



# *Forked River Mountain Views*

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## **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

**27<sup>th</sup> Annual Cleanup, April 19, 2020.** Meet at Lacey Township Municipal Building, 818 W. Lacey Road, Forked River. Arrive between 8:30am and 9:00am. Return between 12:30pm and 1:00pm. Last year volunteers helped to clean up 22 tons of trash. Please help make this year's clean up another success. Bags and gloves will be supplied. Volunteers with four wheel drive vehicles are especially needed. If you would like to help please call 609-971-1635 or visit our website at [www.frmc.org](http://www.frmc.org).

## **2019 ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

- On February 19, 2019 the Ocean County Board of Chosen Freeholders, acquired nearly 8000 acres of land surrounding the Forked River Mountains capping off a nearly 27 year effort to have this unique wilderness area preserved as open space.
- Volunteers removed 22 tons of trash during the 26th Annual Spring Cleanup. To date, more than 712 tons of debris has been removed from the vast Pinelands forest surrounding the Forked River Mountains
- Hosted an annual meeting of stakeholders with representatives from over a dozen agencies and non-profit organizations to discuss ongoing open space acquisition efforts as well as land stewardship and management needs within the Forked River Mountain area.
- Sponsored and participated in a variety of educational events, like the Pine Barrens Jamboree, to promote a greater awareness about the importance and significance of the Forked River Mountain area.
- Continued to publish our newsletter, "Forked River Mountain Views," and update our website ([www.frmc.org](http://www.frmc.org)) to report on our activities and educate the public about conservation and stewardship efforts in the area.
- Conducted general cleanup and maintenance along our hiking/interpretive trail and at our four main preserves. The total of all the land protected in our preserves stands at just over 106 acres.

## **MEMBERSHIP DRIVE UNDERWAY**

We can only continue to build on our success with your help. If you are a member and have not yet renewed your membership or, if you are not currently a member of the Coalition and would like to join, simply complete the registration form. Be sure to mark the appropriate box and return the form along with your membership dues for 2020. Please support the grass-roots initiative that helped to permanently protect the Forked River Mountains and the vast wilderness that surrounds them.