January 9, 2017

Bureau of Legal Services and Stewardship, NJDEP, A Green Acres Program

Re: Route U.S. 206 Bypass, Sections 14A & 15A
    Block 153.06, Lot 1
    Township of Hillsborough, Somerset County, NJ
    Notice of Green Acres Public Hearing
    CERTIFIED MAIL.

Dear Interested Party:

This letter is to provide you with written notification that the Township of Hillsborough will hold a public hearing to obtain comments regarding its application to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) Green Acres Program, for the proposed major disposal of parkland owned by the Township of Hillsborough. This application is subject to NJDEP Commissioner and State House Commission approval, and is available for review at the Hillsborough Township Engineering Department, the Hillsborough Public Library and at the NJDEP Green Acres Program office (address below).

The Public Hearing will be held on Wednesday, February 15, 2017 from 4:30 P.M. to 7:00 P.M. at the Hillsborough Township Municipal Building, which is located at 379 South Branch Road. Two formal presentations will be made at 4:30 P.M. and 6:00P.M. by representatives of Hillsborough Township and the New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT). 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 March 1, 2016. If the Township Municipal Building is closed due to inclement weather, the formal presentation will be held on Tuesday, February 21, 2017 at 4:30 P.M. and 6:00 P.M. at the Hillsborough Township Municipal Building. If meeting is held on February 21, 2017, the public comment period will be extended to March 7, 2017.

The proposed application would involve the disposal of 1.75 acres of township owned property, constituting a portion of the 10.4 acre property situated at 344 Route 206, also known as the Van der Veer-Harris house property and is a portion of Block 153.06, Lot 1 on the tax maps of Hillsborough Township for use in connection with the proposed construction of the NJDOT’s Route U.S. 206 Bypass project. As compensation for the proposed 1.75 acre disposal and in accordance with NJAC 7:36-26.11(e), the Township of Hillsborough proposes to obtain a 12.99 acre replacement parcel from the NJDOT along Township Line Road, and is a portion of Block 202, Lot 20.01 on the tax maps of Hillsborough Township.

All written comments should be submitted to the Township of Hillsborough, with copy to the NJDEP Green Acres Program, at the following addresses:

    Township of Hillsborough Engineering Department
    379 South Branch Road
    Hilllsborough, NJ 08844
    Attn: Mr. Thomas Belanger

    NJ Department of Environmental Protection
    Green Acres Program
    Bureau of Legal Services and Stewardship
    501 East State Street, 1st Floor
    Mail Code 501-01, P.O. Box 420
    Trenton, NJ 08625-0420
    Attention: Ms. Jessica Patterson

Should you have any questions, please contact me at (908) 369-4313.

Sincerely yours,

Anthony Ferrera
Hillsborough Township Administrator