

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

This is to provide notification that Essex County will hold a virtual public hearing to obtain comments regarding its application to the NJDEP Green Acres Program, for the proposed minor diversion of parkland it owns in the Township of Millburn. This application is subject to NJDEP Commissioner and State House Commission approval and is available for review at the Essex County Clerk's Office (495 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd, Newark, NJ), Millburn Municipal Clerk's Office (375 Millburn Avenue, Millburn, NJ), Millburn Free Public Library (200 Glen Avenue, Millburn, NJ) and at the NJDEP Green Acres Program offices (401 East State Street, 7th Floor, Trenton, NJ).

The public hearing will be held online virtually via Microsoft Teams Website at 6:00 PM on Monday, April 4th, 2022. Please see directions on how to join the virtual meeting provided on the next page.

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 April 18th, 2022.

The proposed parkland diversion would involve the granting of a permanent, subsurface easement from Essex County of the Township of Orange related to the replacement and relocation of a 20-inch water transmission main owned by the Township of Orange and operated by Suez Water along Glen Avenue in the Township of Millburn. The proposed project would cross through Block 5503, Lot 1 which is located in the Township of Millburn and owned by Essex County. The parcel is part of Essex County's South Mountain Reservation and is encumbered by Green Acres Program's regulations. The proposed easement area would be limited to 0.11 acre within South Mountain Reservation parallel to the Glen Avenue Bridge. In accordance with N.J.A.C. 7:36-26.5(a(1)), Essex County will remit to Green Acres \$104,082.05 for deposit in the Garden State Preservation Trust Fund as compensation for the land diversion and \$198,465.00 for deposit in the Shade Tree and Community Forest Preservation License Plate Fund as tree compensation.

All written comments should be submitted to Essex County, with copy to the NJDEP Green Acres Program, at the following addresses:

Essex County Dept. of Parks and Recreation
115 Clifton Avenue
Newark, New Jersey 07104
Attention: Joshua Zaitz
Email: jzaitz@parks.essexcountynj.org

With a copy to:

NJ Department of Environmental Protection
Green Acres Program
Bureau of Legal Services and Stewardship
P.O. Box 420, Mail Code 401-07B
Trenton, NJ 08625-0420
Attention: Nancy Lawrence, Green Acres Program
Email: Nancy.Lawrence@dep.nj.gov

To access and join the online public hearing, please follow one of the steps below:

1. Access the link through the Green Acres website at <https://www.nj.gov/dep/greenacres/notices.html>
or directly at https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting_MDM2MzlmNjktNzk3OC00ZTMwLTk5YTItMjYxZTYzMjY2NDFl%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%22a2bed0c4-5957-4f73-b0c2-a811407590fb%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%2223e785d1-76d5-4b9f-aa9b-a62fd3723076%22%7d
2. Dial in by phone (audio only):
Conference Number: +1 646-838-1522
Conference ID: 424 727 34#