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Via Certified Mail RRR

September 24, 2010

Mail Code 501-01 Attn: Robert W. Rodriguez NJDEP-Green Acres P.O. Box 420 Trenton, NJ 08625

Re: Route 295 & 42 / I-76 Direct Connection Project

Green Acres Scoping Hearing

Bellmawr Baseball League Fields (SHC No.-0400010) OYOYOS

Dear Interested Party:

The New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) in conjunction with the Borough of Bellmawr cordially invites you to attend a formal Scoping Hearing regarding the proposed disposal/diversion of Green Acres encumbered parkland in the Borough of Bellmawr, Camden County, which is being precipitated by the NJDOT's Route 295 & 42 / I-76 Direct Connection Project.

The Scoping Hearing presentation is scheduled for **Tuesday**, **October 26**, **2010 at 6:00 p.m.** at the Bellmawr Ballroom, 29 Lewis Avenue, Bellmawr, NJ. A formal presentation will be made at 6:00 p.m.

The purpose of the Scoping Hearing is to solicit preliminary public comment on the proposed disposal/diversion. The Borough of Bellmawr will be filing with the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection(NJDEP) an application proposing the disposal of 0.747 acre and diversion of 0.013 acre of Green Acres-encumbered parkland at the Bellmawr Baseball League Fields, Block 49, Lot 1.02 in the Borough of Bellmawr, in connection with the construction of the NJDOT's Route 295 & 42 / I-76 Direct Connection Project.

Any individual wishing to give testimony on the disposal/diversion, should sign up to speak at the registration desk at the hearing, and will be called on to speak in the order in which they are registered. All testimony will be recorded, and will become part of the official application.

Written comments on the disposal/diversion may be directed to the Borough of Bellmawr, Attention: Municipal Clerk, 21 E. Browning Road, Bellmawr, NJ 08099. Please send a copy of any comments submitted on this request to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, Green Acres Program, Bureau of Legal Services and Stewardship, Mail Code 501-01, PO Box 420, Trenton, NJ 08625-0412. Written comments on this diversion request will be accepted during the Scoping Hearing or until November 9, 2010.

A Public Information Center for the larger Route 295 & 42 / I-76 Direct Connection Project will run concurrently with the Scoping Hearing to provide an opportunity for anyone to ask questions and receive answers from Department personnel.

We look forward to seeing you at the Scoping Hearing. If you have any questions, or if you are physically challenged and require assistance in attending, or participating in the hearing, please contact Kimberley Nance, NJDOT Office of Community Relations at (609) 530-2110.

Sincerely yours,

Bruce Riegel, Project Manager

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