

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE
MONMOUTH COUNTY

TAKE NOTICE that the County of Monmouth has filed a request with the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, Green Acres Program, proposing to add 1.26 acres to Hartshorne Woods Park in the Township of Middletown (Block 786 p/o Lot 2) to compensate for the diversion or disposal of 0.35 acres of the park in Middletown Township (Block 786, p/o Lot 1) to accommodate the proposed Intersection Improvements at CR 8A (Locust Avenue & Valley Drive), CR 8B (Navesink Avenue), Monmouth Avenue, & Oakdale Run.

All information submitted by the County of Monmouth to the Green Acres Program in support of this requested diversion of parkland is available for public inspection at: the Middletown Township Municipal Clerk's Office, 1 Kings Highway, Middletown, NJ 07748; Middletown Township Public Library, 55 New Monmouth Road, Middletown, NJ 07748; the Monmouth County Division of Engineering Office by appointment, Hall of Records Annex, 3rd Floor, One East Main Street, Freehold, NJ 07728, by calling Jessica Kubida, Environmental Specialist call (732) 431-7760 ext. 6775; or the Green Acres Program office, by appointment, at the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, Green Acres Program, Bureau of Legal Services and Stewardship, 501 East State Street, P.O. Box 420, Trenton, NJ 08625-0420 Attn: Jessica Patterson or to Jessica.Patterson@dep.nj.gov, phone (609) 984-0558.

Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 7:36-26.6(c), a hearing to obtain public comment on this request will be held on May 26, 2021 at 7:00 pm. In consideration of Executive Order No. 103 issued by Governor Murphy on March 9, 2020 declaring a State of Emergency and a Public Health Emergency in the State of New Jersey, as amended, the County of Monmouth does hereby notify the public that to protect the health, safety, and welfare of its citizens while ensuring the continued functioning of government, this public hearing will be held electronically only. Members of the public may participate in the meeting by phone, or computer device such as a smartphone, computer, or tablet, on Wednesday, May 26, 2021 at 7:00 pm.

For audio-only participation, dial 408-418-9388 and enter the meeting ID: 129 097 9120.

For computers and smart devices, navigate a web browser to <https://countyofmonmouth.webex.com/>, then join with meeting ID: 129 097 9120. When prompted for the meeting password, type 'welcome'.

Public Questions and comments will be taken during the meeting. Audio-only callers press *3 to virtually raise a hand. Smart device users may use the WebEx raise hand icon.

Alternatively, written comments may be submitted to the Applicant during a public comment period that will close on June 10, 2021.

All written comments on the diversion request, or requests to review the materials at the Monmouth County Division of Engineering, may be directed to: Jessica Kubida, Environmental Specialist, Monmouth County Division of Engineering, Hall of Records Annex, 3rd Floor, One East Main Street, Freehold, NJ 07728 or call (732) 431-7760 ext. 6775. Please send a copy of any written comments submitted on this request to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, Green Acres Program, Bureau of Legal Services and Stewardship, Mail Code 501-01, 501 East State Street, P.O. Box 420, Trenton, NJ 08625-0420 Attn: Jessica Patterson, or to Jessica.Patterson@dep.nj.gov.