

## **PUBLIC SCOPING HEARING NOTICE**

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that Atlantic Shores Offshore Wind Project 1, LLC (“Atlantic Shores”) has contacted the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (“Department”) proposing to divert 1.70 +/- acres of parkland, for a non-recreation and conservation use, which includes the installation of underground utility facilities and associated activities, on property located on the Atlantic City Beach in an area between South Texas Avenue and Iowa Avenue, and identified as Block 1, Lots 53-60 on the Official Tax Maps of the City of Atlantic City (the “Properties”) in connection with the proposed Atlantic Shores Offshore Wind Project (the “Project”).

Atlantic Shores is a 50:50 partnership between Shell New Energies US LLC and EDF Renewables North America and its Offshore Wind Project Lease Area is located approximately 10-20 miles off the coast of New Jersey between Atlantic City and Barnegat Light. In June of 2021, the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities awarded Atlantic Shores Offshore Wind a contract to develop 1,510 MW in offshore wind energy.

Atlantic Shores is in the process of acquiring various properties, permanent rights of way and easements needed to install underground cables and related infrastructure in connection with the Project which will be necessary for the transmission of offshore wind generated energy to the electric distribution network. The Project will also temporarily impact 11.03+/- acres of parkland. The Properties discussed above are owned by the City of Atlantic City and encumbered by NJDEP Green Acres restrictions, and therefore requires an application for a major diversion to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, Green Acres Program, for approval by the Department’s Commissioner and by the State House Commission.

A public scoping hearing is required by Green Acres' regulations prior to the submission of any formal application for the diversion of parkland.

Pursuant to *N.J.A.C. 7:36-26.8(a)*, a scoping hearing to obtain public comment on this request will be held at the Council Chambers at City Hall, located at 1301 Bacharach Blvd, Atlantic City, NJ 08401, on Thursday, July 27, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. This Scoping Hearing will not be held during normal business hours and attendees should make inquiry as to how to access the building for the meeting.

All interested parties are invited to attend and participate in the scoping hearing. Written comments on the proposed disposal request may be directed to Terence Kelly, External Affairs Manager for Atlantic Shores, One Dock 72 Way, Brooklyn, NY 11205. You may also email [terence.kelly@atlanticshoreswind.com](mailto:terence.kelly@atlanticshoreswind.com) with any comments or questions regarding the scoping hearing.

A copy of any written comments must also be submitted to the Green Acres Program at [PublicLandCompliance@dep.nj.gov](mailto:PublicLandCompliance@dep.nj.gov). Please include "Atlantic Shores" in the subject line. Email comments are preferred, but comments may also be mailed to: New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, Green Acres Program, Bureau of Legal Services and Stewardship, 401 East State Street, 7th Floor, Mail Code 401-07B, P.O. Box 420, Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0420 Attn: Atlantic Shores Application.

Public comment on the proposed disposal request will be accepted during the Scoping Hearing or until two weeks after the scoping hearing date, which will be August 10, 2023.