

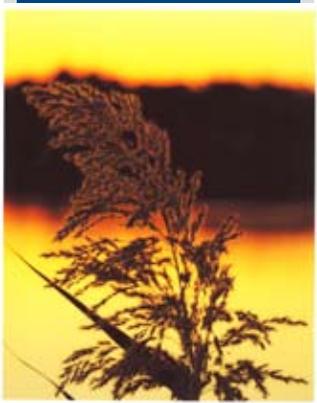
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Flyway Gallery Exhibit

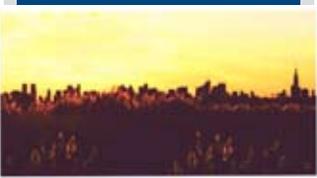
This month's Flyway Gallery exhibit spotlights the NJMC's Amateur Photo Contest. The contest ran from early October to early November and featured three categories: Meadowlands environment, community and economy. All entries are featured in the exhibit which runs through Dec. 31. The Flyway Gallery is located in the Meadowlands Environment Center and is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. weekends. For more information, call 201-460-8300 or visit njmeadowlands.gov



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SPECIAL EDITION

Greetings from Chairman Doria



Welcome to a special edition of the NJMC's monthly email newsletter. The Commission has been quite busy in the past couple of weeks, working on a number of initiatives that will benefit District taxpayers and businesses.

We brought some much-needed holiday cheer to the boroughs of Rutherford and North Arlington in the form of a \$1.2 million financial aid package to help those communities offset losses brought about by EnCap and Cherokee Investment Partners mismanagement of several development projects. The Commission also provided some economic relief to towns and businesses by lowering our disposal fee for certain types of solid waste; we're now charging the lowest disposal fee in the state for these types of waste. And we're also helping the region by setting aside a portion of all the solid waste revenue collected next year for infrastructure improvement projects.

Given the current economic climate, the NJMC's commitment to promoting economic growth in the Meadowlands is more important than ever. The Commission launched a new Economic Growth & Sustainability Weblog that provides a valuable information to help businesses cut costs, while helping the environment. In addition, the NJMC Business Accelerator received a \$40,000 state grant that will be put to use helping grow start-up businesses focused on green technology and services.

On behalf of everyone at the NJMC, I wish you and yours a wonderful holiday season and a very happy and prosperous New Year. I look forward to bringing you the latest NJMC news in 2009.

Thank you,
Joseph V. Doria, Jr.

*Commissioner, New Jersey Department of Community Affairs
Chairman, New Jersey Meadowlands Commission*

NJMC Gives \$1.2M Aid Package to North Arlington and Rutherford

The NJMC announced plans to appropriate \$1.2 million to the boroughs of North Arlington and Rutherford, a rescue package that will help alleviate the financial burdens the towns now face as a result of EnCap and Cherokee Investment Partners failure to honor their commitments to these communities. Together, the towns stand to lose approximately \$2 million because of EnCap and Cherokee's mismanagement of several development projects.

The NJMC voted on Dec. 19 to appropriate up to \$800,000 to North Arlington and \$400,000 to Rutherford. North Arlington stands to lose approximately \$1.6 million in host community fees and other benefits during 2009 due to the scheduled closing on Dec. 31 of a waste transfer station in the borough, which was part of the development plan. In Rutherford, EnCap has failed to pay taxes on property it owns in the borough. Rutherford has been unsuccessful in attempts to sell tax liens against the EnCap property. The NJMC is also working to protect the Township of Lyndhurst from financial hardships that could result from EnCap's troubles by taking legal action to see that AIG Insurance lives up to its commitment to pay a \$148 million performance bond that will be used, in part, to reimburse Lyndhurst for work that EnCap failed to complete on the town's new ballfields.

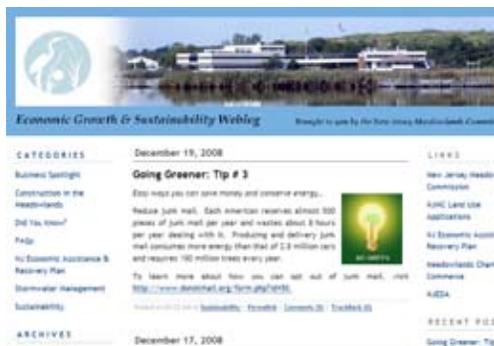
NJMC Sets State's Lowest Solid Waste Disposal Fee

In an effort to ease the burden on area businesses and communities during the economic downturn, the NJMC established the state's lowest fee schedule for the disposal of certain types of solid waste. The fee, set at \$42.37 per ton, applies to two categories of non-household solid waste that will be accepted at the Keegan Landfill, in Kearny. The 2008 rate was \$52.35 per ton for such waste at the Commission's 1E landfill, which is scheduled to close at year's end. Based on last year's activity, this reduction could save customers at least \$2.5 million over the coming year.

Funding Allocated for Infrastructure Improvements

Recognizing the importance of infrastructure improvement projects as a way to both stimulate the economy and serve the public good, the NJMC is setting aside a portion of its solid waste revenue to help pay for flood control projects, transportation initiatives and other public works. The Commission has invested millions of dollars from its general fund in public works projects for the Meadowlands District, including more than \$8 million for flood control efforts since 2005. This includes an ongoing \$4.5 million collaborative project – the largest of its kind in NJMC history – with the New Jersey Department of Transportation and Bergen County designed to reduce flooding on Route 17 near the Rutherford and East Rutherford border.

Visit Our New Business/Sustainability Blog



In its latest move to promote economic development in the Meadowlands District, the NJMC has launched a new Economic Growth & Sustainability Weblog. Located at njmcbiz.net, the blog provides valuable information and news that can help businesses grow and cut costs, with limited environmental impact. The blog features energy conservation tips, green development and redevelopment guidelines, links to the NJMC's financial incentives for developers who build green, and guidance on how to apply for zoning certificates and other permits. The blog also features a Business Spotlight section that profiles Meadowlands District companies. Businesses interested in being profiled should contact the NJMC at 201-460-1700 or info@njmeadowlands.gov.

NJMC Business Accelerator Awarded State Grant



The NJMC Business Accelerator was awarded a \$40,000 grant by the New Jersey Commission on Science and Technology. The funding will be used for programs that bring mentors to the Accelerator to assist businesses, help clients network and provide funding for marketing purposes, among others. The Business Accelerator's mission is to support the development of alternative energy and green technology companies by providing the critical services entrepreneurs need to turn an idea into a commercial business. Six companies are now full-fledged Accelerator clients and additional companies are in the application process. Businesses interested in joining the Accelerator should call 201-438-1245, log on to njmccaccelerator.com, or email micHEL.bitritto@njmeadowlands.gov.

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