

**Timothy P. Dillingham**

*Experience*

**Executive Director, American Littoral Society, 2003-Present**

Responsible for overall direction and administration of national, membership-based coastal conservation organization, with offices in New Jersey, New York, Massachusetts and Florida, 25 staff and \$5 million annual budget ([www.littoralsociety.org](http://www.littoralsociety.org)) Responsible for formulating policy, developing programs, advising Board of Trustees, working with federal and state governments, supervising litigation program, fund raising, media relations, staff supervision.

**Director of Policy, New Jersey Conservation Foundation, 2000-2001**

Responsible for formulating statewide land use and natural resource policy positions, and advising the Executive Director and Board of Trustees for a leading conservation organization. Monitored issues statewide, including activities of Department of Environmental Protection, Pinelands Commission, Legislature, Governor's Office, and local levels of government. Prepared organization positions and responses on Coastal Area Facilities Review Act regulations, Watershed and Wastewater Management rules and wetlands revisions. Represented NJCF in media, public forums, coalitions and governmental forums. Responsible for development of new, formal policy program and ensuring coordination between policy, land acquisition and land use planning programs. Also responsible for managing NJCF's Highlands project, and served as Executive Director for Highlands Coalition.

**Executive Director, Highlands Coalition, 1998-2001**

Executive Director for 85-group coalition of national, regional, and local conservation and public interest groups working to conserve the natural resources, watersheds and forests of the Highlands region of eastern Pennsylvania, New Jersey, New York and northwestern Connecticut. Responsible for representing national and state conservation priorities before Congress, New Jersey Legislature and administrative agencies, development of legislative and conservation agenda, analysis of ongoing and developing environmental issues and coordinating organization response. Responsible for assisting coalition in development of regional conservation approaches, production of public education materials and strategies, and for developing technical assistance efforts for member groups. Represented Coalition in media. Prepared and secured foundation support for campaign, increasing both levels and diversity of funding. Increased visibility of effort, campaign funding levels and federal

and state engagement on issue. Responsible for initiating successful federal \$750,000 research study appropriation, as well as successful Congressional action on critical area protection funding. Initiated and led successful campaign to have region recognized by State of New Jersey as first “Special Resource Area” under State Development and Redevelopment Plan, leading to state budget allocation of \$300,000 for protection efforts. Founding member of Eastern Forest Partnership, coalition of east coast forest advocates working from South to Northeast; secured foundation support for effort.

### **Director, New Jersey Chapter of the Sierra Club, 1991-1997**

State Director for 20,000-member chapter of national environmental organization. Responsible for representing national and state conservation priorities before New Jersey Legislature and administrative agencies, development of legislative and conservation agenda and policy, analysis of ongoing and developing environmental issues and coordinating organization response. Responsible for developing and coordinating work of political action committee engaged in local, state and federal elections. Responsible for fundraising and staff supervision. Founding member of Stockton Alliance, a collaborative business-environmental effort, original member of Green and Gold Task Force which advises Commissioner of Department of Environmental Protection, member of the Environmental Summit, an environmental community forum, and Chair of the New Jersey Committee of the Highlands Coalition, an 80-member group seeking preservation of significant region of state.

### **Senior Policy Analyst, State of Rhode Island, 1987-1991**

Senior staff for state coastal zone management program. Initiated and supervised policy and regulatory program development. Initiated and developed several new approaches to resource management conflicts, including development of institutional mechanisms for implementation of integrated estuarine management policies. Project manager on several statewide programs, and developed, initiated and supervised first interstate estuarine management project. Served as senior staff liaison to federal programs. Extensive experience in water quality issues, intergovernmental coordination and land use management. Served as member of Governor’s Environmental Quality Study Commission, Aquafund Advisory Council, National Estuary Program-Narragansett Bay Project (Management Committee, Policy Committee, Land Use Subcommittee), Rhode Island Clean Water Strategy Committee, EPA/Army Corps of Engineers Regional Dredging Disposal Siting Management Project (Steering Committee)

### **Environmental Planner, The Nature Conservancy, 1986-1987**

Project manager for comprehensive river management plan development. Developed strategies for identification and acquisition of significant natural areas, public access sites and land use policies oriented toward river corridor protection.

### **Consultant, Coastal Management Issues, 1985-1986**

Consultant to State of Rhode Island, Coastal Resources Management Council on the development of a comprehensive estuarine special area management plan. Developed management policies and strategies for water quality restoration, land use guidelines and coordination of state and municipal agency regulatory procedures.

**Intern, Coastal States Organization, Summer, 1984**

Researched background on controls for non-point source pollution for use as basis for symposium for Coastal States Organization, in Washington, DC.

***Education***

University of Rhode Island, Master of Arts in marine Affairs, 1989  
St. Mary's College of Maryland, Bachelor of Science in Biology, 1982

***Publications***

Dillingham, T., et.al. The Pawcatuck River Estuary and Little Narragansett Bay: An Interstate Management Plan. 1992.

Dillingham, T. Guidelines for the Development of Municipal Harbor Management Plans. Prepared for the Rhode Island Coastal Resources Management Council. Adopted November 22, 1988.

Howard-Strobel, MM, Simpson, T. and Dillingham, T. The Narrow River Special Area Management Plan. Prepared for the Coastal Resources Management Council. Adopted December 8, 1986.

Dillingham, T. Saving Rhode Island's Rivers: The Wood and Pawcatuck Rivers Management Plan. Prepared for the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management. 1986.

Burger J, Niles LJ, Dey AD, Dillingham T, Gates AS, Smith J (2015) An experiment to examine how Red Knots *Calidris canutus rufa* and other shorebirds respond to oyster culture at Reed's Beach, Delaware Bay, New Jersey **Wader Study**. 122(2).

### *Affiliations*

Board of Directors, Restore America's Estuaries, Inc. Arlington, VA (past Chair)

Co-chair, Stakeholder Advisory Committee on Aquaculture and Red Knot Conservation

Co-chair, Senate Environment Committee Task Force on Public Access to Tidal Waters

NJ Climate Adaptation Alliance, Member

Board of Directors, NJ League of Conservation Voters (former/founding member)

Sustainable Oceans and Waterways Committee, Heinz Center, Washington, DC (former member)

Board of Directors, Institute for Coastal and Marine Studies, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ (former member)

Board of Trustees, Stony Brook Millstone Watershed Association, Pennington, NJ (former member)

Board of Trustees, Sourlands Planning Council, East Amwell, NJ (former member)

Board of Trustees, Coalition to Conserve Natural Resources, Chester, NJ (former member)

Gubernatorial Appointee, Highlands Water Protection and Planning Council (Chair of Natural Resources Subcommittee)

Gubernatorial Appointee, Blue Ribbon Panel on Development of Wind Turbine Facilities in Coastal Waters

Leadership NJ, Class of 2004

Prudential Fellowship Program for Nonprofit Executives, 2016

### *Awards*

Environmental Achievement Award, PlanSmart NJ 2016

For advocating for coastal restoration, expanding marine education programs in underserved communities, and engaging communities in coastal stewardship

#### Governor's Award for Environmental Excellence, Healthy Ecosystems Category 2015

This award is presented to a nominee that demonstrates experience in programs or techniques that have resulted in the restoration, protection and enhancement of the State's ecological resources. These resources include wetlands, estuaries and coastal areas, as well as non-game and/or threatened and endangered species.

Backed by funding from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, the American Littoral Society has led several core partners in restoration and research efforts of critical habitat in Delaware Bay, post-Superstorm Sandy. To date, the scope of its Delaware Bay project has involved the restoration of seven beaches along the bay shore; the creation of an experimental oyster reef; and the employment of multiple construction companies and businesses for the projects. Additionally, the American Littoral Society has created a military veteran paid intern program, provided educational outreach to more than 23,000 people and designed and implemented studies to better gauge project results and adaptively manage the project

#### US Environmental Protection Agency, Region II Environmental Quality Award, 2013

Governor's Award for Environmental Excellence, Healthy Ecosystems, Honorable Mention 2011

The American Littoral Society is recognized for their "*Bayscape for Barnegat Bay*" program encouraging responsible landscaping practices around the bay. This program, which centers on educational workshops and in-ground demonstrations, is enhanced through successful partnerships with businesses, homeowner associations and residents. In 2011, the program expanded by adding a Bayscape for Barnegat Bay retail garden center to further promote the sale of native plants in the watershed.

#### American Society of Civil Engineers – Project of the Year, 2017

Barnegat Bay Green Infrastructure Project promoting use of natural and nature-based approaches to reducing stormwater pollution.