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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

TAKE NOTICE that the Hamilton Area YMCA has filed a request with the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, Green Acres Program, proposing to transfer ownership of parkland from the Hamilton Area YMCA to a local unit/governmental entity or Non Profit. The parkland to be transferred is known as The Hamilton Area YMCA Sawmill Branch, 185 Sawmill Road, Hamilton NJ. The property is designated for tax purposes as Block 2730, Lot 14.01 and consists of 51.35 acres +/-.

The property is subject to Green Acres restrictions because the County of Mercer purchased a conservation easement on the property from the Hamilton Area YMCA using Green Acres funds. The Green Acres restrictions and the County conservation easement, which are perpetual, will remain on the parkland if conveyed to a local unit/governmental entity or Non Profit.

Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 7:36-25.5(a)3, a hearing to obtain public comment on this request will be held via Zoom Meeting on Monday, August 31, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. A web link and call in number for the Zoom meeting can be found here: hamiltonymca.org/about-us/sawmill-transfer or by calling (609) 581-9622 ext. 130.

All information submitted by the Hamilton Area YMCA to the Green Acres Program in support of this requested parkland transfer is available for public review at hamiltonymca.org.

Written comments on the parkland transfer request may be directed to Diana Zita at the Hamilton Area YMCA, 1315 Whitehorse Mercerville Road, Hamilton NJ 08619 or e-mailed to: sawmilltransfer@hamiltonymca.org, 609.581.9622 x130. Please send a copy of any comments submitted on this request to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, Green Acres Program, Bureau of Legal Services and Stewardship, Mail Code 501-01, P.O. Box 420, Trenton, NJ 08625-0420 Attn: Maude Snyder or emailed to: Maude.Snyder@dep.nj.gov. Due to remote working arrangements during the current state of emergency, email comments are preferred.

Public comment on this parkland transfer request will be accepted during the public hearing or in writing until September 14, 2020. On or after September 15, 2020, the Hamilton Area YMCA may take formal action to approve the proposed transfer of parkland, subject to approval of the County of Mercer and approval of the documents by the Green Acres Program.

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