

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

TAKE NOTICE that the Township of Woodbridge has filed a request with the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection proposing to dispose of a 1.001-acre portion of the Green Acres encumbered Bowtie Pool Property (Block 649.01, Lot 1), Woodbridge Township, Middlesex County in connection with the transfer of land to the Consolidated Rail Corporation (Conrail) for the construction of a track and two new switches. The construction project will provide direct access between the Port Reading Secondary Line and the Garden State Secondary Line, eliminating the need for extended train idle times in residential areas. As compensation for the proposed disposal, the Township has acquired three replacement parcels totaling 4.862 acres which will be added to the Township's Recreation and Open Space Inventory. The parcels include a portion of Spruce Street Park (Block 1079.08, Lot 2, 0.891 ac.); a portion of Cypress Park (Block 664.03, Lot 1.01, 2.712 ac.) and a portion of a connecting parcel between the Bowtie Pool Property and Cypress Park (Block 664.03, Lot 8 (future lot 8.02, 1.259 ac.)). Additionally, to offset the loss of recreational amenities at the Bowtie Pool property, the Township has undertaken significant recreational improvements at Cypress Park, including upgraded soccer fields, two new roller hockey rinks, new playground equipment/unitary playmat, walking path, pickleball courts and restrooms.

Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 7:36-26.11(e), a hearing to obtain public comment on this request will be held at:

Woodbridge Township Administration Building
1 Main Street Woodbridge, NJ 07095
on July 29, 2024
at 6:00 PM

All information submitted by Woodbridge Township to the Department in support of this requested disposal of parkland is available for public inspection at the Woodbridge Township Administration Building, Woodbridge Main Library and the Department's Office of Transactions and Public Land Administration.

Written comments on the disposal request may be directed to: Casey Wagner, Deputy Business Administrator at Woodbridge Township Administration Building, 1 Main Street, Woodbridge, NJ 07095 or casey.wagner@twp.woodbridge.nj.us . Please send a copy of any comments submitted on this request to: New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, Office of Transactions and Public Land Administration, Public Land Compliance Section, Mail Code 401-07, 401 East State Street, 7th Floor, P.O. Box 420, Trenton, NJ 08625-0420, or to PublicLandCompliance@dep.nj.gov

Public comment on this disposal request will be accepted during the public hearing or until August 12, 2024.