## **PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE**

Department of Environmental Protection
Office of Transactions and Public Land Administration

and the New Jersey State House Commission

Notice of Public Hearings on Proposed Exchange of Property with the New Egypt Raceway. in Plumsted Township, Ocean County

<u>Take Notice</u> that in accordance with N.J.S.A. 13:1D-51 through -58, the State of New Jersey, Department of Environmental Protection ("NJDEP"), Office of Transactions and Public Land Administration, will hold two public hearings to seek comments on a proposed exchange of property with the New Egypt Raceway ("Raceway") in Plumsted Township, Ocean County.

The Raceway and the NJDEP propose to exchange approximately 21.58 acres of land owned by the Raceway (Replacement Tract) for approximately 4.54 acres of land owned by the NJDEP (NJDEP Tract). The NJDEP Tract consists of portions of Block 76, Lot 82.03 (p/o). The land is currently part of the Colliers Mills Wildlife Management Area, but consists of cleared areas of lawn covered with gravel. The NJDEP Tract is currently used by the Raceway for overflow parking under a license with the NJDEP. The street address of the NJDEP Tract is Pinehurst Road. Once acquired by the Raceway, the NJDEP Tract will continue to be used as a parking area for the Raceway.

The Replacement Tract is designated for tax purposes as Block 76 Lot 82.02 (p/o), Block 76 Lot 85, and Block 76 Lot 95 in Plumsted Township, Ocean County. Block 76, Lot 82.02 consists of vacant cleared land. Block 76, Lots 85 and 95 are wooded and contain extensive wetlands. All three lots have a street address of Pinehurst Road (Rear). Once acquired by the NJDEP, these lots will be incorporated into the Colliers Mills Wildlife Management Area.

A copy of a report analyzing the proposed exchange, including maps and a more detailed description of the proposal, is available online at <a href="https://dep.nj.gov/otpla/new-egypt-raceway-land-exchange">https://dep.nj.gov/otpla/new-egypt-raceway-land-exchange</a>.

The hearings will be conducted in a hybrid fashion with both in-person and remote options available. Members of the public may participate in the hearings via video conference or by telephone. Instructions for participating in the hearings via video conference can be found at: <a href="https://dep.nj.gov/otpla/new-egypt-raceway-land-exchange">https://dep.nj.gov/otpla/new-egypt-raceway-land-exchange</a>. Instructions for participating in the hearings via telephone are set forth below.

The first public hearing on the proposed exchange will be conducted by the NJDEP and will be held on Tuesday June 24, 2025, from 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM or the close of public comment (whichever is earlier, but the hearing will be open for at least 30 minutes). Members of the public who do not have internet access may participate in the hearing by calling (856) 338-7074 and using the Conference ID number 249 855 78#. This meeting will have its in-person location at the Plumsted Township Municipal Building 121 Evergreen Road, New Egypt, NJ 08533.

The second public hearing will be conducted jointly by the NJDEP and the State House Commission (pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:31-1.1) and will be held on Thursday July 10, 2025, from 2:00 PM to 3:30 PM or the close of public comment (whichever is earlier, but the hearing will be open for at least 30 minutes). Members of the public who do not have internet access may participate in the hearing by calling (856) 338-7074 and using Conference ID number 249 855 78#. This meeting will have its in-person location at the Department of Environmental Protection, Richard J Sullivan Building, 401 E State Street, Trenton, NJ 08625 in the 1<sup>st</sup> floor Public Hearing Room.

Interested persons may obtain information from Jocelyn Gulla in the Office of Transactions and Public Land Administration (contact information below) and may submit written comments to Ms. Gulla until 5:00 PM on Tuesday, July 8, 2025, for the first public hearing and 5:00 PM on Thursday, July 24, 2025 for the second public hearing.

Persons wishing to make oral presentations at either of the public hearings are asked to submit a written copy of their comments for use by the NJDEP and the State House Commission. For comments submitted electronically, please include "Proposed Exchange of Property with New Egypt Speedway" in the subject line of the email. Written comments and email submissions are strongly preferred.

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