

## **PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE**

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that the City of Cape May has filed a request with the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (“NJDEP”) proposing to dispose of 0.14 +/- acres of parkland, which is located along St. John Street, at or near the intersection of St. John Street and Lafayette Street, and identified as Block 1061, Lots 44 and 47 of the Official Tax Maps of the City of Cape May (the “Existing Parkland”) in connection with the proposed relocation of the City’s police station and development of a new police station facility on site. The Existing Parkland is located within a designated Overburdened Community and in accordance with Executive Order 23, the Department will be taking Environmental Justice issues into consideration when evaluating the proposed disposal application to the extent not inconsistent with law. As compensation for the proposed disposal, the City proposes to dedicate as parkland approximately 6.607 +/- acres of City-owned land, commonly known as the Sewell Tract, and identified as Block 1163, Lot 7; Block 1164, Lot 6; Block 1165, Lots 1 and 6; and, Block 1167, Lot 2; Block 1168, Lot 2 on the Official Tax Maps of the City of Cape May, as well as various vacated right-of-way areas, (“Replacement Land”). The proposed disposal of the Existing Parkland will allow for the potential development of a new police station facility, while creating a larger park area with the Replacement Land.

Pursuant to *N.J.A.C. 7:36-26.11(e)*, a hearing to obtain public comment on this request will be held at the City of Cape May City Hall Auditorium, 643 Washington Street, Cape May, New Jersey 08204 on Tuesday, January 21, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.

This application is subject to NJDEP Commissioner and State House Commission approval, and is available for review with the (i) City of Cape May Clerk, Erin C. Burke, located at 643 Washington Street, Cape May, New Jersey 08204; (ii) the City of Cape May Library,

located at 730 Franklin Street, Cape May, New Jersey 08204; and (iii) NJDEP's Office of Transactions and Public Land Administration, Public Land Compliance Section, 401 East State Street, 7<sup>th</sup> Floor, Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0420.

All interested parties are invited to attend and participate in the hearing. Written comments on the proposed disposal request may be directed to the City of Cape May Clerk, Erin C. Burke, at 643 Washington Street, Cape May, New Jersey 08204. You may also call Ms. Burke at 609-884-9532 with any questions regarding the hearing. In addition to oral arguments presented during the public hearing, written comments may be submitted to: Jessica Patterson, Cape May County Compliance Officer, 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, P.O. Box 420, Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0420 or via email [Jessica.Patterson@dep.nj.gov](mailto:Jessica.Patterson@dep.nj.gov).

Public comment on the proposed disposal request will be accepted during the hearing or until two weeks after the hearing date, which will be Tuesday, February 4, 2025.