

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

TAKE NOTICE that pursuant to N.J.S.A. 13:8B-5, known as the New Jersey Conservation Restriction and Historic Preservation Restriction Act, Hanover Township will be conducting a public hearing on the proposed release and replacement of a Patriots' Path public access and conservation easement held by the Township on a portion of the Hanover Towne Center property known as, 801-849 Route 10 East, Hanover Township (Block 4001, Lots 12, 13 and 14), owned by Hanover Towne Center, LLC. The Township will also conduct a public hearing pursuant to N.J.A.C. 7:36-26.6(c), in conjunction with its application to NJDEP for the proposed disposal and replacement of this same aforementioned Patriots' Path public access and conservation easement held by Hanover Township. The proposed disposal is classified as a "minor" by the Green Acres Program.

As compensation, the Township and Hanover Towne Center, LLC have agreed to relocate and expand the Patriots' Path public access and conservation easement within the same redevelopment site. The current easement totals 0.84 acres. The new easement, totaling 1.04 acres, will include a pocket park and enable a safe pedestrian crossing at the signalized intersection at Route 10.

Documents related to these hearings and the disposal application are posted under the "Township News" on the homepage entitled "Hanover Towne Center – Green Acres Disposal" at: <https://www.hanovertownship.com/>. Documents on these requests are available for in person review at the Hanover Township Municipal Building, the Township's Whippanong Library, and at the Green Acres Program office.

The approval of the proposed release and replacement is subject to approval by the NJDEP Commissioner as set forth in N.J.S.A. 13:8B-6. The approval of the Township's disposal application is subject to both NJDEP Commissioner and State House Commission approval.

These two public hearings to obtain public comment on this request will be held in-person pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:39-1 (effective on September 23, 2020) on:

January 12, 2023, at 7:00pm (or a snow date of February 9, 2023)
Hanover Township Municipal Building
1000 Route 10
Whippany, NJ 07981

All interested parties are invited to attend and participate in the hearing. Interested parties may make comments in person during the night of the hearing. Please send a copy of any written comments submitted on this request to the Municipal Clerk at Hanover Township, P.O. Box 250, 1000 Route 10, Whippany, NJ 07981 or by email at KDiGiorgio@hanovertownship.com. Please also send a copy of any comments submitted on this request to Adam.Taylor@dep.nj.gov or to New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, Office of Transactions and Public Land Administration, 401 East State St., PO Box 420, Mail Code 401-07B, Trenton, NJ 08625 Attn: Morris County Compliance Officer.

Public comment on this request will be accepted during the hearing or by written submission until January 27, 2023.