

PUBLIC NOTICE

NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR GREEN ACRES PARKLAND CHANGE IN USE – PUBLIC HEARING

TAKE NOTICE THAT MERCER COUNTY PARK COMMISSION is proposing to place a conservation easement on 3.59 acres of Mercer County Park land that is encumbered by Green Acres. Currently the 3.59 acres is maintained as lawn/open space and farmland.

The conservation easement is connected to the expansion of the Caspersen Rowing Center and modification/construction of supporting structures such as, an access road, parking lot, floating boat docks, boat storage racks, emergency access boat ramp, multi-use paths and stormwater management areas (the Project), proposed by Princeton National Rowing Association (PNRA). Pursuant to NJDEP approvals, the Project requires riparian zone mitigation and a partial release/modification to the boundaries of the unrecorded conservation easement required by the 2002 Transition Area Waiver. Under this request, a conservation easement is to be placed on the riparian zone mitigation area and the modified freshwater wetland transition area. These areas and the unmodified freshwater wetland transition area under the 2002 approval will be filed by Mercer County Park and recorded with the Mercer County Clerk. The placement of a conservation easement triggers a change in purpose or use.

Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 7:36-25.6(a)1, Mercer County is holding a public hearing to obtain public comment on this proposed change of purpose or use.

All information regarding the proposed change in purpose or use is available for public inspection at the Mercer County Planning Department (McDade Administration Building, 640 South Broad Street, Room 411, Trenton, NJ 08611) and on the www.mercercounty.org website.

Written comments on the proposed change in purpose or use may be directed to Ms. Leslie Floyd, Planning Director, of Mercer County at 640 South Broad Street, P.O. Box 8068, Trenton, NJ 08650-0068 and 609-989-6545. 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, 501 East State St., P.O. Box 420, Trenton, NJ 08625-0420.

Public comment will be accepted during the public hearing or until March 9, 2016. On or after March 10, 2016, the Mercer County Park Commission may take formal action to approve the proposed change in purpose or use.

APPLICANT:	Mercer County Park Commission
PROJECT DESCRIPTION:	Green Acres Parkland Change in Use
MUNICIPALITY:	West Windsor Township
COUNTY:	Mercer
PROJECT ADDRESS:	A Portion of Block: 23 Lots: 22 and 23

A Portion of Block: 25 Lots: 6, 7, 10, 11, 12, 38 and 39

HEARING DATE: February 24, 2016

HEARING TIME: 7:00 pm

HEARING LOCATION: Boathouse at Mercer Lake, Lakeview Ballroom
(Across from the Mercer County Ranger Station)
1638 Old Trenton Road
West Windsor, NJ 08550

DATE OF THIS NOTICE: January 11, 2016