

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The County of Middlesex has filed a request with the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, Green Acres Program, proposing to divert 0.291 acres (12,676 square feet) of land for permanent easement within the Scotts Corner Preservation Area, located within a portion of Block 2, Lot 2.042, in South Brunswick Township, near Rowland Road and Broadway Road. The minor diversion is for a permanent easement for the construction, installation, operation, and maintenance of new public water supply well, well house, and distribution connections. The compensation for the proposed diversion is replacement land. The Township of South Brunswick proposes to acquire 11.010 acres of land (Block 1, Lots 3.01 and 4.01) adjacent to Rowland Park, which will be dedicated to conservation and/or recreation purposes.

Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 7:36-26.6(c), a public hearing is required by Green Acres Program regulations to solicit public comment on the proposed minor diversion of a portion of the Scotts Corner Conservation Area. In accordance with New Jersey Governor Murphy's Public Health Emergency Executive Orders concerning the COVID-19 pandemic, the public hearing will be held remotely via the "Zoom" platform. All interested parties are invited to attend and participate in the hearing. Once you log into the Zoom account (*see connection information at the end of this notice*), you will be asked to enter your name and an email address. The County anticipates starting the public hearings promptly at the referenced times and asks that interested parties log in a few minutes earlier to allow for time to address any connection, installation or uploading delays. Any questions about joining the hearings may be directed to Mr. Richard Lear, Middlesex County Director of Parks and Recreation at richard.lear@co.middlesex.nj.us or (732) 421-2152.

Information in support of this requested minor diversion of the Scotts Corner Conservation Area is available for public inspection on the following Middlesex County Office of Parks and Recreation website page:

<https://www.middlesexcountynj.gov/government/departments/department-of-infrastructure-management/office-of-parks-and-recreation>

Any questions about accessing the information on the County website may be directed to Mr. Richard Lear, Middlesex County Director of Parks and Recreation at richard.lear@co.middlesex.nj.us or (732) 745-3900.

Written comments on the diversion request may be directed to Mr. Richard Lear, Director of Parks and Recreation, at (732) 745-3900 or Middlesex County Office of Parks and Recreation, P.O. Box 661, New Brunswick, New Jersey 08903-9968.

Please send a copy of any comments submitted in connection with this request to Mackenzie.Piggott@dep.nj.gov or by mail to Attn: Mackenzie Piggott, State of New Jersey, 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.

Date of Public Hearing: Wednesday, March 23rd, 2022 at 6:00pm

End Comment Period: Thursday, April 7th, 2022

To Join this Zoom meeting:

To join by Computer/Mobile Phone

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86987122568?pwd=YkdUeS9PMldOeHZQdjI2bTZELzV4Zz09>

To join by Telephone (Audio Only)

Dial (646) 558-8656

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