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Subject:
Pending Legislation

**Rockland Bergen Bi-State Watershed Flood Prevention and Protection Act
To create the:
Rockland Bergen Bi-State River Commission**

Shortly after the Hackensack River floods of April 15 and 16, 2007 **Rockland R.A.F.T.** members Phil Bosco and Bob Dillon realized that the best way to deal with flooding of the Hackensack River would require a basin wide management approach and interstate cooperation. On 5-2-07, in a meeting hosted by Clarkstown Supervisor Alex Gromack and attended by many stakeholders, Phil Bosco presented the idea. Supervisor Gromack immediately embraced it.

This pending legislation is the result of over 2 years of effort, dozens of meetings and bipartisan support. The Act includes not only the Hackensack River but also all the rivers and streams which flow between Rockland County, NY and New Jersey including their watersheds.

Without the leadership of Senator Tom Morahan and Supervisor Alex Gromack and the active participation of County Executive C. Scott Vanderhoef, Assemblyman Ken Zebrowski and Assemblywoman Ellen Jaffee this legislation would not exist.

Senator Morahan's office drafted the Act and coordinated with the New Jersey sponsors.

Please see the links to the legislation for information regarding the intent and scope of the Act.

Steve Powers of Senator Tom Morahan's office and members of **Rockland R.A.F.T.** including Ray & Jane Stormes, Dane Brecher and Craig Cefola deserve special acknowledgement for their efforts.

The Legislation:

New York

Senate S3931 / Assembly A7428

<http://assembly.state.ny.us/leg/?bn=S03931&sh=t>

Senate:

Thomas P. Morahan R – Sponsor (OVERALL SPONSOR)

Assembly:

Kenneth Zebrowski D – Sponsor

Ellen Jaffee D - Co-Sponsor

Nancy Calhoun R - Co-Sponsor

Annie Rabbitt R - Co-Sponsor

New Jersey

Senate S2734 / Assembly A3865

http://www.njleg.state.nj.us/2008/Bills/A4000/3865_11.HTM

Senate:

[Cardinale, Gerald](#) R - as Primary Sponsor

[Weinberg, Loretta](#) D - as Primary Sponsor

[O'Toole, Kevin J.](#) R - as Co-Sponsor

[Gordon, Robert M.](#) D - as Co-Sponsor

Assembly:

[Rooney, John E.](#) R - as Primary Sponsor

[McKeon, John F.](#) D - as Primary Sponsor

[Vandervalk, Charlotte](#) R - as Primary Sponsor

[Vainieri Huttie, Valerie](#) D - as Co-Sponsor

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