

**TOWNSHIP OF BRANCBURG
NOTICE OF GREEN ACRES PUBLIC SCOPING MEETING**

Please take notice that the Township of Branchburg (Township) will hold a public meeting (scoping hearing) on Friday, March 14, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. at the Township's Municipal Building, located at 1077 US Highway 202 North, Branchburg, New Jersey. In case the meeting is cancelled (by the Township) due to inclement weather, the public meeting will be held on Monday, March 17, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. at the same location. The purpose of the meeting will be to receive public comment as to the proposed diversions of portions of lands upon which the Township holds conservation easements.

The affected properties on which the Township holds conservation easements are:

1. Block 79, Lot 16.08 - 507 Barton Lane
(owned by Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Company, LLC)

2. Block 79, Lot 16.07 - 505 Barton Lane
(owned by Joseph A. Basile and Jeanette A. Basile)

As to said lands, a permanent right of way and easement and temporary workspace is proposed to be acquired from said landowners by Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Company, LLC (Transco) for the expansion of Transco's existing underground natural gas pipeline transmission system and easement. Compensation, to be determined, would be given by Transco to the landowners for the easements and workspace, and also to the Township. The lands in question are encumbered by State of New Jersey Green Acres regulations, and one application for the major diversions of said lands may be submitted by the Township to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, Green Acres Program, for approval by the Department's Commissioner and by the State House Commission. A public scoping hearing is required by Green Acres' regulations prior to the submission of any formal application for the diversions of the said lands, none of which are used for active recreational activities. At the public hearing you may appear in person in order to comment on the proposed diversions or, in the alternative, you may submit written comments by March 28, 2014 (March 31, 2014 if scoping hearing is held on March 17th due to inclement weather), to Sharon L. Brienza, Municipal Clerk, Township of Branchburg, 1077 US Highway 202 North, Branchburg, New Jersey 08876. A copy of any written comments must also be provided by you to Kevin Appelget, 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.

By: Sharon L. Brienza, Clerk
Township of Branchburg
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