

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Re: City of Newark
Notice of Green Acres Public Hearing
Major Diversion: Lot 60, Block 1 (932-948 McCarter Highway)
Major Diversion: Lot 1, Block 1844 (Liberty Park)
Disposal Amendment (Former Founder's Park)

Please be advised that the City of Newark ("City") will hold a scoping hearing that is open to the public to obtain comments on two (2) major Green Acres diversions of City-owned parkland. The scoping hearing will be combined with a public hearing on a proposal to amend a previously approved disposal of City-owned parkland.

The proposed major diversions, if approved, will allow (i) the City to grant an approximately 3,283 sq. ft. (0.075 acre) permanent easement and an approximately 9,000 sq. ft. (0.207 acre) temporary construction easement through a portion of Green Acres encumbered vacant land designated on the Tax Maps of the City of Newark as Lot 60, Block 1, to allow a private entity to access and redevelop the adjacent property with a mixed-use development that is consistent with the City's approved redevelopment plan for the area, and includes a 20% affordable housing component; and (ii) "after the fact" approval for the City to grant PSE&G a 20' wide underground utility easement through an approximately 1,688 sq. ft. (0.0383 acre) portion of the Green Acres encumbered Liberty Park, designated on the Tax Maps of the City of Newark as Lot 1, Block 1844, located between 4th Street, Central Avenue and W. Market Street, to install and maintain an underground utility line for the purposes of providing reliable electrical service to the citizens of the City of Newark.

The City also proposes to amend the previously approved disposal of Founder's Park, once situated on an approximately 7,841 sq. ft. (0.18 acre) portion of the current NJ Performing Arts Center site, at the corner of McCarter Highway and Center Street, to modify the location and size of the compensatory replacement property required under that approval from the property designated on the Tax Maps of the City of Newark as Block 126.01, Lot 21 to a portion of the property designated on the Tax Maps of the City of Newark as Block 167, Lot 10.02, also known as a portion of Mulberry Commons.

Please take notice that the public hearing will be conducted on July 7th, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. using the Zoom platform. All interested parties are invited to participate virtually as follows:

Link to Hearing:

<https://NewarkNJ.zoom.us/j/87556018473>

Or iPhone one-tap US:

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Or Telephone US:

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The proposed diversions and disposal amendment are subject to approval by the NJDEP Commissioner and the State House Commission. Written comments may be submitted to the City,

through the Department of Economic and Housing Development, with a copy to NJDEP Green Acres Program, at the following addresses:

Economic and Housing Development, City of Newark
920 Broad Street, Room 218
Newark, New Jersey 07102
Attention: Bisola Taiwo, Esq., Assistant Director

New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection
Green Acres Program, Bureau of Legal Services and Stewardship
501 East State Street, 1st Floor
P.O. Box 420
Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0412
Attention: Melissa Abatemarco
or at Melissa.Abatemarco@dep.nj.gov .

Written comments must be received by no later than the close of business on the last day of the 2-week period following the hearing.