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June 21, 2013

Subject:

Township of Piscataway

New Jersey Department of Transportation project:

Route 18 Extension, Section 3A.

NJDEP Green Acres Program - Major Parkland Diversion and Disposal

**Application Public Hearing Notice** 

Dear Interested Party:

TAKE NOTICE that the Township of Piscataway, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A-13.5 et seq. and N.J.A.C. 7:36-26.11 of the Green Acres regulations, has filed a request with the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, Green Acres Program, proposing to divert and dispose a total of approximately 0.64 acres of parkland (the "Park") situated within Block 11309, Lot 11.09 on the tax maps of the Township of Piscataway, Middlesex County, for the construction of a proposed local roadway as part of adjacent highway improvements for New Jersey Department of Transportation project Route 18 Extension, Section 3A. The proposed local roadway, Stockton Street, will connect Hoes Lane West to Buena Vista Avenue along the alignment of an existing paper street. construction will provide connectivity within the local street network that will enhance both the traffic flow as well as vehicular and pedestrian safety. A proposed sidewalk along Stockton Street will allow access to an adjacent community center currently under development and existing public facilities nearby. The diversion involves 0.64 acres of Green Acres encumbered land, including 0.32 acres of right-of-way for Stockton Street and 0.32 acres east of Stockton Street that will no longer be contiguous with the remaining area of the Green Acres parcel. An 0.16-acre temporary construction easement for side slopes and construction access will be west of the diversion. As compensation for the Diversion, the Township of Piscataway promises to provide replacement land in accordance with N.J.A.C. 7:36-26.10. The replacement parcel of approximately 1.28 acres will be located at Block 10513, Lot 1.03 in the Township of Piscataway along Highland Avenue.

Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 7:36-26.11(e), a hearing to obtain public comment on this request will be held as follows:

Hearing

August 5, 2013 at 7:00pm

Piscataway Municipal Building

Municipal Chambers

455 Hoes Lane

Piscataway, New Jersey 08854

All information submitted by the Township of Piscataway to the Green Acres Program in support of this requested diversion of parkland is available for public inspection at the Piscataway Municipal Building, 455 Hoes Lane, Piscataway, New Jersey 08854 and at the Green Acres Program's office at 501 East State Street, 1st Floor, Trenton, New Jersey 08625 during normal business hours.

Office of the Mayor

(732) 562-2301

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The public may speak at the public hearing or submit written comments to the Township at any time through the close of the public hearing. Address any written comments on the diversion/disposal request to Mr. James F. Clarkin III, Esq., Piscataway Township Department of Law, 1100 Centennial Avenue, Suite 203, Piscataway, New Jersey 08854. Additionally, please send a copy of any comments to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, Green Acres Program, Bureau of Legal Services and Stewardship, P.O. Box 420, Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0420. Verbal comments may be given at the public hearing. Each speaker will have the right to comment once for a period not to exceed five (5) minutes.

Public comment on this diversion request will be accepted during the public hearing, or until August 19, 2013.

Should you have any comments on this matter, do not hesitate to contact Mr. James F. Clarkin of the Township of Piscataway Department of Law at 732-463-3900.

Very traly yours,

James ₱. Clarkin III, Esq.

Township of Piscataway Department of Law