

## PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

**TAKE NOTICE** that the County of Bergen has filed a request with the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, Green Acres Program, and the National Park Service, Federal Lands to Parks Program, proposing to divert 3-acres of Campgaw Mountain County Reservation – Franklin Lakes Section (Block 1602, Lot 1) in connection with the construction and maintenance of the United Water New Jersey (UWNJ) Water Storage Tank project.

As compensation for the proposed diversion, UWNJ proposes to acquire approximately 13.87 acres of forested land located in the Borough of Franklin Lakes identified as Block 1109, Lot 1. Additional compensation is being provided by UWNJ with the construction of a water line, pumping station and related infrastructure, located within the diversion site, to provide water service to the County of Bergen's equestrian riding center located on the same parcel. The pumping station will also provide domestic and fire flow service to the nearby Franklin Lakes residents located west of I-287.

The Park Site was conveyed to the County in 1972 by the United States Department of Interior; with a deed restriction stating, in part, that the parcel must be used for Public Park or public recreation purposes. A change in property use can, when fully justified, be accomplished by substituting alternative new park and recreation lands of *equal* or greater market value and recreation value for the land to be released from restrictive use conditions of the deed.

Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 7:36-26.11(e) and N.J.S.A. 40A: 12-1, et seq., public hearings to obtain public comment on this request will be held on:

Wednesday, September 14, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. at:

Borough of Franklin Lakes Municipal Building  
Council Chambers  
480 DeKorte Drive  
Franklin Lakes, NJ 07417

Wednesday, September 28, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. at:

County of Bergen Administration Building  
Freeholder Public Meeting Rm., 5<sup>th</sup> Floor,  
One Bergen County Plaza,  
Hackensack, NJ 07601

A report identifying the reasons for, impact of, and benefits and detriments of the proposed conveyance, has been prepared by the County, dated July 2011. Copies of said report are on file and available at the offices of the Bergen County Department of Planning and Economic Development, Hackensack.

This final application for the diversion of parkland is subject to NJDEP Commissioner, the State House Commission and the National Park Service approval, and is available for review at the Franklin Lakes Public Library, 470 DeKorte Drive, Franklin Lakes, NJ 07417, at the offices of the Bergen County Department of Planning and Economic Development and the NJDEP Green Acres Program listed below.

The public is invited to participate in the public hearings and, in the alternative, written comments may be submitted during the public comment period which will close on September 28, 2011.

Written comments on the proposed disposal may be directed to Mr. Adam Strobel, Bergen County Department of Planning and Economic Development, One Bergen County Plaza, Hackensack, NJ 07601-7076; 201-336-6458. Please send a copy of any comments submitted on behalf of the proposed request to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, Green Acres Program, Bureau of Legal Services and Stewardship, Attention: Ms. Caroline Armstrong, Mail Code 501-01, P. O. Box 420, Trenton, NJ 08625-0 420 and to the National Park Service, Federal Lands to Parks, Attention: Ms. Elyse LaForest, 15 State Street, Boston, MA 02109.