## NOTICE REGARDING GREEN ACRES SCOPING HEARING

The County of Somerset ("County") located at the County Administration Building, 20 Grove Street, Somerville, New Jersey will hold a scoping hearing that is open to the public to obtain comments for a major diversion of parkland owned by the County. The scoping hearing will be held on **Tuesday February 23**, **2016 at 7:00 p.m**. at the Borough of Raritan Municipal Building, 22 First Street, Raritan, New Jersey. All interested parties are invited to attend and participate at the scoping hearing. Written comments may be submitted to the addresses listed below. All written comments must be received within two weeks following the hearing, by **Tuesday March 8**, **2016**.

In accordance with <u>N.J.A.C.</u> 7:36-26.8 <u>et seq.</u>, the general description of the major diversion to be considered at the scoping hearing is the Green Acres encumbered lands designated on the Borough of Raritan's Tax Map as Lot 1 in Block 114 and Lot 1 in Block 115 on Orlando Drive. The purpose of the diversion is to remove the Green Acres encumbrance so as to create the appropriate right-of-way for the existing portion of Orlando Drive that traverses Block 114 lot 1 that was not dedicated at the time of construction. Additional right-of-way taking along Block 115 Lot 1 is also proposed to allow for pedestrian and traffic safety improvements. Any diversion is subject to approval by the County, the NJDEP Commissioner and State House Commission.

All written comments should be submitted to the County, with a copy to NJDEP Green Acres Program, at the following addresses:

Thomas J. Boccino, PP, LLA Principal Planner, Land Acquisition Somerset County Division of Engineering 20 Grove Street, P.O. Box 3000 Somerville, New Jersey 08876

New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection Green Acres Program Bureau of Legal Services and Stewardship 501 East State Street, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Mail Code 501-01 P.O. Box 420 Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0420 Attention: Jessica Patterson

For additional information please contact Thomas Boccino at (908) 231-7509.