

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

TAKE NOTICE that pursuant to N.J.S.A. 13:8B-5, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (“NJDEP”) will be conducting a public hearing on the proposed transfer of conservation restrictions held by the NJDEP on a portion of the Glen Alpin Estate, 685 Mount Kemble Avenue, Harding Township (Block 34, Lot 1) to the property at 110 Harter Road, Harding Township (Block 23, Lot 1, known as the Gatehouse Property). The conservation restrictions on the Glen Alpin Estate are memorialized in an easement granted to the NJDEP by the Township of Harding and Harding Land Trust on October 19, 2004 as a condition of Green Acres nonprofit acquisition funding granted to Harding Land Trust for the purchase of a fourteen percent (14%) undivided interest in the Glen Alpin Estate. The Township and Harding Land Trust have agreed to exchange the Land Trust’s partial interest in the Glen Alpin Estate for the Township’s fifty percent (50%) interest in the Gatehouse Property. As a result, the NJDEP wishes to transfer the Green Acres nonprofit funding easement from the Glen Alpin Estate to the Gatehouse property. The portion of the Glen Alpin property that will continue to be owned by the Township following the proposed disposal was also purchased with Green Acres funds and will continue to be encumbered with Green Acre restrictions.

This transfer is sought in conjunction with Harding Township’s application for a disposal and diversion of portions of the Glen Alpin Estate. The approval of this transfer is subject to approval by the NJDEP Commissioner as set forth in N.J.S.A. 13:8B-6.

A hearing to obtain public comment on this request will be held virtually via video conference, by phone, and with limited in-person attendance pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:39-1 (effective on September 23, 2020) on:

January 28, 2021 at 7:30pm.

By Computer:

<https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/281308229>

By Phone:

1 (646) 749-3122 / Access Code: 281-308-229

In-Person:

Kirby Municipal Building
21 Blue Mill Road
New Vernon, NJ

If you would like to participate in the meeting in-person, preregistration is required by contacting the Municipal Clerk by email at lsharp@hardingnj.org or by phone at (973) 267-8000, extension 1968. In the event of a snowstorm, an announcement will be made prior to the hearing on Harding Township’s website at <http://www.hardingnj.org/> under the Quick Links tab entitled “Glen Alpin Disposal/Diversion Application – Green Acres”. If the hearing is postponed due to

a snowstorm, the snow date for the hearing will be February 4, 2021. In the event of a snowstorm, the public may attend the February 4, 2021 meeting: (1) by computer at <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/708223221>; (2) by phone at 1 (872) 240-3212 / Access Code: 708-223-221; or (3) in-person at the Kirby Municipal Building. All interested parties are invited to attend the hearing and may make comments in-person or through the virtual link during the night of the hearing.

Documents related to this hearing and the disposal/diversion application are available for in-person review at the Kirby Municipal Building and the Kemmerer Public Library, or by contacting the Green Acres Program offices at Adam.Taylor@dep.nj.gov. Additionally, documents related to this request are also posted under the Quick Links tab entitled “Glen Alpin Disposal/Diversion Application – Green Acres” at:

<http://www.hardingnj.org/>

Written comments on the proposed transfer should be directed to the NJDEP Green Acres Program, Bureau of Legal Services and Stewardship, 501 East State Street, 1st Floor, Mail Code 501-01, P.O. Box 420, Trenton, NJ 08625-0420, Attention: Adam Taylor or by email to Adam.Taylor@dep.nj.gov.

Public comment on this request will be accepted during the hearing or by written submission until February 12, 2021. In the event of a snowstorm postponing the hearing, written public will be accepted until February 19, 2021. Due to remote working arrangements during the current state of public health emergency, email comments are preferred.