

## FY07 HIGHLANDS CONSERVATION ACT

### Project Details

*Project Name:* Arrow Park

*Location:* Town of Monroe in Orange Co.

*Acreage:* 350

*HCA Request:* \$3,000,000



Photo: Wilma Frey/New Jersey Conservation Foundation

New York State requests Highlands Conservation Act funds to assist in the acquisition of an addition to Sterling Forest State Park. The Arrow Park property is situated adjacent to the northeastern corner of Sterling Forest State Park, which citizens have worked tirelessly to preserve, and is in close proximity to the Appalachian National Scenic Trail. The property contains a highly scenic lake, woodlands and wetlands, as well as significant frontage on Orange Turnpike. Portions of the property were acquired in 2002 as additions to the Park, while the disposition of the remaining 350 acres was being considered by the owners.

The Arrow Park property is one of many areas in the Greater Sterling Forest region that may be developed if not protected. Sterling Forest State Park is one of the greatest accomplishments of any recent public-private partnership (between the federal government, the states of New York and New Jersey, and private organizations). Preservation of private inholdings and adjacent properties, such as Arrow Park, will safeguard this \$78-million investment and protect drinking

water, wildlife habitat, and a wealth of recreational, historic, cultural, and scenic resources.

The Highlands region is 3.5 million acres of forest, farmland, and rugged hills extending from south-central PA, through NJ and NY into northwestern CT. These eastern-most ridges of the Appalachian Mountains form a greenbelt for the Philadelphia-New York City-Hartford metropolitan area. The Highlands provide clean drinking water to over 15 million people and are home to over 250 endangered, threatened, and rare species.

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### Project Highlights

- Scenic lake, wetlands and forest
- Recreational opportunities
- Adjacent to Sterling Forest State Park
- Near Appalachian National Scenic Trail