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# **LaValle Carmans River Protection Bill Now Law**

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New York State Senator Kenneth P. LaValle and Assemblyman Bob Sweeney announced that their bill to add additional parcels to the Pine Barrens and protect the Carmans River has been signed into law by the Governor.

“The Pine Barrens Protection Act of 1993 successfully protected tens of thousands of acres in the Long Island Pine Barrens,” said Senator LaValle. “The protection afforded by inclusion of parcels from within the Carmans River watershed under provisions of the Pine Barrens Protection Act will extend the Act's protection to this environmentally sensitive, natural resource.”

“The Pine Barrens and Carmans River Watershed are Long Island treasures,” said Assemblyman Sweeney, Chair of the Assembly Committee on Environmental Conservation. “Preserving this land will help protect the Carmans River and also provide important protections for Long Island’s groundwater.

The river is 10 miles long and is located in the Central Long Island Pine Barrens Region, which is publicly protected and managed land. Sections of the Carmans

River are designated by New York State as a wild, scenic, and recreational river and a Significant Coastal Fish and Wildlife Habitat.

This legislation adds approximately 3,875 acres to the Central Pine Barrens Area , with approximately 1,660 acres being added to the Core Preservation Area and the remaining 2,215 acres being added to the Compatible Growth Area.