

Environmental Policy and Advocacy Highlights
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	Issue and source	Who you can contact
1	<p>Andy Kim was elected to represent the NJ-3 US Congressional District. Kim's campaign platform included planks related to superstorm preparedness, banning offshore drilling, and combating climate change. (source: candidate website) Several pro-environment governors were also elected. (source: Washington Post)</p>	<p>https://andykimforcongress.com/contact/</p>
2	<p>The NJ Senate has advanced a bill (S678/A1329) that would ban fracking in New Jersey. The bill is now with the Assembly. If passed, New Jersey would become the second state to impose a ban, and the first in the Delaware River Basin. Similar bills were voted by former Gov. Christie. (source: Press of Atlantic City)</p>	<p>LD-6 Assemblypersons Louis Greenwald and Pamela Lampitt (856-435-1247)</p> <p>LD-7 Assemblypersons Herb Conaway (856-461-3997) and Carol Murphy (856-735-5334)</p> <p>LD-8 Assemblymen Joe Howarth and Ryan Peters (609-654-1498)</p>
3	<p>The NJ Senate has advanced a bill (S2776/A4330) that is the most comprehensive plan in the country to ban single-use plastic bags, straws and polystyrene. (source: NJ LCV, Gloucester City News, northjersey.com)</p>	<p>Senator James Beach, LD-6 (856-429-1572, http://www.njleg.state.nj.us/members/BIO.asp?Leg=310)</p> <p>Senator Troy Singleton, LD-7 (856-234-2790, www.senatorsingleton.com/contact)</p> <p>Senator Dawn Marie Addiego, LD-8 (609-654-1498, http://addiego.senatenj.com/contact.php)</p>
4	<p>A governmental scientific report, the Fourth National Climate Assessment, drafted by 13 federal agencies predicts major impacts on the US economy, public health, communities, ecosystems and geopolitical stability due to climate change under a "business as usual" scenario. (source: NY Times, WSJ, most major media outlets).</p> <p>https://nca2018.globalchange.gov/</p>	<p>Senator Cory Booker (202-224-3224, https://www.booker.senate.gov/?p=contact)</p> <p>Senator Robert Menendez (202-224-4744, https://www.menendez.senate.gov/contact)</p> <p>EPA Administrator Andrew Wheeler (202-564-4700, Wheeler.andrew@Epa.gov)</p> <p>President Donald Trump (https://www.whitehouse.gov/contact/)</p>
5	<p>A UN scientific report, the 2018 Emissions Gap Report, indicated that, after 3 years of decline, global CO2 emissions increased in 2017, and that that to limit global warming to 1.5C (2.7F) this century, emissions need to drop 55 percent by 2030, compared with 2017 levels. (source: USA Today).</p>	<p>Senator Cory Booker (202-224-3224, https://www.booker.senate.gov/?p=contact)</p> <p>Senator Robert Menendez (202-224-4744, https://www.menendez.senate.gov/contact)</p> <p>EPA Administrator Andrew Wheeler (202-564-4700, Wheeler.andrew@Epa.gov)</p> <p>President Donald Trump (https://www.whitehouse.gov/contact/)</p>
6	<p>A NJ state Senate resolution sponsored by Senator Troy Singleton urges the US Secretary of the Interior to designate Rancocas Creek as a National Water Trial</p>	<p>Senator James Beach, LD-6 (856-429-1572, http://www.njleg.state.nj.us/members/BIO.asp?Leg=310)</p>

	(the first in NJ). (source: Burlington County Times)	Senator Troy Singleton, LD-7 (856-234-2790, www.senatorsingleton.com/contact) Senator Dawn Marie Addiego, LD-8 (609-654-1498, http://addiego.senatenj.com/contact.php)
7	The NJ Sierra Club and the Pinelands Preservation Alliance are urging Gov. Murphy to make changes to the Pinelands Commission, including nominations to replace existing Commissioners and removing Sean Earlen as the Chairperson. (source: Burlington County Times)	Governor Phil Murphy (609-292-6000, www.state.nj.us/governor/contact/)
8	The revised NAFTA agreement negotiated by the Trump administration includes provisions to exempt US oil & gas companies from nationalization and environmental safeguards, and automatically approves all gas exports to Mexico. (source: www.oilprice.com)	President Donald Trump (https://www.whitehouse.gov/contact/)
9	The US EPA is considering tougher NOx pollution standards for heavy-duty trucks. (source: Washington Post)	EPA Administrator Andrew Wheeler (202-564-4700, Wheeler.andrew@Epa.gov)
10	The 24th UN Climate Change Conference (COP24) will be held in Katowice, Poland December 2-14 (source: http://cop24.gov.pl/)	President Donald Trump (https://www.whitehouse.gov/contact/)
11	NJ BPU News: NJ has passed 100,000 solar installations; the US Dept of Energy has granted NJ \$3M to update our electrical grid to manage 100% renewable; the Community Solar Pilot Project is advancing. (source: BPU website)	NJ Board of Public Utilities (http://www.bpu.state.nj.us/bpu/about/contact/)
12	A bill sponsored by Senator Troy Singleton (S1486/A909) that would ban styrofoam food containers at public schools and institutions UPDATE: Bill has passed the Senate, is now in the Assembly Environment and Solid Waste Committee (source: Senator Singleton's website; www.njleg.state.nj.us)	LD-6 Assemblypersons Louis Greenwald and Pamela Lampitt (856-435-1247) LD-7 Assemblypersons Herb Conaway (856-461-3997) and Carol Murphy (856-735-5334) LD-8 Assemblymen Joe Howarth and Ryan Peters (609-654-1498)
13	A NJ Senate bill (S1073) would provide for stormwater utilities and give municipalities the ability to impose fees on impervious surfaces (eg, parking lots), in order to fix \$15B in aging stormwater infrastructure. (source: NJ Spotlight)	LD-6 Assemblypersons Louis Greenwald and Pamela Lampitt (856-435-1247) LD-7 Assemblypersons Herb Conaway (856-461-3997) and Carol Murphy (856-735-5334) LD-8 Assemblymen Joe Howarth and Ryan Peters (609-654-1498)
14	The EPA plans to issue a proposed rule relaxing standards on methane emissions from oil and gas companies. Methane is ~25-30 times more potent than carbon dioxide as a greenhouse gas. The rollback could allow 380,000 tons of additional methane released by 2025 (source: New York Times, Washington Post)	EPA Administrator Andrew Wheeler (202-564-4700, Wheeler.andrew@Epa.gov)
15	A NJ Senate bill (S3207) would require closer monitoring of greenhouse gases, and put more stringent controls of methane, to	Senator Bob Smith, LD-17 (732-752-0770, https://www.njleg.state.nj.us/RepEmail.asp)

	<p>help achieve the states goal of reducing climate change emissions 80% below 2006 levels by 2050. (source: NJ Spotlight)</p>	<p>Senator James Beach, LD-6 (856-429-1572, http://www.njleg.state.nj.us/members/BIO.asp?Leg=310)</p> <p>Senator Troy Singleton, LD-7 (856-234-2790, www.senatorsingleton.com/contact)</p> <p>Senator Dawn Marie Addiego, LD-8 (609-654-1498, http://addiego.senatenj.com/contact.php)</p>
16	<p>A NJ Senate bill (S3110) would allocate \$160 million from the Exxon settlement for various environmental projects, including Cape May, the Atlantic White Cedar watershed, and the Hudson-Raritan Estuary. (source: NJ Spotlight)</p>	<p>Senator James Beach, LD-6 (856-429-1572, http://www.njleg.state.nj.us/members/BIO.asp?Leg=310)</p> <p>Senator Troy Singleton, LD-7 (856-234-2790, www.senatorsingleton.com/contact)</p> <p>Senator Dawn Marie Addiego, LD-8 (609-654-1498, http://addiego.senatenj.com/contact.php)</p>
17	<p>A US Senate committee approved S.569, a bill that would provide permanent mandatory funding of \$900M for the Land Water Conservation Fund. (source: www.creationcare.org)</p>	<p>Senator Cory Booker (202-224-3224, https://www.booker.senate.gov/?p=contact)</p> <p>Senator Robert Menendez (202-224-4744, https://www.menendez.senate.gov/contact)</p>
18	<p>The DC Circuit Court of Appeals has refused to dismiss a lawsuit alleging that the EPA proposed rule to roll back clean car standards is flawed and incorrect. (source: The Hill)</p>	