The Pinelands is for Everyone
Initiatives and Partnerships

- Access Nature Forum
- Collaborations to Evaluate and Improve Trails
  - Towns: Pemberton and Evesham Townships
  - State: New Jersey Parks and Forests
  - NGOs: New Jersey Conservation Foundation
- Pinelands Adventures Eco-Trips
- AccessNatureNJ.org map
- Communications
  - Showing that nature preserves are for everyone
- Winning Financial Support
- Taking It Statewide
DWCF Connections

SPA 4 - Expand recreational and outreach opportunities in nature-based spaces for all people who live, recreate, and visit the watershed.

• Practical measures to make more trails accessible in more ways

• Shift expectations and address fears among people with disabilities and their families

• Change the culture of conservation and nature recreation “industries” so inclusivity in plans and facilities becomes the norm
Why It’s Working

• Real Unmet Need in New Jersey

• Compelling, Universal Cause
  • Simple fairness
  • Disabilities touch everyone and every family, eventually

• Inclusive and Respectful Processes
  • Started with forums, focus groups, conversations
  • People with lived experience taking leadership roles

• Lots of Partnerships
  • Land managers, service providers, healthcare, advocates, recreation industry

• Comprehensive Approach Going Beyond Opportunities
  • Making trails and sites (more) accessible, but also
  • Helping people get comfortable and feel safe via guided trips and communications

• Raising and Sharing Funding