TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON
HUNTERDON COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
NOTICE OF PUBLIC SCOPING MEETING
GREEN ACRES DIVERSION PROCESS

Please take notice that the Township of Readington will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, March 12, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. at the Readington Township Municipal Building, located at 509 Route 523, Whitehouse Station, New Jersey 08889 for the purpose of receiving public comment about the proposed major diversions of certain portions of open space property which Readington Township owns and other portions of property upon which Readington Township holds conservation easements, all of which were preserved with State of New Jersey Green Acres funds and encumbered by Green Acres rules and regulations. The affected open space properties which Readington Township owns are known as:

Block 50, Lot 13 - 143 Stanton Road
Block 50, Lot 14.01 - 141 Stanton Road
Block 50, Lot 41 - 114 Dreahook Road
Block 75, Lot 32.03 – 127A Pleasant Run Road; and
Block 76, Lot 3.01 - 176 Pleasant Run Road.

The affected properties on which Readington Township holds conservation easements are:
Block 50, Lot 14 - 139 Stanton Road (owned by Judith Garfield); and
Block 75, Lot 32 - 127 Pleasant Run Road (owned by Marcia Zweerink).

The proposed diversions consist of conveying both permanent right of way and temporary workspace easements to Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Company, LLC ("Transco"), which seeks to expand its previously existing underground natural gas pipeline transmission system and easement area. Transco proposes to compensate the landowners for any easements and workspace it acquires.

Please take further notice that, in accordance with Green Acres rules and regulations, one application for the major diversions of the aforesaid lands must be submitted by Readington Township, which is required due to Transco's proposed project, to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection Green Acres Program, for the approval by the Department's Commissioner and by the State House Commission. A public scoping hearing is required prior to the submission of any application for the diversions of these lands which are currently forested and/or agricultural fields not presently used for active recreational facilities. At the hearing, you may either appear in person to comment on the proposed diversions, or, you may submit written comments by March 26, 2014 to the Township of Readington c/o Vita Mekovetz, Township Administrator/Clerk, 509 Route 523, Whitehouse Station, New Jersey 08889 during normal business hours 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. In the event of cancellation due to inclement weather or some other emergency, the alternate public hearing date will be on March 18, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. and the deadline for written comments will be on April 1, 2014. A copy of any written comments sent to the Township must also be sent simultaneously 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.

Township of Readington

Vita Mekovetz, Twp. Administrator/Clerk