

PUBLIC SCOPING HEARING

A Public Scoping hearing will be held regarding a proposed diversion of approximately an +/- 0.838-acre portion of Ocean City-owned parkland. The affected properties owned by the City are as follows:

1. Block 611.11, Lots 137 and 145 – Beach lots at the end of 35th Street
2. Block 3500, Lot 1 (Including riparian grant) – Beach lot south of Block 611.11, Lot 137
3. Block 3350.01, Lot 17 – North of Roosevelt Boulevard Bridge

Ocean Wind has filed a petition with the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities (BPU) pursuant to N.J.S.A. 48:3-87.1(f)(2) to acquire, among other things, permanent rights of way and easements needed to install an underground cable in connection with its proposed Ocean Wind Offshore Wind Farm Project (Project). Once complete, the Project will fulfill the requirements of the State's Offshore Wind Economic Development Act, which mandates the development of a minimum of 1,100 megawatts (MW) of offshore wind resources. The Project will also contribute to meeting the goals of both Executive Order 8 (2018), which set a goal of 3,500 MW of renewable energy by 2030, and Executive Order 92, which in November 2019 increased the goal to 7,500 MW by 2035. Additional information about the Project may be found at: www.OceanWind.com.

The lands listed above are encumbered by State of New Jersey Green Acres restrictions. Based on the filing of the BPU petition, an application for the major diversion of said lands may be submitted by Ocean Wind to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, Green Acres Program, for approval by the Department's Commissioner and by the State House Commission. A public scoping hearing is required by Green Acres' regulations prior to the submission of any formal application for the diversion of parkland.

How to attend the meeting

Due to the current State of Public Health Emergency, the hearing will be conducted virtually via video conference or by telephone at the following link:

<https://vhb.zoom.us/j/83906689957?pwd=dFd4b0oxTW5qUEN6cDVLZFNidlAzdz09>

Alternatively, you can go to <https://zoom.us/join> and enter Webinar ID: 839 0668 9957; Passcode: 349434. A dial-in option is also available. If using one-tap mobile: + 16465588656,,83906689957# or for telephone, 646-558-8656; Webinar ID: 839 0668 9957; Passcode: 349434.

This hearing has been scheduled in accordance with N.J.A.C. 7:36-26.8(a). Those planning to offer comments at the hearing may sign up to do so when registering or during the hearing. You may appear via video conference or by telephone in order to comment on the proposed diversion and/or you may submit written comments. Written comments can be submitted to the Green Acres Program at BLSSpubliccomments@dep.nj.gov. Please include "Ocean Wind" in the subject line. Email comments are preferred, but comments may also be mailed to: New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, Green Acres Program, Bureau of Legal Services and Stewardship, Mail Code 401-07B, P.O. Box 420, Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0420, Attn: Ocean Wind Application.

Date of Public Scoping Hearing:

March 7, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

End of Comment Period:

March 21, 2022