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RE: Applications to Divert Parkland

School Trailers at James L. Braddock County Park Block 437.02, part of Lot 1 Township of North Bergen, Hudson County Applicants: County of Hudson and Township of North Bergen Our File # SHC 0900005

North Bergen EMS South Facility Block 103, part of Lots 107 and 127 Township of North Bergen, Hudson County Applicant: Township of North Bergen Our File # SHC 0908003

Final Application Part 1 Update/Final Application Schedule

December 2, 2024

Dear Ms. Yeany,

I am writing in response to your letter dated October 31, 2024, regarding the Department of Environmental Protection's review of the Diversion applications and the associated Final Application Part 1 filed by the County of Hudson and the Township of North Bergen. The requested items below will be sent via Dropbox links and copies of all Diverted and Replacement Property Surveys via regular mail.

1. The survey for the area of diversion for Braddock Park: Via Regular Mail and a Dropbox link. To clarify the final proposed diverted area in Braddock Park is 1.339 acres, not the 1.447 acres referred to in your letter. That acreage is the Braddock Park acreage and the North Bergen EMS South Facility acreage combined.
2. A Preliminary Assessment Report (PAR) for the 34th and Liberty Avenue Right of Way (ROW): Is in process and expected by December 31, 2024 and will be sent via Dropbox and regular mail.

To clarify as to the additional information requested, the 34<sup>th</sup> and Liberty Avenue property is included in the updated Final Compensation Proposal and attached for this submission. It reflects the acreage as per the current Surveys. The accurate area to be diverted remains 1.339 acres of Braddock Park and the 0.138 acres of the North Bergen EMS South Facility for a total of 1.447 acres to be diverted.

The Dropbox link will include the documentation requested confirming there will be no tree loss under the basal area replacement requirements at N.J.A.C. 7:36-26.10(c)4 and that the area of diversion is large enough to support the proposed pre-school, including the playground area, any dedicated school parking areas and the required 30-foot emergency access buffer around the school building. In addition, you will find updated building plans.

Very Truly Yours,

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