

**TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON
HUNTERDON COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING
GREEN ACRES DIVERSION PROCESS**

Please take notice that the Township of Readington will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, October 14, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. at the Readington Township Municipal Building, located at 509 Route 523, Whitehouse Station, New Jersey 08889 for the purpose of receiving public comment about the proposed major diversions of certain portions of open space property which Readington Township owns and other portions of property upon which Readington Township holds conservation restrictions, all of which were preserved with State of New Jersey Green Acres funds and encumbered by Green Acres rules and regulations. The affected open space properties which Readington Township owns are known as:

Block 50, Lot 13 - 143 Stanton Road
Block 50, Lot 14.01 - 141 Stanton Road
Block 50, Lot 41 - 114 Dreahook Road
Block 75, Lot 32.03 – 127A Pleasant Run Road; and
Block 76, Lot 3.01 - 176 Pleasant Run Road.

The affected properties on which Readington Township holds conservation restrictions are:

Block 50, Lot 14 - 139 Stanton Road (owned by Judith Garfield); and
Block 75, Lot 32 - 127 Pleasant Run Road (owned by Marcia Zweerink).

The proposed diversions consist of conveying both permanent right of way (totaling 2.488 acres) and temporary workspace easements (totaling 6.039 acres) to Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Company, LLC (“Transco”), which seeks to expand its previously existing underground natural gas pipeline transmission system and easement area. Transco proposes to compensate the landowners for any easements and workspace it acquires.

Please take further notice that, the lands in question are encumbered by State of New Jersey Green Acres restrictions, and, in accordance with Green Acres rules and regulations, a final application for the major diversions of the aforesaid lands has been submitted 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 restrictions described above, Transco has agreed to pay the Township \$450,000.00.

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 restrictions across Block 50, Lot 14 and Block 75, Lot 32.

At the hearing, you may either appear in person to comment on the proposed diversions, or, you may submit written comments by October 28, 2014 to the Township of Readington c/o Vita Mekovetz, Township Administrator/Clerk, 509 Route 523, Whitehouse Station, New Jersey 08889 during normal business hours 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. A copy of any written comments sent to the Township must also be sent simultaneously 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 Readington Township Municipal Building, located at 509 Route 523, Whitehouse Station, New Jersey and at the Readington Library, located at 105 Route 523, Whitehouse Station, New Jersey.

Township of Readington
Vita Mekovetz, Twp. Administrator/Clerk