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NJ Department of Environmental Protection
Green Acres Program
Bureau of Legal Services and Stewardship
501 East State Street, 1st Floor
P.O. Box 412
Trenton, NJ 08625-0412

**Re: Garden State Parkway Mile Post 35 to Mile Post 38 Widening Program
Block 2004, Lot 1 (Bikeway East)
Egg Harbor Township, Atlantic County, New Jersey
Notice of Green Acres Public Hearing**

Dear Ms. Patterson:

This letter is to provide you with written notification that the County of Atlantic, with offices located at Route 9 and Dolphin Avenue, Northfield, NJ 08225-0719, will hold a public hearing to obtain comments regarding its application to the NJDEP Green Acres Program, for the proposed minor diversion of parkland to the New Jersey Turnpike Authority. This application is subject to NJDEP Commissioner and State House Commission approval, and is available for review at the Atlantic County Department of Regional Planning and Development, located at Rt. 9 and Dolphin Avenue, Northfield, NJ 08225-0719 and the Egg Harbor Township Municipal Library, located at 1 Swift Ave, Egg Harbor Twp, NJ 08234 and at the NJDEP Green Acres Program offices (address below).

The public hearing will be held on April 9, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. in the Egg Harbor Township Community Center, 5045 English Creek Avenue, Egg Harbor Township, New Jersey 08234. All interested parties are invited to attend and participate in the public hearing. In addition to oral comments presented during the hearing, written comments may be submitted to the agencies listed below. All written comments must be received within two weeks following the hearing by April 23, 2014.

The proposed parkland disposal at Block 2004, Lot 1 would include a 0.032 acre area for a utility easement to relocate the G4S fiber line (which is an Authority facility) off of the existing bridge in accordance with the Authority's policy and a 0.118 acre area for an aerial easement needed to widen and maintain the bridge structure that carries the traffic on the Parkway over the railroad. In



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addition, 0.6 acres is required as temporary workspace to be utilized for access during construction. In accordance with N.J.A.C. 7:36-26.5(a)1i, as compensation for the diversion, the Authority has agreed to contribute a minimum of \$6,000 to the NJDEP Garden State Preservation Trust.

All written comments should be submitted to Atlantic County Department Regional Planning and Development at P.O. Box 719, Rt. 9 and Dolphin Avenue, Northfield, NJ 08225-0719, with a copy to the NJDEP Green Acres Program, at the following address:

NJDEP Green Acres Program
Bureau of Legal Services and Stewardship
501 East State Street, 1st Floor
Mail Code 501-01 P.O. Box 420
Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0420
Attention: Jessica Patterson, Atlantic County Steward

Should you have any questions, please contact me at (201) 587-9040, ext. 8014.

Very truly yours,

Michael McDonnell, P.E.
Senior Principal