



**Letter to Edward J. McBride, Chief of Staff
Matthew Boxer, State Comptroller
New Jersey Recovery Accountability Task Force,
Office of the Governor**

137 West Hanover Street
Trenton, NJ 08618
(609) 393-0008 Tel.
(609) 393-1189 Fax
www.njfuture.org

Re: Economic Stimulus Spending

April 13, 2009

Contact: [Peter Kasabach](mailto:Peter.Kasabach@njfuture.org), Executive Director, 609-393-0008 ext. 104

Dear Mr. McBride and Mr. Boxer,

We represent a diverse coalition of nonprofit organizations from the environmental, housing, planning and transportation sectors. We are concerned that the state is spending large amounts of economic stimulus funds without any publicly stated policy priorities beyond creating jobs and meeting ready-to-proceed deadlines. This concern prompted our organizations to come together to establish a set of spending principles that we all concur would make a significant and positive impact on the State of New Jersey.

We understand that your task force is responsible for letting the public know where the economic stimulus money is being spent and how effectively it is being used. We would like to meet with you to discuss the following:

- Understand the transparency and accountability processes and outcomes of the task force
- Understand what accountability measures will be used
- Seek inclusion of our principles in the accountability discussion
- Determine how our principles can be used for future funding decisions
- Offer our support for projects that meet our principles

Ideally, we could arrange a meeting for April 16th around 1pm when most of our group will be in Trenton. If that is not possible, please provide a couple of other dates within the next two weeks that will work. We have an aggressive public outreach plan, but would like to speak with you prior to rolling it out. Please contact Peter Kasabach at 609-393-0008 x104 or pkasabach@njfuture.org with your availability or if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

- American Littoral Society
- Association of NJ Environmental Commissions
- Clean Ocean Action
- NJ Environmental Federation
- Edison Wetlands Association
- Housing and Community Development Network of NJ
- New Jersey Audubon
- New Jersey Future
- New Jersey Conservation Foundation
- New Jersey Highlands Coalition
- Pinelands Preservation Alliance
- PlanSmart NJ
- Stony Brook-Millstone Watershed Association
- Tri-State Transportation Campaign
- Trust for Public Land