

CITY OF GARFIELD
Notice of Public Scoping Hearing
Proposed Major Diversion of Green Acres Land

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the City of Garfield (“City”) hereby gives notice in accordance with New Jersey Administrative Code (N.J.A.C.) 7:36-26.8, that a Scoping Hearing (the “Hearing”) will take place on **Monday, April 27, 2009, at 8 pm in the City’s municipal building**, 111 Outwater Lane, Garfield, New Jersey 07026. The City intends to make an application to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) Green Acres Program for the displacement of approximately 0.56 acres of Green Acres-encumbered land located in the City of Garfield adjacent to River Drive, otherwise known as Block 140, Lots 24 (2.08 acres), 45 (0.34 acres) & 49 (1.04 acres).

The City is applying for the aforementioned diversion in order to improve a 4,600 linear foot (0.87 miles) portion of River Drive. The road improvement project will begin at Outwater Lane and extend north along the Passaic River to its intersection with Martha Avenue. The proposed activities involve the widening, realignment and intersection improvements necessary to upgrade the existing county road and improve driver safety. As part of this project, the City proposes to construct a waterfront park adjacent to the Passaic River complete with a biking/jogging path, paver sidewalks, two (2) parking areas, one (1) pavilion and other features such as, landscaping improvements and decorative lighting fixtures. The 0.56-acre portion of Green Acres funded parkland will be utilized as public right-of-way to achieve the necessary roadway geometry and minimum safety requirements.

Members of the public are invited to attend and participate in the Hearing. At the Hearing, the plans and other information regarding the proposed diversion will be available for review. The hearing will be hosted by the City, and presentations will be made by the City’s representatives and professionals, as well as by the City’s engineer Boswell McClave Engineering. Plans and materials relative to the proposed diversion are also available for inspection prior to the hearing in the Office of the Municipal Clerk of the City of Garfield, 111 Outwater Lane, Garfield, New Jersey 07026, during regular business hours.

In the event that a citizen or organization so desires, they may submit written comments to the City in respect of the diversion, in lieu of attending the Hearing in person. Written comments should be sent no later than May 12, 2009, directed to: City of Garfield, Attention: Municipal Clerk, 111 Outwater Lane, Garfield, New Jersey 07026; with a copy to New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, Green Acres Program, Bureau of Legal Services and Stewardship, PO Box 412, Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0412.