

**TOWNSHIP OF FRANKLIN
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

Please take notice that the Township of Franklin (Township) will hold a public hearing on October 23, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. at the Quakertown Fire Company, Station 91, located at 67 Quakertown Road, Pittstown, New Jersey. The purpose of the hearing will be to receive public comment as to the proposed diversion of a portion of Township-owned lands located at Block 4, Lot 3.01 (Frazee property) and a portion of land owned in fee by Allen A. Nouiga and Le D. Nouiga located at Block 4, Lot 3 in the Township of Franklin, County of Hunterdon, across which the Township holds a Green Acres-funded conservation easement. As to said lands, a permanent exclusive rights easement (totaling 0.352 acres), a permanent ground bed easement (totaling 0.017 acres) and temporary workspace (totaling 1.87 acres) is proposed to be acquired from said landowners by Transcontinental Gas Pipeline Company, LLC (Transco) for the expansion of Transco's existing underground natural gas pipeline transmission system and easement. The lands in question are encumbered by State of New Jersey Green Acres restrictions, and the Township has submitted a final application for the major diversion of said lands 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 restriction described above, Transco has agreed to pay the Township \$125,000.00 for the conveyance and diversion of the Township-owned lands described above.

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 restriction across Block 4, Lot 3.

At the public hearing you may appear in person in order to comment on the proposed diversion or, in the alternative, you may submit written comments by November 6, 2012, to Ursula V. Stryker, RMC, Municipal Clerk, Township of Franklin, 202 Sidney Road, Pittstown, New Jersey 08867. A copy of any written comments must also be provided by you to Kevin Koslosky at the 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 Franklin Township Municipal Building, located at 202 Sidney Road, Pittstown, New Jersey 08867, and at the Hunterdon County Public Library, located at 65 Halstead Street, Clinton, New Jersey 08809.

By: Ursula V. Stryker
Township of Franklin Clerk
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