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Re:

New Jersey American Water, Howell to Lakewood Transmission Main Project Block: 50, Lot 46, Township of Howell, Monmouth County, NJ, Notice of Green Acres Scoping Hearing

## Dear Property Owner:

This letter is to provide you with written notification that the County of Monmouth, through the Monmouth County Park System, 805 Newman Springs Road, Lincroft, NJ, will hold a public scoping hearing to obtain comments regarding its proposal to the NJDEP Green Acres Program, for the proposed major diversion of parkland owned by the County of Monmouth. The public scoping hearing will be held on September 19, 2017, at 6:00 pm at the Howell Township Municipal Building, 4567 Route 9 North, Howell, NJ 17731. All interested parties are invited to attend and participate in the public scoping hearing. In addition to oral comments presented during the hearing, written comments may be submitted to the agencies listed below. All written comments must be received within two weeks following the hearing or by October 3, 2017.

The proposed parkland diversion would involve the installation of a drinking water transmission main, within the parcel located along the southeastern boundary of the Howell Park Golf Course. The water transmission main will be installed using open trench technology and will be buried approximately four feet beneath the ground surface. Following installation, a shrub community would be maintained within a 20-foot corridor above the main to prevent damage from tree roots. The project serves to increase the capacity of water distribution, improve system reliability, add fire protection to the area and support future growth.

All written comments should be submitted to the County of Monmouth, with a <u>copy</u> to the NJDEP Green Acres Program, at the following addresses:

Andrew R. Coeyman, Supervisor Land Preservation Services Monmouth County Park System 805 Newman Springs Road Lincroft, NJ 07738-1695 NJ Department of Environmental Protection Green Acres Program Bureau of Legal Services and Stewardship 501 East State Street, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Mail Code 501-01, P.O. Box 420 Trenton, NJ 08625-0420

## Attention: Jessica Patterson

Should you have any questions, please contact me at (732)842-4000 extension 4306.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Andrew R. Coeyman, Supervisor Land Preservation Services Monmouth County Park System 805 Newman Springs Road Lincroft, NJ 07738

cc:

Adam Kane, P.E., NJAW

## PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

TAKE NOTICE that the County of Monmouth has contacted the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, Green Acres Program, proposing to divert 0.22 acres of open space that are part of the Howell Park Golf Course in connection with the New Jersey American Water (NJAW) Howell to Lakewood Transmission Main Project.

Pursuant to N.J.A.C 7:36-26.8(e) a hearing to obtain public comment on this request will be held at:

Location:

Howell Township Municipal Building

4567 Route 9 North Howell, NJ 07731

Date:

September 19, 2017

Time:

6:00 pm.

All parties are invited to attend and participate in the scoping hearing. Written comments on the diversion request may be directed to Andrew R. Coeyman, Supervisor, Land Preservation Services, Monmouth County Park System, 805 Newman Springs Road, Lincroft, NJ 07738, (732) 842-4000, ext. 4306. 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 Street, P.O. Box 420, Trenton, NJ 08625-0420.

Public comment on this diversion request will be accepted during the public hearing or until October 3, 2017.