

# **Albany Pine Bush Preserve Commission**

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To protect and manage the unique and endangered natural communities and species of the Albany Pine Bush, for ecological benefits and controlled and appropriate public recreational and educational use.

### **Performance Measures**

(per the 2010 Management Plan and FEIS for the Albany Pine Bush Preserve)

#### **Ecological resource protection and management goals:**

1. Protect and manage an ecologically viable pitch pine-scrub oak barrens community to achieve/maintain the long-term goal of at least 2,000 fire-manageable acres using prescribed burns and other management techniques.
2. Protect and manage linkages that improve Preserve contiguity and enhance species dispersal.
3. Protect and manage buffer areas, particularly those that facilitate the Commission's fire management program.
4. Protect and manage significant cultural and environmental resources, including Karner blue butterflies and other Species of Greatest Conservation Need, water resources and historic/archaeological sites.

#### **Recreational, educational and outreach program goals:**

1. Maintain and enhance public access to the Preserve in locations where doing so will not adversely impact ecological resources.
2. Enhance and expand educational and outreach efforts to increase the visibility and image of the Preserve, develop and maintain a sense of stewardship on the part of the public, and create a better appreciation and awareness of Pine Bush ecology and management.