

**TOWNSHIP OF TOMS RIVER
NOTICE OF GREEN ACRES PUBLIC SCOPING MEETING**

Please take notice that the County of Ocean will hold a public meeting (scoping hearing) on May 2, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. at the Toms River Town Hall, L.M.H. Room, 2nd Floor, located at 33 Washington Street, Toms River, New Jersey, 08753. The purpose of the meeting will be to receive public comment as to the proposed 3.93 acre diversion of a portion of County-owned lands located at Block 394, Lots 136 and 9 in the Township of Toms River, County of Ocean. The said properties were purchased with Ocean County Natural Lands Trust Funds and are therefore encumbered by State of New Jersey Green Acres regulations.

As to said lands, a permanent easement is proposed to be dedicated for the construction of the proposed access driveway to Ocean County College and related stormwater facilities. Compensation will be provided by Ocean County in the form of replacement land on a nearby Block 394, Lot 51 owned by Ocean County.

An application for the major diversion of said lands will be submitted by the County to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, Green Acres Program, for approval by the Department's Commissioner and by the State House Commission. Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 7:36-26.8(a), a public scoping hearing is required by Green Acres' regulations prior to the submission of any formal application for the diversion of the said lands, all of which are forested lands that are not presently used for active recreational activities.

At the public hearing you may appear in person in order to comment on the proposed major diversion or, alternatively, you may submit written comments by May 17, 2013, to the Ocean County Clerk of the Board's Office at 101 Hooper Ave, P.O. 2191, Toms River, NJ 08754 (Tel:(732)929-2005). A copy of any written comments must also be provided by you to New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, Green Acres Program, Bureau of Legal Services and Stewardship, Mail Code 501-01, P.O. Box 420, Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0420.

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