

January 28, 2009

The New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) in conjunction with the Borough of Rutherford cordially invites you to attend a formal Public Hearing regarding the Route 3 at the Passaic River Crossing project with regard to a Green Acres Diversion, in the Borough of Rutherford, Bergen County.

The Public Hearing is scheduled for **Tuesday, March 3, 2009 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.** in the Council Chambers of the Rutherford Borough Hall, 176 Park Avenue, Rutherford, New Jersey. A formal presentation will be made at 7:00 p.m. **Please plan to attend at a time that is convenient for you.**

The purpose of the Public Hearing is to provide the interested public and interest groups with the opportunity to review the details involved with the Green Acres Application process. The Borough of Rutherford will be filing with the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection an application in their proposal to divert 0.039 acres of Block 9.01, Lots 1.02, 2.04, and a portion of Lot 1.03 in connection with the construction of the NJDOT's Route 3 at the Passaic River Crossing Project. As compensation for the proposed diversion the Borough of Rutherford proposes to obtain a replacement parcel from the NJDOT to be used as Parkland. Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 7:36-26.11 (e) a Scoping Hearing to obtain public comment on this request is needed.

Any individual wishing to give testimony on the diversion, should sign up to speak at the registration desk at the hearing, and will be called on to speak in the order in which they are registered. All testimony will be recorded, and will become part of the official application as well as the public hearing record.

Written comments on the diversion request may be directed to the Borough Clerk, Borough of Rutherford, 176 Park Avenue, Rutherford, New Jersey, 07070. Please send a copy of any comments submitted on this request to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, Green Acres Program, Bureau of Legal Services and Stewardship, P.O. Box 412, Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0412. Public comments on this diversion request will be accepted during the Public Hearing or until March 17, 2009.

A display and information area will run concurrently with the Public Hearing to provide an opportunity for anyone to ask questions and receive answers from Department personnel. We look forward to seeing you at the Public Hearing. If you have any questions, or if you are physically challenged and require assistance in attending, or participating in the hearing, please feel free to contact me at (609) 530-2110.

Sincerely yours,  
Debbie Hirt  
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