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November 7, 2011

Kevin Koslosky
Bureau of Legal Services & Stewardship
Mail Code 501-01
New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection
Green Acres Program
P.O. Box 420
Trenton, NJ 08625-0420

Re:	Notification of Green Acres Minor Disposal Public Meeting for Replacement of County Bridge G0903 Newmans Lane over the West Branch Middle Brook, Bridgewater Township, Somerset County CW #: NJ-S-BW-104
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Dear Mr. Koslosky:

Please be advised, that the County of Somerset has filed a request with the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, Green Acres Program, proposing to dispose of approximately 0.081 Acres of the Somerset County Park Commission Washington Valley Park (located at Block 706, Lot 7) and approximately 0.045 Acres of the Somerset County Park Commission Washington Valley Park (located at Block 707, Lot 53) in connection with the Replacement of County Bridge G0903, Newmans Lane over the West Branch Middle Brook, located in the Township of Bridgewater. As compensation for the proposed disposal the County of Somerset proposes to acquire replacement land located off of Washington Valley Road (Block 906, Lot 20) totaling approximately 3.8 Acres to be included in the Somerset County Park Commission land.

This project proposes the replacement of the existing bridge carrying Newmans Lane over the West Branch Middle Brook. The existing bridge has an approximate out to out width of approximately 22'-4", with an approximately 20'-0" wide roadway (curb to curb) for two lanes of traffic. The structure is considered to be "Functionally Obsolete" (based on current National Bridge Inspection Standards) due to the substandard roadway width across the structure. The proposed bridge will be widened to have an out to out width of approximately 34'-0" (along centerline of bridge) and provide for a 32'-0" roadway width (rail to rail). The total project length is approximately 450 feet along Newmans Lane. To provide for the bridge and approach roadways the project requires the disposal of approximately 0.126 Acres of land included in the Washington Valley Park located on either side of the existing bridge.

In accordance with NJDEP regulations a hearing to obtain public comment on this request will be held at The Somerset County Park Commission Headquarters, 355 Milltown Road, Bridgewater, New Jersey on Wednesday, December 14, 2011 from 6PM until 7PM.

Written Comments on the disposal request may be sent to:

Please Reply To:

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County of Somerset Engineering Department
County Administration Building
20 Grove Street, P.O. Box 3000
Somerville, NJ 08876-1262
RE: Newmans Lane Bridge Reconstruction

A copy of all comments received will be forwarded to:

New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection
Green Acres Program
Bureau of Legal Services and Stewardship
Attn: Kevin Koslosky
P.O. Box 412
Trenton, NJ 08625-0412.

Please note public comment on this disposal request will be accepted during the hearing or in writing until December 28, 2011.

Should you have any questions pertaining to this matter, please do not hesitate to contact this office.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. J. Murphy', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Jack J. Murphy, E.I.T.

Enclosure