

## RGS SKYLANDS CHAPTER NEWSLETTER---njgrouse.com

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### ONE MORE TIME

By now Most of you know Danielle our regional director has turned in her resignation to RGS. She is getting married and received a job offer as a financial planner for a major company. Less travel, more income, just starting a family. Who could blame her? Danielle has stayed on past her original departure date so RGS could get a new Regional Director in place. During this time she went above and beyond to help us get our banquet in order. For this I (we) are very grateful to her and wont forget all she has done Thank You Danielle, good luck we wish you well!

Now enter Wayne Roberts our new Regional director. I know what you are thinking, but Wayne comes with experience, formerly from Ducks unlimited, Wayne resides in the Allentown PA area which falls actually right on the edge of our chapters' coverage. We have never had someone so close to us and logistically this is a huge plus for New Jersey. Wayne will be at our next meeting Monday December 11<sup>th</sup> and hopefully we will have tickets, flyers and other neat stuff to give out. This banquet seems to be getting more promising as it approaches, and could be our best yet. I have gotten feedback about our change to Perona Farms this year from several people and all of it has been good. The facility is bigger and we are being given all the support we have asked for and then some. I would like to thank Alan Westra for really picking up the ball and running with it on this one. He really came through for us.

### RGS MOVES HEAVY EQUIPMENT INTO N.J.

Mark Banker and I spent most of the day last Monday with officials at the Delaware Water Gap NRA. We will be doing some very extensive work with the park to create and enhance grouse and woodcock habitat area though out the park. We will work on both sides of the river, but first in NJ. RGS will be transporting there new skid steer to NJ. Volunteers will be trained in its safe use, and we will begin removing invasives clearing areas and generally creating and improving habitat throughout the park. This project is much larger than anything done by RGS in NJ to date. This project will create habitat improvement on a large enough scale to make a difference. We wanted it, and we got it. We will have to be given a chainsaw safety course by park officials but the details of that will be worked out as the time approaches. We will need support of all three chapters to pull this off.

Our Next meeting will be on Monday Dec. 11<sup>th</sup> at the Lafayette house at 7:00 PM. Wayne Roberts will be there to discuss the banquet. Hopefully everyone will make it. Jim