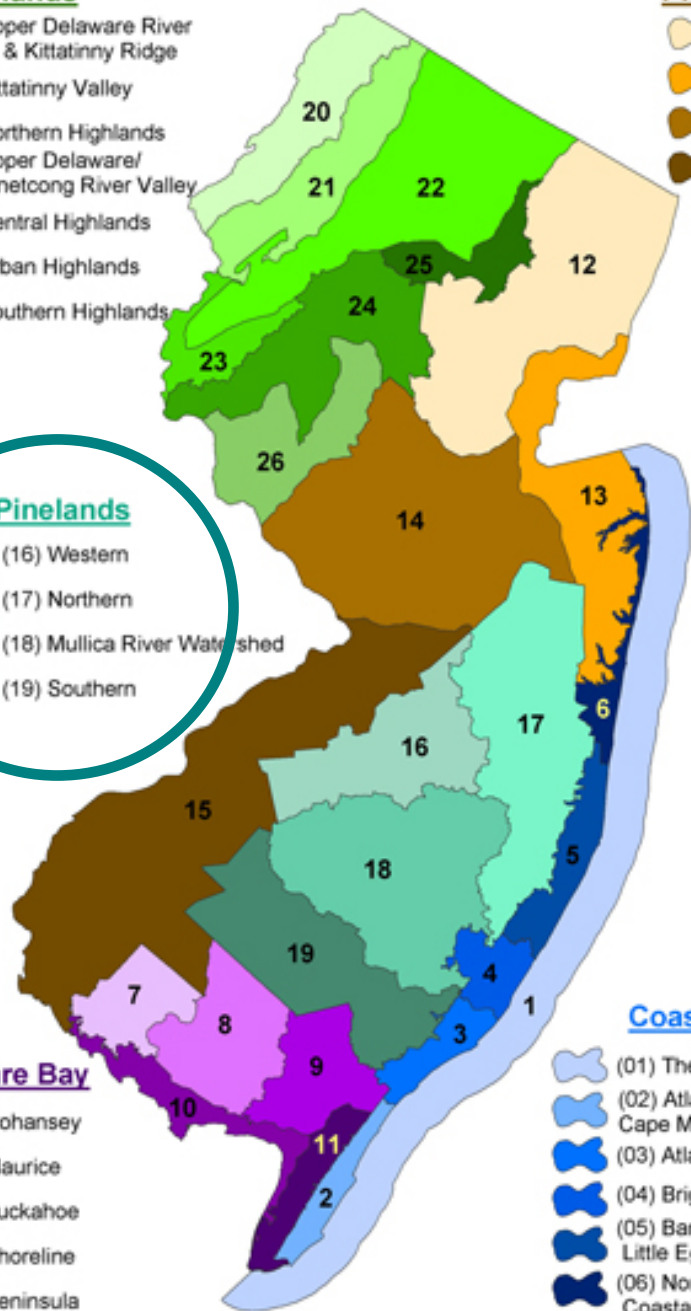
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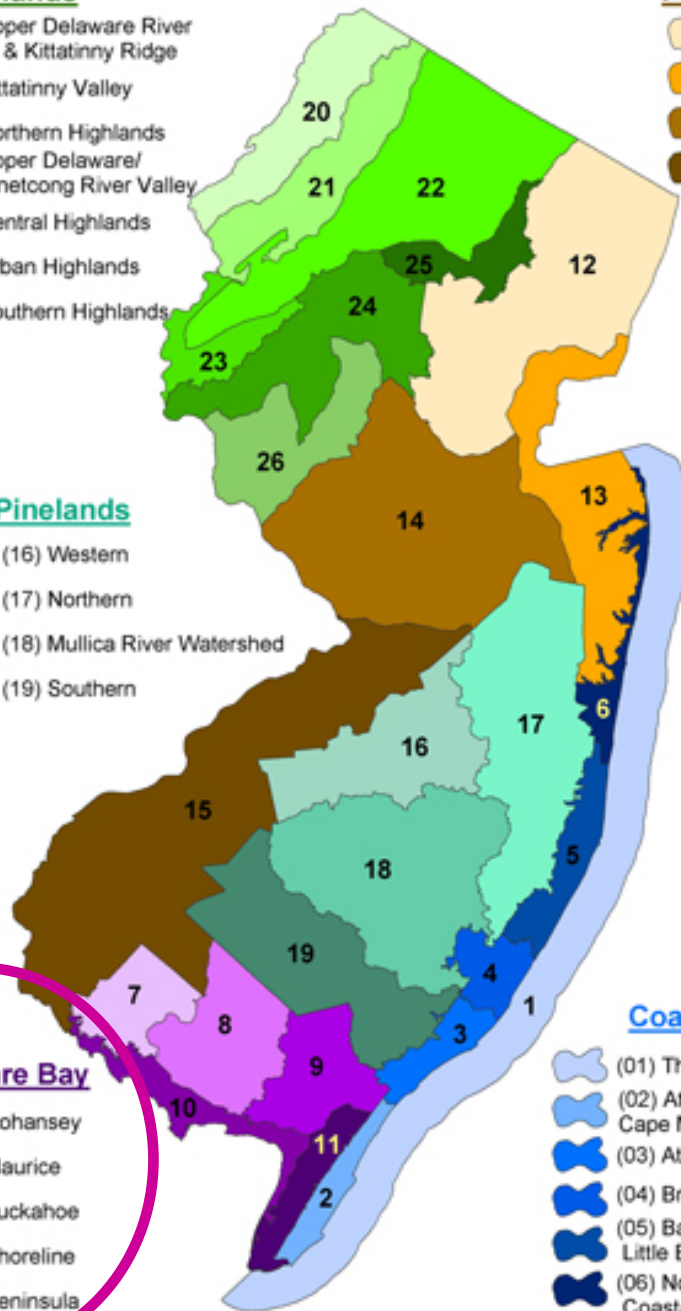
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Successes

- Other agencies have considered NJ's prioritization results in their strategic planning...NRCS & Refuges
- Involvement from non-traditional stakeholders has decreased likelihood of opposition to the plan
- Prioritization helped funding request for SWG 2007

Takeaways

- Stakeholder invitation lists can be challenging to finalize
- Strong facilitation is essential to avoid single issue domination
- Maintaining stakeholder interest in the plan is challenging
- Vertical communication is vital