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Dear Valued Stakeholder,

From habitat fragmentation to invasive species, the environmental issues that impact NJ's trees and forests are complex. The NJ Forest Service is currently assessing these issues for the 2020 New Jersey Forest Action Plan. This action plan, which is submitted to the US Forest Service for approval, serves as the state's basis for federal forestry funding, and outlines the state's forest management priorities to focus on over the next 10 years. The NJ 2010 Forest Action Plan can be found at <http://bit.ly/forestactionplan>.

Your input is essential to the planning process. When New Jersey works cooperatively toward the same forest management goals, we are able to make a more significant impact to improve the health, safety, and resilience of our tree and forest resource.

The ten-year Forest Action Plan:

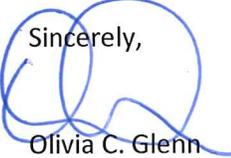
- Sets forest management priorities across New Jersey
- Supports the conservation, protection, and enhancement of New Jersey's forests and trees
- Allows local governments the opportunity to be eligible for grant funding toward priority projects

The New Jersey Forest Action Plan will summarize the current assessments of the state's traditional and urban and community forests and serve as a strategic plan for responsible forest stewardship. In addition, the Forest Legacy Assessment of Need, a document that highlights forested areas in the state that could or should be protected, will be incorporated into 2020 Forest Action Plan. In the past, this was a stand-alone document.

The NJ Department of Environmental Protection and the NJ Forest Service welcome your input into the New Jersey Forest Action Plan. Please complete the online survey at <http://bit.ly/municipalsurvey> to provide us with some general information about your community and how it relates to the NJ Forest Action Plan. For more detail contact the NJ Forest Service – Urban and Community Forestry Program Coordinator, Carrie Sargeant at carrie.sargeant@dep.nj.gov. We will be accepting your input up until August 30, 2019.

Thank you for your time and participation in the New Jersey Forest Action Plan development process. We look forward to working with you in this collaborative process.

Sincerely,


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