

**PUBLIC NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR CONVERSION OF
LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUNDED PARCELS
LOCATED WITHIN RINGWOOD STATE PARK**

New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection

Notice of Application for Conversion of Lands Acquired with Land and Water Conservation Funds within the 6(f) Boundary located in Block 1101, Lot 5 in the Borough of Ringwood, Passaic County, New Jersey and in Block 1, Lot 1 in the Township of Mahwah, Bergen County, New Jersey

Take Notice that in accordance with the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act, 16 U.S.C. §§ 4601-4 through 4601-11, the State of New Jersey, Department of Environmental Protection (“NJDEP”), has submitted an application to the National Park Service (“NPS”) for the proposed conversion of 6.19 acres of lands located within Ringwood State Park located in Block 1101, Lot 5 as shown on the official tax map of the Borough of Ringwood in Passaic County, New Jersey and in Block 1, Lot 1 as shown on the official tax map of the Township of Mahwah in Bergen County, New Jersey (collectively, “the conversion areas”). The conversion areas are located within Ringwood State Park and are needed to accommodate the construction of a 30-inch diameter natural gas pipeline by Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company, L.L.C. (“Tennessee”) in connection with its Northeast Upgrade Project (the “Project”). The conversion areas consist of State-owned lands to be leased to Tennessee for new natural gas pipeline right of way and used by Tennessee as temporary workspace during construction of the pipeline, as follows: 1.22 acres (0.248 acres for the leased area and 0.972 acres of temporary workspace) within the 6(f) boundary in Block 1101, Lot 5, and 4.971 acres (1.236 acres for the leased area and 3.735 acres of temporary workspace) within the 6(f) boundary in Block 1, Lot 1.

The Project, which was certificated by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission by order issued May 29, 2012, will provide approximately 636,000 dekatherms per day (Dth/day) of new incremental natural gas delivery capacity to serve Tennessee’s northeast market area. Project information is available at www.ferc.gov (Docket No. CP11-161-000) and <http://www.state.nj.us/dep/greenacres/neup.html>. A 25-year lease of the proposed conversion areas was previously approved by the NJDEP Commissioner on May 14, 2012 and by the New Jersey State House Commission on June 7, 2012. The proposed conversion is necessary so Tennessee so that it can construct the Project across the conversion areas.

As compensation for the proposed conversion, Tennessee is offering the NJDEP a 6.19-acre portion of replacement land identified as the “Ilac Property,” located in Block 20001, Lot 5 on the official tax map of the Township of Rockaway, Morris County, New Jersey. An environmental assessment of the Ilac property is part of the conversion application.

In accordance with the NPS conversion process, the NJDEP is now seeking public comment on the conversion application, which is posted on NJDEP's website at www.nj.gov/dep/greenacres/pdf/LWCF_Conversion_Application.pdf. Persons wishing to do so may submit written comments to:

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The public comment period will close on October 20, 2012.

DATE: September 20, 2012

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