

NOTICE OF VIRTUAL PUBLIC HEARING

The Township of Franklin (located in Somerset County, New Jersey) is proposing a Change in Use of approximately 24.63 acres of the Township-owned property located at the intersection of New Brunswick Road and Willow Avenue (Block 424.12 – Lot 64.01) from a natural state with a primary use of deer management to an Intergenerational Park. The proposed Change in Use will improve the existing, wooded property by adding playground and fitness equipment that can be used by people of all ages and abilities. Benches, shaded areas, a small loop-trail with ADA-compliant surfaces, fencing, extended vehicular and pedestrian access, and parking is proposed.

Pursuant to N.J.A.C 7:36-25.6(a)1, a hearing to obtain public comment on this proposed Change in Use will be held VIRTUALLY on: **January 12, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.**

All interested persons may attend remotely and be heard. In accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A 10:4-6 et seq., and in consideration of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Public Hearing will be held virtually only, and can be accessed through a WebEx video meeting at:

<https://franklintwpnj.webex.com/franklintwpnj/onstage/g.php?MTID=e8c32a297843ab7310590158f4bcb3900>

Dial-In Information: 1-408-418-9388

Access code: 173 718 2312

All information regarding the proposed Change in Use is available for public inspection by appointment at the Franklin Township Municipal Building, 475 DeMott Lane, Somerset, NJ 08873, and online at:

<https://www.franklintwpnj.org/government/township-council/upcoming-meetings>

and at

www.nj.gov/dep/greenacres/notices.html

Written comments on the proposed Change in Use may be directed to:

Bob Vornlocker, Township Manager
Township of Franklin
475 DeMott Lane
Somerset, NJ 08873
Email: Bob.Vornlocker@franklinnj.gov

A copy of all comments submitted on this request should also be submitted to:

New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection
Green Acres Program
Bureau of Legal Services and Stewardship
Mail Code 501-01
501 East State Street
PO Box 420
Trenton, NJ 08625-0420
Attention: Jessica Patterson, Somerset County Steward
Email: Jessica.Patterson@dep.nj.gov

Due to remote working arrangements during the current state of emergency, emailed comments are preferred.

Public comment on this proposed Change in Use will be accepted during the Public Hearing or until **JANUARY 27, 2021**, after which the Township of Franklin may take formal action to approve the proposed Change in Use.