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Dear Sir/Madam,

The New Jersey School of Conservation is an important organization, and its future role in the education of our citizenry will be, I believe, crucial. The New Jersey DEP has an important mission to find and charge a group with the responsibility of administering the School, and I can't think of a better group to do this than the Friends of NJSOC.

I became acquainted with this group first as a participant in a sponsored lecture, then as an invited guest to tell stories at an evening campfire and night hike. I was struck, both times, at the level of knowledge and dedication shown by the organizers and volunteer members of NJSOC. I was also impressed by the organizational structure established by the event coordinators. Every T was crossed; every I was dotted; nothing was left to chance. The success of events, outings, and lectures relies on strategic planning, and that planning was evidenced by the Friends group. I believe that same strategic planning will be applied to the broader scope of operating and maintaining the School of Conservation.

I hope that the DEP members tasked with finding dedicated stewards for NJSOC will consider seriously appointing the Friends of NJSOC.

Sincerely,

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