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Strategic Planning Meeting for NJFO

By Eric Schrading

On February 5 the NJFO Biological Staff held a Strategic Planning meeting at Duke Farms in Hillsborough, NJ to discuss its 2015 Strategic Plan and identify the top 5 priorities for the year. The meeting included review of responses received from outside partners including FEMA, NRCS, NJ Audubon, and Partnership for the Delaware Estuary. The meeting was successful in updating our 2015 Strategic Plan. Duke Farms staff presented a brief history of the Duke Estate to include past and on-going habitat restoration activities on its 2,500 acres. Congressional District 12. Photo Credit: Eric Schrading





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Piping Plover Habitat Restoration at Stone Harbor Point By Beth Freiday

A project to restore nesting habitat for Piping Plovers began this week at Stone Harbor Point in Cape May County. The creation of elevated nesting areas will help ensure the success of nesting piping plover. The project will also benefit red knot by providing suitable roosting habitat. The project was funded by DOI Sandy Recovery NFWF grants. Technical assistance was provided by the Service's *Partners for Fish and Wildlife* program. Pictured is the Stockton Coastal Research Center staff surveying elevated nesting platforms for creation. Also pictured are Larry Niles, project coordinator, and a heavy equipment operator. Congressional District 2.



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