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Martha Sullivan Sapp Director Green Acres Program NJ Department of Environmental Protection PO Box 420 Trenton, NJ 08625-0420

RE:

Recreation and Open Space Inventory (ROSI)

Block 350, part of Lot 12 Township of Upper Cape May County

Dear Ms. Sullivan Sapp:

As requested in your letter dated January 13, 2017 to the Township of Upper I would like to provide the following documentation to amend the Township of Upper's ROSI. After review of the additional information provided in your letter, we do agree that a portion of Lot 12 Block 350 should be included on our ROSI. Therefore, the Township would like to amend our ROSI in accordance with NJAC 7:36-25.3(f).

The attached plot plan shows the 1.43-acre portion of Lot 12 Block 350 that should be included in Township's ROSI. The area includes one (1) ballfield, playground and wooded area adjacent to the playground. The Township took ownership of the property from the Board of Education in the early 1950's. The property was first used as a Municipal Building and Public Works Facility. At some time prior to 1982 the Township utilized the designated area as part of the Township's official recreation program.

We have also spoken with David Beyel who is the former chairperson of the Township's Recreation Committee. He served as member of the Recreation Committee from 1978 through 2005. He confirmed the Township's recreation use of the 1.43-acrea portion prior to 1982 and that there was no baseball field adjacent to Mt. Pleasant-Tuckahoe Rd prior to 1982. The baseball field adjacent to Mt. Pleasant-Tuckahoe Rd was built around 1991.

This information is consistent with the information your office has reviewed to date and with the intention of the Township Committee dating back to November 29, 1971 not to encumber the remaining portion of Lot 12. The Township has seen the need to expand the Public Works Yard over the years as the Township has grown. Additionally, during this time the Township has developed numerous recreation and open space areas throughout the Township to serve the recreation needs of our residents.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Respectively submitted,

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Municipal Engineer

Superintendent of Public Works

CC: Township Committee