

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

TAKE NOTICE that the County of Middlesex has filed a request with the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, Green Acres Program, proposing to divert 0.543 acres (23,670 square feet) of the Meadows at Middlesex Golf Course, Block 2301, Lot 2 in the Township of Plainsboro, in connection with the re-routing of 526 linear feet of an existing underground petroleum pipeline owned by Sunoco Pipeline L.P. The rerouting is required in connection with the construction of a new switching station by Public Service Electric and Gas Company (PSE&G) on land adjacent to the Golf Course. The relocated pipeline will run in a permanent easement along the edge of property boundary of the Golf Course. As compensation for the diversion, the County proposes to be paid \$350,000 which will be used to acquire additional County parkland or open space. In addition, new trees will be planted on County parkland or open space to compensate for the removal of three trees within the diversion area.

Due to Governor Murphy's state of emergency declaration regarding COVID-19 (Coronavirus), the two (2) hearings required under N.J.A.C. 7:36-26.11(e) and N.J.S.A 40A:12-13.5 to obtain public comment on this Green Acres diversion request will be held electronically via the "Zoom" platform as follows:

Hearing 1: Wednesday, July 22, 2020 at 7:00 P.M.

Hearing 2: Monday, August 10, 2020 at 2:00 P.M.

All interested parties who wish to attend the above hearings may choose one of the following options:

- Join by Computer/Mobile Phone: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86252486457>; or
- Join by Telephone (Audio Only) by your location:
Dial: **1-(646) 558-8656**;
Meeting ID: **862 5248 6457**
For International Dial-In Numbers: <https://us02web.zoom.us/u/keFUjOm5Am>

If logging into the Zoom hearings via computer or mobile device for the first time, please allow a few extra minutes to install the program (if using a computer or laptop) or app (if using a mobile device). Once you log in, you will be asked to enter your name and an email address. Any questions about joining the hearings may be directed to Thomas M. Letizia, Esq., attorney for PSE&G, (609) 951-4136 or letiziat@pepperlaw.com.

All information submitted to the Green Acres Program in support of this requested diversion of parkland is available for public inspection on the following Middlesex County Office of Parks and Recreation website pages:

<http://www.middlesexcountynj.gov/About/ParksRecreation/Pages/PR/PublicNotices.aspx>; or
<http://www.middlesexcountynj.gov/About/ParksRecreation/Pages/default.aspx>.

To view the application materials from the latter website page, scroll down to the section titled “Explore Park Facilities and Programs” and click on the “Upcoming Public Hearings” rotator. Please contact Mr. Rick Lear, County Director of Parks and Recreation at (732) 745-3900 or Thomas Letizia, Esq., attorney for PSE&G, at (609) 951-4136 or letiziat@pepperlaw.com, if you have any questions about accessing the information on the County website.

Written comments on the diversion request may be directed to Mr. Rick Lear, County Director of Parks and Recreation (732) 745-3900 at: Middlesex County Office of Parks and Recreation, P.O. Box 661, New Brunswick, New Jersey 08903-9968. Please send a copy of any comments submitted in connection with this request to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, Green Acres Program Bureau of Legal Services and Stewardship, Melissa P. Abatamarco, Esq., Mail Code 501-01, 501 East State Street, PO Box 420, Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0420.

Public comment on this diversion request will be accepted during the public hearings and until August 10, 2020.