



**DELAWARE AND RARITAN CANAL COMMISSION
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
TOWNSHIP OF FRANKLIN
REQUEST TO RELEASE CONSERVATION EASEMENT**

TAKE NOTICE that, in accordance with the New Jersey Conservation Restriction and Historic Preservation Restriction Act, N.J.S.A. 13:8B-1 et seq., the Delaware and Raritan Canal Commission (Commission) has received a request from the Somerset Properties Realty, LP, for a release of a Conservation Easement due to planned development at 91 Cottontail Lane, Franklin Township, Somerset County. The Conservation Easement was granted by Somerset Properties Realty, LP, to the Commission on May 20, 2019 as a requirement of the certificate of approval for project DRCC #18-3604A, and applies to the tax lot listed below. The lot was required to be restricted as a condition of a Commission approval for the proposed development of the lot.

As holder of the Conservation Easement, the Commission is required to conduct a public hearing on the proposed release prior to making a final determination on this request. Under N.J.S.A. 13:8B-6, the approval of the Commissioner of the Department of Environmental Protection is also required for this release.

APPLICANT: Somerset Properties Realty, LP

COMMISSION FILE NUMBER: DRCC #23-3604B

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Release of Conservation Restriction due to planned development at 91 Cottontail Lane

MUNICIPALITY: Township of Franklin

COUNTY: Somerset

PROPERTY IDENTIFICATION AT THE TIME OF PROJECT APPROVAL:
Block 517.01, Lot 8.04
Block 517.01, Lot 8.10

CURRENT PROPERTY IDENTIFICATION:
Block 517.01, Lot 8.13

HEARING DATE: September 17, 2025

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HEARING TIME: 9:30 A.M. - 10:00 A.M.

HEARING LOCATION:

The public hearing will be held prior to the September 17, 2025 Commission Meeting at the Commission offices at 33 Risler Street, Stockton, NJ, 08559. The public may attend and participate or comment both in person and by means of an online platform and teleconference.

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The Commission invites the public to attend the public hearing and present comments on the requested release. Written comments on the proposed release may also be submitted by September 16, 2025 to:

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