

## **PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE**

### **STATE OF NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION**

**Block 42, Lots 93, 93.01, 94, 94.01 and 38, Howell Township, Monmouth County, New Jersey**

### **REQUEST FOR CONSERVATION RESTRICTION RELEASE BY COUNTY OF MONMOUTH**

**TAKE NOTICE** that the **COUNTY OF MONMOUTH**, a political subdivision of the State of New Jersey has requested that the State of New Jersey, Department of Environmental Protection (“Department”), grant a partial release of the Department’s conservation restriction rights, from a Conservation Restriction set forth in the December 22, 1995 Settlement Agreement (the “Settlement Agreement”), by, and between, the County of Monmouth and the NJDEP and Waste Management Inc., related to a capped landfill in Howell Township, Monmouth County.

The request for partial release of the Conservation Restriction is relevant to an area containing the former landfill, which has now been closed and capped in accordance with applicable law, located along Lakewood-Allentown Road, and which is more particularly known as part of Block 42, Lots 93, 93.01, 94, 94.01 and 38, as shown on the Official Tax Map of the Township of Howell, Monmouth County, New Jersey.

Monmouth County has requested a partial release of the Conservation Restriction, to allow for the development of facilities that produce electrical energy from wind, solar, photovoltaic, or other technologies on a portion of the surface of the capped landfill, which requires development in areas on the surface of the landfill that would otherwise be prohibited pursuant to the terms of the Conservation Restriction.

In accordance with N.J.S.A. 13:8B-5, Monmouth County will conduct a public hearing on the request for a partial release of the Conservation Restriction. Under N.J.S.A. 13:8B-6, the approval of the Commissioner of the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection is also required for this partial release of the Conservation Restriction.

The public hearing will be held in-person on:

**Monday, February 27 2023, at 6:00 p.m., at**

**Howell Township Municipal Building  
4579 US-9, Howell Township, NJ 07731**

**APPLICANT: Monmouth County**

**NJDEP FILE NUMBER: CRR1321003**

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** Partial Release of Conservation Restriction for Solar Development Project

**MUNICIPALITY:** Howell Township

**COUNTY:** Monmouth

**CURRENT PROPERTY IDENTIFICATION:** Block 42, Lots 93, 93.01, 94, 94.01 and 38

**HEARING DATE:** February 27, 2023

**HEARING TIME:** 6:00 P.M.

**HEARING LOCATION:** Howell Township Municipal Building  
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Members of the public are invited to attend the public hearing, during which there will be an opportunity for members of the public to present comments on the requested partial release of the Conservation Restriction. Written comments on the proposed partial release of the Conservation Restriction may also be submitted by February 27, 2023 to the following contact:

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For further information on the proposed partial release of the Conservation Restriction, please contact:

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