

**TOWNSHIP OF BRANCBURG
NOTICE OF GREEN ACRES PUBLIC HEARING**

Please take notice that the Township of Branchburg (Township) will hold a public hearing on October 16, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. at the Township's Municipal Building, located at 1077 US Highway 202 North, Branchburg, New Jersey. The purpose of the meeting will be to receive public comment as to the proposed diversions of portions of lands upon which the Township holds conservation restrictions.

The affected properties on which the Township holds conservation easements are:

1. Block 79, Lot 16.08 - 507 Barton Lane
(owned by Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Company, LLC)
2. Block 79, Lot 16.07 - 505 Barton Lane
(owned by Joseph A. Basile and Jeanette A. Basile)

As to said lands, a permanent right of way and easement (totaling 0.102 acres) and temporary workspace (totaling 0.170 acres) is proposed to be acquired from said landowners by Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Company, LLC (Transco) for the expansion of Transco's existing underground natural gas pipeline transmission system and easement. The lands in question are encumbered by State of New Jersey Green Acres restrictions, and the Township has submitted a final application for the major diversion of said lands to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, Green Acres Program, for approval by the Department's Commissioner and by the State House Commission. As compensation to the Township for the diversion of lands and for the partial release of the conservation restriction described above, Transco has agreed to pay the Township \$33,000.00.

Please take further notice that this hearing will also serve as the public hearing required under N.J.S.A. 13:8B-5 in connection with the partial release of the conservation restriction across both of the abovementioned parcels.

At the public hearing you may appear in person in order to comment on the proposed diversion or, in the alternative, you may submit written comments by October 30, 2014 to Sharon L. Brienza, Municipal Clerk, Township of Branchburg, 1077 US Highway 202 North, Branchburg, New Jersey 08876. A copy of any written comments must also be provided by you to Kevin Appelget, New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, Green Acres Program, Bureau of Legal Services and Stewardship, Mail Code 501-01, P.O. Box 420, Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0420.

Copies of the final application will be available to the public for inspection at Branchburg Township Municipal Building, located at 1077 US Highway 202 North, Branchburg, New Jersey and at the Branchburg Library, located at The Station House, Olive St, Neshanic Station, NJ 08853.

By: Sharon L. Brienza, Clerk
Township of Branchburg
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Branchburg, New Jersey 08876