

Reminder - Highlands Act presentation by Elliott Ruga

The NJ Sierra Club invites members and the public to an informative talk by Elliott Ruga, Grassroots and Program Coordinator of the Highlands Coalition.

When: Monday, March 1 at 7:30 pm

Where: New Jersey Water Supply Authority, 1851 State Route 31, Clinton, NJ 08809-2018. (Go to the rear Annex Building, follow the road behind the main building to the back by the lake)

Mr. Ruga will address the concerns of residents and environmental organizations in regards to proposed developments in sensitive areas, including a plan to develop land in Clinton Township right on the Spruce Run Reservoir and the proposed truck depot in Franklin Township, Warren County.

The NJ Highlands Coalition and The New Jersey Sierra Club, as well as many other grassroots organizations, strongly oppose this massive invasion of 192 acres of active farmland near the Musconetcong River. Upon completion, the trucktransfer station would be approximately 50 acres larger than the Magic Kingdom in Orlando, Florida. This major industrial development would change the very face of the region. It would bring with it many environmental problems by permanently destroying open space, polluting surface and drinking water, degrading air quality, and causing an unwanted truck traffic nightmare for local residents.

He will also explain the chronology of conformance to the Highlands Regional Master Plan and how local citizens and environmental organizations may assist their municipalities in complying with the conformance process. Since 1988, the NJ Highlands Coalition has represented the interests of its 42 grassroots, regional, statewide and national organizations and individual members in the preservation of the Highlands water and other environmental, cultural and recreational resources.

For directions to the Annex and for more information on NJ Sierra Club South Highlands Group, including the schedule of upcoming events and public meeting dates/time/place on the proposed Franklin Township truck depot, visit: <http://newjersey.sierraclub.org/SouthHighlands/>