

Meet the New Jersey Grantmakers

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Profile Form

ORGANIZATION/FOUNDATION NAME:



PANELIST NAME & TITLE:

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INTERESTS:

(e.g., Fields of interest, areas funded, types of support, geographic region, exclusions, etc.)

Environment – grants for land acquisition, restoration, park development, stewardship, climate change and renewable energy projects

CONTRIBUTIONS/SERVICE SUMMARY:

(e.g., 2008 disbursements, average grant size, summary of technical assistance, etc.)

Conservation Resources (CRI) maintains a web-based catalog to help nonprofit organizations market their conservation project to potential funders, and provides free technical assistance to the groups which feature their projects in this catalogue. CRI re-grants funds provided by a wide variety of philanthropic and regulatory contributors, and runs its own grantmaking programs as well. In the past five years, CRI has made almost \$3 million in direct grants, and we have facilitated more than \$38 million in funding from other sources for the projects featured on our website.

PANELIST BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION:

Michael Catania is the founder and President of Conservation Resources Inc., a nonprofit conservation group which provides financial and technical assistance to the conservation community in New Jersey. Earlier in his career, he served as Deputy Commissioner of the NJ Department of Environmental Protection under three Commissioners and two Governors. Michael began his career with the non-partisan NJ Legislative Services Agency, where he

drafted many of New Jersey's landmark environmental laws, including the Pinelands Protection Act, several of the Green Acres Bond Acts, the Conservation and Historic Preservation Restriction Act, and the Spill Compensation and Control Act. Michael also served as in-house counsel at NJDEP, where he established NJDEP's Division of Regulatory Affairs and oversaw the development and enforcement of all NJDEP rules and regulations.

Michael was also the Executive Director of The Nature Conservancy of New Jersey for 12 years. He currently serves as chair of the New Jersey Natural Lands Trust and President of a local land trust, the Schiff Natural Lands Trust, Inc. In 2003, he became the founder and Chairman of the Coalition for Conservation. He holds a BA and MA in Political Science from Rutgers University as well as a JD from Rutgers School of Law in Camden.

Michael currently resides in Mendham Township, Morris County, New Jersey, where he and his wife Jan Rosenfeld own and operate a permanently preserved farm with their two children.