

September 11, 2012

Dave Smith
NJDEP Green Acres Program
Bureau of Legal Services & Stewardship
501 East State St.
PO Box 412
Trenton, NJ 08625-0412

**Re: Notice of Green Acres Public Hearing
Administrative Transfer of Parkland**

**Block 48 Lots 5, 8, 60 & 62, Block 50 Lots 6 & 45, Block 51 Lots 79 & 81,
Block 52 Lots 8, 9, 10 & 45, Block 389 Lot 11, Block 415 Lot 1,
Block 416 Lot 1, Block 431 Lot 1, Block 433 Lot 3, Block 466.01 Lot 5,
Block 474 Lot 1, Block 475.01 Lot 4, Block 472 Lot 105, Block 473 Lot 42
Middle Township, Cape May County**

Dear Mr. Smith:

This letter is to provide you with written notification that The Nature Conservancy, located at 2350 Route 47, Delmont, NJ 08314, will hold a public hearing to obtain comments regarding its proposed administrative transfer of ownership interest in parkland between The Nature Conservancy and the United States Fish & Wildlife Service. This transfer is subject to Green Acres Program approval.

The public hearing will be held October 23, 2012 at 6:00 PM at the Middle Township Conference Room, 33 Mechanic St., Cape May Court House, NJ. 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 November 6, 2012.

The proposed administrative transfer would involve the transfer of undivided interest held by The Nature Conservancy in 57.28 acres at the Lizard Tail Swamp Preserve, 152 acres at the Indian Trail Swamp Preserve, 110.5 acres at the Sunray Beach Preserve, 248.73 acres at the Hands Landing Preserve, and 69.61 acres at the Goshen Ponds Preserve to the United State Fish & Wildlife Service. The properties shall continue to be used solely for recreation and conservation purposes and shall be reasonably accessible to the public to the same extent as or greater than prior to the transfer. The Green Acres restrictions and any other applicable recreation and conservation restrictions on the parkland shall continue to apply.

All written comments should be submitted to The Nature Conservancy, with copy to the NJDEP Green Acres Program, at the following addresses:

The Nature Conservancy
2350 Route 47
Delmont, NJ 08314

NJ Department of Environmental Protection
Green Acres Program
Bureau of Legal Services and Stewardship
501 East State Street, 1st Floor
PO Box 412
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Attention: Dave Smith

Should you have any questions, please contact me at (609) 861-4122.

Sincerely,



Heather Austin, Conservation Operations Manager