

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

TAKE NOTICE that Somerset County has filed an application with the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection for a minor diversion of Green Acres encumbered parkland in support of the proposed overall Headgates Dam Removal Project at Raritan River Mile 29.9, located in the Townships of Bridgewater and Hillsborough within Duke Island Park, Somerset County. The portion of the project that requires a diversion is the relocation of the existing Bridgewater Township 54-inch diameter sanitary sewer pipe. In order to meet the project need, it is necessary to divert a relatively small portion of the river and park property (subsurface), specifically **0.42 acres** from encumbered parkland at Block 102, Lots 10 and 39 in the Township of Bridgewater and Block 48, Lot 10 in the Township of Hillsborough, Somerset County.

As compensation for the proposed diversion, Somerset County proposes to accept monetary compensation for the minor diversion which will be deposited into Somerset County's Open Space Preservation Trust account to be utilized for future acquisition of land for recreation or conservation purposes.

Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 7:36-26.6(c) a hearing to obtain public comment on this request will be held at:

North Branch Park located at 355 Milltown Road, in Bridgewater Township, New Jersey on December 3rd at 6:00 PM.

All information submitted by the Applicant to the Department in support of this requested diversion of parkland is available for public inspection at the following locations:

Hillsborough Township, 379 South Branch Road, Hillsborough, NJ 08844
Bridgewater Township, 100 Commons Way, Bridgewater, NJ 08807
NJDEP's Office of Transactions and Public Land Administration, address below.

Written comments on the diversion request may be directed to:

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Please send a copy of any comments submitted on this request to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, Office of Transactions and Public Land Administration, Public Land Compliance Section, 401 East State Street, 7th Floor, Mail Code 401-07, P.O. Box 420, Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0420, Attn: Jessica Patterson, Somerset County Compliance Officer or jessica.patterson@dep.nj.gov

Public comment on this diversion request will be accepted during the public hearing or until December 17th.