

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Department of Environmental Protection

Green Acres Program

Notice of Public Hearings on Proposed Sale of Surplus Residential Property in the Township of Hopewell, Mercer County

Take Notice that in accordance with *N.J.S.A.* 13:1D-51 through –58, the State of New Jersey, Department of Environmental Protection, Green Acres Program, will hold two **public hearings** to seek comments on the proposed sale of surplus residential property in the Township of Hopewell, Mercer County.

The property proposed for sale is an 8.5 acre parcel located within 55 acres of property acquired by the Green Acres Program for the Division of Parks and Forestry in 2003 as an addition to the Washington Crossing State Park. The property, known locally as the Blackwell Farm, is designated for tax purposes as Block 62, part of Lot 6 in the Township of Hopewell, Mercer County. The street address for the property to be sold is 401 Pennington-Titusville Road, Hopewell Township, Titusville, New Jersey 08560.

The 8.5-acre parcel to be sold includes the following structures:

- a 2-story 3 bedroom 1 bath (1584 square foot) frame farm house
- a 1-story duplex (2472 square foot) frame construction ranch type house
 - unit 1 = 1328 square foot 3 bedrooms, 1 bath
 - unit 2 = 1144 square foot 2 bedrooms, 1 bath
- a 1-story (400 square foot) 2 car block garage
- a 2-story dairy barn
- a 1-story (2000 square foot) chicken house
- a 1-story block shed / pump house
- a 1-story (864 square foot) 3 bay block garage
- a 1-story (1620 square foot) metal barn

The DEP is considering two possible scenarios for the sale of this property: (1) direct sale to the Township of Hopewell for affordable housing purposes (Scenario A) or (2) public auction of the property for residential and/or agricultural purposes (Scenario B). A copy of a report analyzing both scenarios, including photographs of the structures and a more detailed description of each structure, is available online at www.nj.gov/dep/greenacres/notices.htm. The exact lot size, minimum bid price and other conditions of the sale will be determined in consultation with the Department of Treasury prior to the sale.

As required by *N.J.S.A.* 13:1D-57, the proceeds of the sale will be returned to the Garden State Preservation Trust Fund (or other appropriate Green Acres bond fund) for

use in future open space acquisitions. State House Commission approval is required for this proposal. If approved, the Department anticipates that the sale will occur in late 2011.

The **first public hearing** on the proposed sale of this property will be held on:

Thursday, April 7, 2011 at 6:00 PM at the
Hopewell Township Municipal Building
201 Washington Crossing Pennington Road
Titusville, New Jersey 08560
(609) 737-0605

The hearing record for the first public hearing will close on Thursday, April 21, 2011. Interested persons may obtain information from Richard Osborn in the Green Acres Program or John G. Trontis in the Division of Parks and Forestry at the addresses below and may submit written comments to Mr. Osborn until the close of business on Thursday, April 21, 2011.

The **second public hearing** will be held on:

Monday, May 2, 2011 at 4:00 PM at the
Department of Environmental Protection
4th floor large conference room
501 E. State Street
Trenton, New Jersey 08625

The hearing record for the second public hearing will close on Monday, May 16, 2011. Interested persons may obtain information from Richard Osborn in the Green Acres Program or John G. Trontis in the Division of Parks and Forestry at the address below and may submit written comments to Mr. Osborn until the close of business on Monday, May 16, 2011.


Persons wishing to make oral presentations at either of the public hearings are asked to bring a written copy of their comments to the hearing for use by the Department. For further information on the proposal, please contact:

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