

Grantee News

- The Pinelands Preservation Alliance advocated for the Senate Judiciary Committee to vote against Governor Christie's nomination of Robert Barr to the Pinelands Commission. Barr's nomination is supported by Senator Jeff van Drew, who is in favor of the proposed pipeline through the Pinelands. Though Barr's nomination was approved by the Judiciary Committee, the final vote by the full Senate will take place between March 5th and March 16th. To learn more, read [here](#).
- The Pinelands Preservation Alliance revealed the close relationship between the Christie Administration, South Jersey Gas, and Pinelands' staff in regards to the proposed pipeline through the Pinelands after filing an OPRA request. Read more [here](#).
- The NJ Institute for Social Justice ended its search for a new President and CEO and announced that it had selected Ryan P. Haygood, Deputy Director of Litigation at the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, Inc. Haygood will begin at the Institute on April 20th. Read the press release [here](#).
- Fair Share Housing Center released its annual *State of Sandy Recovery* report along with the Latino Action Network and NAACP NJ State Conference. The report documented that more than 15,000 families are still waiting to finish rebuilding and made suggestions for improving the recovery process. Read the full report [here](#).
- The Housing and Community Development Network of NJ released *Stronger Together: The \$12 Billion Impact of Community Development Corporations in NJ*, highlighting the economic impact of NJ CDCs over the last 25 years. Read the full report [here](#).
- New Jersey Policy Perspective released two reports—*Maximizing Affordable Care Act Enrollment is a Must for New Jersey* and *2016 Budget Preview: Unmet Needs Growing as Economy Lags*, detailing how full enrollment would bring \$2.3 billion more in federal funds to NJ and the economic difficulties facing NJ as it develops its 2016 budget, respectively. Read both reports [here](#).
- The NJ Food for Thought campaign, led by Advocates for Children of NJ and the NJ Anti-Hunger Coalition, resulted in the greatest rise in the nation in the percentage of low-income students participating in school breakfast last year according to the Food Research and Action Center's *School Breakfast Scorecard: 2013-2014*. New Jersey now ranks 37th in the nation, up from 46th. Read the full report [here](#).
- NJ United for Marijuana Reform, a coalition in support of legalizing, taxing, and regulating marijuana to increase State revenue and public safety, create jobs, and end the harms caused to individuals and families by current marijuana laws, launched with support from ACLU-NJ, NJ Citizen Action, and NJ Policy Perspective. To learn more, visit [NJUMR's website](#).

Job Announcements

- Fair Share Housing Center – Communications Director. Click [here](#) for details.
- ACLU-NJ – Donor Relations Manager. Click [here](#) for details.