

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Department of Environmental Protection

Green Acres Program

Notice of Public Hearings on Proposed Auction of Surplus Residential Property in the Township of Delaware, Hunterdon County

Take Notice that in accordance with *N.J.S.A.* 13:1D-51 through -58, the State of New Jersey, Department of Environmental Protection, Green Acres Program, will hold two **public hearings** to seek comments on the proposed auction of surplus residential property in the Township of Delaware, Hunterdon County.

The property proposed for auction is located within 64.28 acres of property acquired by the Green Acres Program in 2007 for the Division of Parks and Forestry as an addition to the Delaware and Raritan Canal State Park. The property is known locally as the Holcombe House or Stavola Estate and contains one residence and several outbuildings. The street address for the property to be auctioned is 1680 Daniel Bray Highway (NJ Route 29) Lambertville, New Jersey 08530. The Department proposes to auction approximately six acres within Block 59, part of Lot 11 in the Township of Delaware, Hunterdon County along with the following structures:

- a 2-story frame and stone farm house
- a 2-story barn
- a 1-story barn with silo attached
- a 1-story shed
- two corn cribs

A copy of a report analyzing the proposed transaction, including photographs of the structures and a more detailed description of each structure, is available online at www.nj.gov/dep/greenacres/notices.html.

The exact lot size, minimum bid price and other auction conditions will be determined in consultation with the Department of Treasury prior to the auction. As a condition of sale, a "no further subdivision" restriction will be placed on the entire lot and a historic preservation restriction will be placed on the main residence and other associated structures. The department also anticipates imposing an archaeological restriction on a portion of the property.

As required by *N.J.S.A.* 13:1D-57, the proceeds of the sale will be returned to the Garden State Preservation Trust Fund (or other appropriate Green Acres bond fund) for use in future open space acquisitions. State House Commission approval is required for this proposal. If approved, the Department anticipates that the auction will occur in fall 2013.

The **first public hearing** on the proposed auction of this property will be held on:

Thursday, February 21, 2013 at 6:30 PM at the
Delaware Township Municipal Building
570 Rosemont-Ringoes Road, P.O. Box 500
Sergeantsville, NJ 08557

The hearing record for the first public hearing will close on Thursday, March 7, 2013. Interested persons may obtain information from Richard Osborn in the Green Acres Program or John Trontis in the Division of Parks and Forestry at the addresses below and may submit written comments to Mr. Osborn until the close of business on Thursday, March 7, 2013.

The **second public hearing** will be held on:

Friday, March 8, 2013 at 4:00 PM at the
Department of Environmental Protection
3rd Floor Large Conference Room
501 E. State Street
Trenton, New Jersey 08625

The hearing record for the second public hearing will close on Friday, March 22, 2013. Interested persons may obtain information from Richard Osborn in the Green Acres Program or John Trontis in the Division of Parks and Forestry at the address below and may submit written comments to Mr. Osborn until the close of business on Friday, March 22, 2013.

Persons wishing to make oral presentations at either of the public hearings are asked to bring a written copy of their comments to the hearing for use by the Department. For further information on the proposal, please contact:

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