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Executive Summary

Located in the heart of Morris County, Morris Township is home to the headwaters of the Whippany River, the rolling hills surrounding Washington Valley, the rich forests of county parks and trails, and community recreational facilities. Located within the Great Swamp watershed, Morris Township has had a long and productive history of working with local, county and state organizations to preserve land throughout their Township. There are **492 acres** of preserved municipal land in the Township. Combined with county parkland and watershed land (**1,395 acres**) and the federally owned Morristown National Historic Park (**74 acres**), nearly **20%** of Morris Township is permanently preserved for watershed protection, recreation, and wildlife habitat.

In 1991, 66% of the Morris Township voters approved the establishment of a local open space trust fund. Since the establishment of the trust fund in 1992 the Township has purchased 214 acres of land. In October 1997 the Township produced an Open Space and Recreation Plan to help guide their open space program and prioritize land acquisition in the Township. The Township has been following the recommendations outlined in this Plan and as part of its continuing effort to identify the needs for preservation and recreation, the Township has produced this 2004 update to the original 1997 Plan.

As part of 2004 update, the Township Committee hosted a public hearing in the fall of 2003 to listen to Township residents and members of the Township's recreation programs to help determine the priorities for municipal open space acquisition. Based upon the Township's 2000 Master Plan, public input and the recommendations of the Township's Open Space Committee, the following goals will guide the open space program in Morris Township:

- Protection of water recharge areas and water supply lands;
- Protection of environmentally sensitive areas;
- Encourage preservation of the Township's remaining farmland;
- Identification and protection of scenic views and vistas in the Township;
- Acquisition of lands for both passive and active recreation;
- Incorporation of innovative maintenance and management of current recreational facilities to maximize field usage; and
- Creation of an interconnected trail and greenway system in the Township, including the Morris County's Patriots' Path.

Based upon a broad inventory of land in the Township, slightly more than **25%** of the Township is potentially available for open space preservation. The Township has been successful in partnering with local land trust organizations, Morris County and the State of New Jersey to purchase property in the Township for preservation. As part of this update, the Township has identified several greenway corridors and possible trail routes to connect local neighborhoods to their beautiful natural areas and recreational facilities. Using this plan and its accompanying maps as a guide, the Township can continue to chart a course of preserving its community treasures and unique environmental resources for current and future residents to enjoy.

Open Space Program in the Township of Morris

“Open space can provide beauty, privacy, and variety; moderate temperature; and create a sense of spaciousness and scale.”

-- Council on Environmental Quality, 1973

Preservation of open space must be planned just as any municipal infrastructure. The development of an Open Space and Recreation Plan, and the Township governing body's commitment to implement the Plan, are essential in maintaining a community's character, and to preserve and improve the quality of life for its residents.

Goals of the Open Space Program

The *Goals Section* of the *Open Space and Recreation Plan* acts as a guide for Morris Township to preserve open space and create recreation areas for residents. Morris Township's goals focus on preserving environmentally sensitive land, protecting water resources, and creating additional recreation areas for both passive and active recreation.

The goals and policies of the Open Space and Recreation Plan are based upon the 1997 Open Space and Recreation Plan, the Public Hearing on the Open Space Plan held on November 12, 2003, the 1994 Master Plan and its 2000 Reexamination Report, and the recommendations of the Morris Township Open Space Committee. A summary of the comments heard at the November Public Hearing can be found in the *Appendix*.

Based upon the above documentation and public comment, the following goals guide the recommendations of the Open Space and Recreation Plan:

- Protection of water recharge areas and water supply lands (*see Groundwater Recharge Map*);
- Protection of environmentally sensitive areas;
- Encourage preservation of the Township's remaining farmland;
- Identification and protection of scenic views and vistas in the Township;
- Acquisition of lands for both passive and active recreation;
- Incorporation of innovative maintenance and management of current recreational facilities to maximize field usage; and
- Creation of an interconnected trail and greenway system in the Township, including Morris County's Patriots' Path.

Over the last several years the Township has acquired additional open space for preservation in accordance with the Township's 1997 Open Space and Recreation Plan and 1994 and 2000 Master Plans. The Township's 2000 Master Plan Reexamination Report reaffirmed the goals and objectives of the 1994 Master Plan with heightened emphasis on environmental protection and maintenance of quality of life for residents (*2000 Master Plan Reexamination, pages 57 and 58*). Goals specific to open space and recreation include:

- Preservation of residential and open space character of the community.
- Preservation and enhancement of historic sites and recreational facilities for public enjoyment.

Morris Township currently falls within several Planning Areas as designated by the *State Development and Redevelopment Plan* (SDRP). These include: Metropolitan Planning Area (PA1); Fringe Planning Area (PA3); Environmentally Sensitive Planning Areas (PA5); and the Parks and Natural Areas. The Township's ecological diversity and its close proximity to Morristown lends itself to the multiple designations. The Township is currently working with the county as part of the 2004 cross-acceptance process to update the mapping and designations within the State Plan.

The principles of the county's open space program are delineated in the Morris County Open Space Element (*page 4*). These are to:

- Enhance the quality of life in Morris County;
- Protect the environment; and
- Expand recreational opportunities.

In particular, the county supports the preservation of unique natural features, especially those that protect water supply sources – a priority for Morris Township as well. Washington Valley in the Township is now permanently protected by Morris County as a natural area for water quality conservation and preservation.

The Township of Morris' open space acquisition program is consistent with the goals of its Master Plan, State Plan, and the Morris County Open Space Element.

History of the Open Space Program

“Since adoption of the 1994 Master Plan the Township has moved aggressively on several fronts to analyze, prioritize and acquire additional open space for permanent protection.”

--Township of Morris Reexamination Report 2000 (page 46)

Since the institution of the Open Space Trust Fund, the Township has preserved **214 acres** of parkland. The Township has preserved properties to serve as buffers between wetlands and developed areas, refuges for wildlife, public water supply lands, and to create opportunities for new recreational facilities.

The first acquisition using the Township's Trust Fund was to purchase forested property along Fanok Road in 1994. Following this, the Township purchased Jones Woods, located behind Villa Walsh School. Jones Woods is a mature forest containing streams, springs, an 8-acre earthen-dammed reservoir, wetlands of exceptional resource value, and water recharge soils (see *Groundwater Recharge Map*). Preserved by the Township in 1995, 17 acres of this property are held solely for passive recreation and natural resource protection.

The West Hanover Avenue property, the largest undeveloped parcel remaining in Morris Township, was owned and unused by the State of New Jersey. Acquisition of the 27-acre property was completed in 1998 for future Township athletic fields and hiking trails.

In 2000, Morris Township and Mendham Townships purchased a 46-acre forested property from Jerry Bojczuk. Eighteen acres of this tract are located within Morris Township. The property contains significant wetlands and a stream and is now part of 700 acres of public land in Washington Valley. This was purchased in partnership with the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority.

Blue Gate Farm, 14 acres, was purchased from Herbert Blanchard in 2001. It has a magnificent eighteenth century home, with barns, farm fields and a stream. The Township subdivided the home from the remaining open lands, to preserve the fields and stream.

In 2001 and 2002 Morris Township purchased two tracts along Mount Kemble Avenue totaling 81 acres from Jockey Hollow Top VI, LLC and Deer Haven, LLC. One of these forested properties was acquired in partnership with the Great Swamp Watershed Association to preserve the headwaters of the Great Swamp and forested slopes. Close to the Morristown National Historic Park, these properties create an opportunity for the Township to connect local neighborhoods via hiking trails with the national park. They also preserve a steeply sloped forest, protecting the habitat of a nationally significant wildlife refuge.

Recently the Township purchased and preserved two properties on the edges of Washington Valley. The first is an 8-acre parcel along Mendham Road and the second is a 17-acre property on Washington Valley Road. Both acquisitions prevent encroachment into Washington Valley and protect its scenic beauty and rich wildlife habitat.

Table 1 details the open space properties purchased by the Township since the inception of its Open Space Trust Fund. The Township has purchased 214 acres of land leveraging its Open Space Trust Fund with NJ Green Acres and grants from the Morris County Open Space Trust Fund.

Table 1. Morris Township Open Space Acquisitions utilizing the Township Open Space Trust Fund.

Year	Resource Value	Block/Lot	Property Name	Size (acres)
1994	Forested land	7304/2, 18, 19, 20	Fanok Road	1.38
1995	Wildlife haven	4101/3.01, 7	Jones Woods	17.40
1998	Stream protection Forested land	901/1 and 8	School House Woods (Jean Street)	30
1998	Water recharge Recreation fields	1803/13	Morris Meadows (West Hanover Avenue)	26.9
2000	Watershed land Washington Valley	3203/18	Washington Valley Addition	18
2001	Great Swamp Steep slopes	5101/1	Jockey Hollow Top (VI)	58.21
2001	Community landmark	9701/1.01	Blue Gate Farms	14
2002	Great Swamp Steep slopes	5004/9	Deer Haven	23.32
2003	Water recharge	3601/12.01	Washington Valley Road	17
2003	Access to trails Washington Valley	3703/2 and 5	Washington Valley View	7.84
			TOTAL PRESERVED:	214

Morris Township Open Space Trust Fund

In November 1991, the voters of Morris Township approved a referendum which established a dedicated tax of one cent per \$100 of assessed property valuation to acquire and preserve open space. Two thirds (66%) of the voters approved this non-binding referendum.

The ordinance creating the Township Trust Fund was passed by the Township Committee on March 3, 1992 (*Appendix*). As noted in the Ordinance: “The funds accumulated within the Trust Fund may be utilized for acquisition of land or development rights in land or as a down payment for the issuance of bonds for the same purposes at the discretion of the Township Committee.” The ordinance also establishes an Open Space Committee with membership that includes the Planning Board Chairman, Board of Adjustment Chairman, Member of Environmental Commission, Mayor, Township Committee Member, and four citizens.

The Township Committee authorized the increase of this local Open Space Trust Fund in 2000 to two cents and again in 2001 to three cents per \$100 of assessed property value. In 2004 the Township Committee authorized the Trust Fund to be set at one cent per \$100 of assessed value and will generate approximately \$391,000 per year.

A key to a successful open space acquisition program is leveraging local open space dollars with matching funds. In 1996, the Township hired Morris Land Conservancy to develop an Open Space and Recreation Plan, a requirement for eligibility in the Green Acres Planning Incentive grant program. The Township has received grants from both the Morris County Open Space and Farmland Preservation Trust Fund and NJ Green Acres through its Planning Incentive Grant program for land acquisition. Morris Land Conservancy has helped Morris Township implement its open space program since 1997.

Morris County Open Space and Farmland Preservation Trust Fund grants:

The Township has received a total of \$2,920,000 in grant funds from the Morris County Open Space and Farmland Preservation Trust Fund towards the following projects:

- 1996: \$470,000 for the purchase of the 46-acre project purchased with the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority (former Bojczuk property) in Morris and Mendham Townships
- 1997: \$200,000 for the acquisition of Morris Meadows (West Hanover Avenue) from the State of New Jersey
- 1998: \$350,000 for the purchase of the Park Avenue (Blue Gate Farms) Tract
- 2001: \$700,000 for the purchase of the former Deer Haven property.
- 2002: \$400,000 towards the purchase of the Washington Valley View property along Mendham Road (the former Lupo property)
- 2003: \$800,000 to purchase the 17-acre parcel on Washington Valley Road (the former Spence parcel)

Green Acres Grant Funds:

The Township has received a total of \$2,065,000 in Planning Incentive funds from NJ Green Acres for land acquisition. The Township has applied these funds towards the purchase of the Jockey Hollow Top VI property, Blue Gate Farm, and the Deer Haven tract.

- 1998: \$1,265,000
- 2002: \$ 400,000
- 2003: \$ 400,000

The Great Swamp Watershed Association contributed \$500,000 towards the acquisition of the Jockey Hollow tract from their own Green Acres nonprofit land acquisition account.

National and County Parklands in the Township of Morris

Morris Township residents enjoy national and county parklands that spread across several municipalities. The wooded rolling hills of Jockey Hollow are bound to local and national history by the activities of the American Continental Army during the icy winters of 1777 and 1779-1780. General George Washington choose Jockey Hollow as the location of his encampment due to its strategic location, including proximity to New York City, defensible terrain, important communication routes, access to critical

resources, and supportive community. Morristown National Historical Park was designated the nation's first on March 2, 1933. The national park consists of four non-contiguous units: Washington's Headquarters with the Ford Mansion and Headquarters Museum, the Fort Nonsense Unit, the Jockey Hollow Unit, and the New Jersey Brigade Area. The Jockey Hollow Unit includes the Wick house (headquarters of General Arthur St. Clair), five reconstructed soldier huts, and approximately 27 miles of walking trails (*National Park Service, Morristown*). Seventy-four acres of the National Historic Park are located within Morris Township.

Lewis Morris Park was named for Lewis Morris the first governor of New Jersey. It consists of 1,154 acres of forest and parkland. The park was dedicated as a county park in March 1958, and it marked the beginning of the Morris County Park System. Today Township residents and others who live throughout the county visit the park every year to take advantage of the swimming, hiking, cross-country skiing, boating, fishing, picnicking and camping opportunities. There are many other activities to enjoy in the park, everything from music events to ball fields and 100 acres of Lewis Morris Park are in Morris Township. (*Morris County Park Commission – Lewis Morris Park*)

Located entirely within Morris Township, Fosterfields (208 acres) is an historical farm. Farming at Fosterfields is done using the tools and techniques found at the turn of the ninetieth century. The farm was bequeathed to the Morris County Park system by Caroline Foster who lived there for 98 of her 102 years. Fosterfields serves as a learning tool for all those who visit and demonstrates the hardships early residents of the Township endured and the ingenuity used to overcome the difficulties of life on a farm. (*Morris County Park Commission – Fosterfields*)

Loantaka Brook Reservation became a part of the Morris County Park System in December 1957. The reservation encompasses more than 570 acres in three municipalities (134 acres are in Morris Township) and offers almost five miles of trails for hiking, bicycling, horseback riding, cross-country skiing and has three ball fields. Efforts to preserve the Loantaka Moraine, wetlands and other sensitive areas adjacent to the Reservation are under way. These parcels will form a greenway to protect Loantaka Brook and to connect the Great Swamp National Wildlife Refuge with the Reservation. (*Morris County Park Commission – Loantaka Brook Reservation*)

Patriots' Path winds through fields, over hills, and along streams linking federal, state, county and municipal parks, watershed lands, historic sites and other points of interest across Morris County. The path is used everyday for running, walking, biking, horseback riding, and cross-country skiing after a snowfall. The Traction Line Trail also runs through the Township and is a heavily used path by local and county residents. Both multi-use trails are managed by the Morris County Park Commission and travel nearly 6 miles through Morris Township.

An indoor facility managed by the Morris County Park Commission, the William G. Mennen Sports Arena opened on January 12, 1975 and featured one ice surface with a seating capacity of 2,500. The facility has been expanded to three ice surfaces operating

year round. The arena offers public sessions, ice skating lessons, hockey clinics, figure skating clubs, and group party packages. Visitors can experience everything from hockey games to the Annual Shrine Circus to conventions. The Arena is situated on 23 acres in Morris Township along Hanover Avenue.

Morris Township Recreational Parks and Facilities

Morris Township owns and manages a diversity of recreational sites and facilities for Township residents. Outdoor basketball courts, football fields, soccer fields, multi-use fields, tennis courts and pools are a sampling of the facilities open to residents. Park facilities are located throughout the Township. Below are several tables detailing the facilities available at each of the Township recreational areas. *Table 2* identifies the outdoor sports facilities available at the Township parks and *Table 3* identifies the water and picnic facilities in the Township.

Morris Township has 15 baseball/softball fields in 11 parks; 8 basketball courts in 8 parks; 1 football field; 12 soccer fields in 10 parks; 10 open playing fields in 10 parks; and 5 tennis courts. Morris Township has two Township pools, open to residents and non-residents. Both facilities are actively used and offer swim lessons, family programming, and swim teams. At the fall meeting on the Open Space and Recreation Plan, coaches and volunteers for the various athletic programs expressed concern about the heavy use of existing fields and suggested the Township investigate new methods of field rotation and field usage to minimize the damage to existing field space and allow them time to “rest” between seasons. Of the total municipal parkland, 128 acres, or 30% of municipal parkland, is dedicated to active recreational use.

Table 2. Outdoor Sports Facilities

Baseball/Softball Fields		Basketball Courts		Football Fields		Open Play Fields		Soccer Fields	
1	Kiwanis Field	1	Children's Park	1	Cornine Field	1	Kiwanis Field	1	Kiwanis Field
1	Veteran's Field	1	Elmer Saunders Park			1	Butterworth Field	1	Veteran's Field
1	La Rue Field	1	Edward Hayward Park			1	Children's Park	1	La Rue Field
2	Butterworth Field	1	Donald Delpho Park			1	Elmer Saunders Park	1	Ketch Road (leased)
1	Elmer Saunders Park	1	Ginty Field			1	Ginty Field	2	Butterworth Field
1	Donald Delpho Park	1	Harlan Green Park			1	Blekicki Field	1	Elmer Saunders Park
3	Ginty Field	1	Collinsville Park			1	Frelinghuysen Park	1	Ginty Field
2	Frelinghuysen Park					1	Harlan Green Park	1	Frelinghuysen Park
1	Harlan Green Park					1	Beatrice Tucker Park	1	Harlan Green Park
1	Beatrice Tucker Park					1	Collinsville Park		

Bocce Shuffleboard Courts		Hockey Court (street)		Tennis Courts		Volleyball Courts	
1	Edward Hayward Park	1	Blekicki Field	4	Ginty Field	1	Ginty Field
				1	Collinsville Park	1	Ginty Pool
						1	Collinsville Park

Table 3. Water and Picnic Facilities

Swimming Pools		Spray Pools		Picnic Areas	
1	Streeter Park	1	Collinsville Park	1	Streeter Park
1	Ginty Pool			1	Cornine Field
				1	Ginty Pool

Open Space Inventory in Morris Township

“Preserved lands and historic sites provide sustainable economic, aesthetic, environmental and recreational benefits. The benefits conferred contribute to a high quality of life for residents in our State – indeed, they are key among the factors that inspire people to both visit our State and to live, work and play here.”

--Garden State Preservation Trust, Report to the Governor and Legislature, (July 2000, page 4.)

This section of the *Open Space and Recreation Plan* inventories open space lands within the Township of Morris. The acreage totals correspond with the *Parcel Data Tables* in the *Appendix*. Also included in the *Appendix* is an accompanying table explaining the municipal tax codes used for the *Open Space Map*. The accompanying *Open Space Map* details the location of these properties and was developed with the Geographic Information System software Arcview 3.2. As noted on the *Open Space Map*, the Morris County Department of Planning, Development and Technology supplied the data for the base map. Some of these lands may have structures or other forms of development; vacant lands and outdoor recreation sites are noted. Privately owned property, even if partially developed, often represents an opportunity for open space preservation and is included in the inventory of potential open space.

Inventory of Potential Open Space Projects in Morris Township

The Open Space Inventory is a list of parcels in the Township that are potentially available for the purpose of preservation and protection for open space. Morris Township has many classes of parcels, which offer opportunities for open space preservation however some parcels in the list are not traditionally considered as potential property for open space. These include vacant land, residential lots, farmland, and tax-exempt properties.

In order to increase the amount of preserved land in the municipality, the Open Space and Recreation Plan recommends Morris Township use a diverse inventory of land. In Morris Township there are 242 acres of undeveloped, vacant land remaining in the Township (*Class 1*). Opportunities may exist to purchase larger residential properties, or a portion of these properties, in areas to expand existing parks and recreational facilities. For the purposes of defining as broad an inventory as possible, there are 471 acres of land that are assessed as residential property (*Class 2*) or as properties of “open space distinction, but less than 4 acres (see *Open Space Map*). There are also several farm parcels remaining in the Township, some are privately owned and some are owned and managed as farmland by educational institutions. This totals 119 acres in the Township (*Class 3*).

The Southeast Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority owns 40 acres in the Township for public water supply purposes. Morris Township is home to several private recreational facilities including the Spring Brook Country Club, Star Dust Pool, and the Morris County Golf Club, totaling 313 acres.

There are several different government entities that own land in the Township, including the state (Department of Defense, Department of Transportation, and Department of Human Services); county, and the Town of Morristown, totaling 371 acres. Morris Township also owns land in the Township for general municipal uses (outside of parkland) and this totals 83 acres. The Morristown and Erie Railway also owns one property in the Township equaling 10 acres.

Morris Township is home to the Morris Township School District and several private educational facilities including the Allegro School, Delbarton, Villa Walsh, Morristown Beard School, Seeing Eye, St. Elizabeth's College, and The Peck School. Educational property in Morris Township totals 892 acres. A variety of religious and nonprofit organizations own land (161 acres) in the Township.

These lands are summarized as follows:

Vacant Land ¹	242 acres
Residential Properties > 4 acres ²	471 acres
Southeast Morris Municipal Utilities Authority ³	40 acres
Privately Owned Recreation ⁴	313 acres
State, County, & Town of Morristown ⁵	371 acres
Township Property (not on ROSI) ⁶	83 acres
Educational Property ⁷	892 acres
Farmland Assessed ⁸	120 acres
Railroad Property ⁹	10 acres
Religious and Nonprofit ¹⁰	161 acres

Morris Township consists of a total of 10,128 acres or 15.8 square miles. Of this, **2,703 acres** as shown in this inventory are available for open space. This means that slightly more than **25% of the Township** is potentially available for open space. This diverse list includes parcels that may have structures upon them. Therefore, residential lots that do not offer public access but contain environmentally sensitive areas and/or commercial/industrial lots that contain aquifer recharge areas, are in fact candidates for preservation.

¹ (Class 1) - This does not include SEM MUA, private recreational land, private educational land
² (Class 2) - This also includes properties of "open space distinction" as identified by the Township Open Space Committee
³ (Class 1) - servicing Morris Township, Morristown, Morris Plains, and Township of Hanover
⁴ (Class 1, 4A) Morris County Golf Course, Spring Brook Country Club, Star Dust
⁵ (Class 15C) State = NJ DOT, NJ Dept. Defense, NJ Dept. Human Services; County Administration
⁶ (Class 15C)
⁷ (Class 1, 3, 15A and 15B)
⁸ (Class 3, privately owned)
⁹ (Class 15C)
¹⁰ (Class 15D, 15E, and 15F)

Preserved Land in Morris Township

Of the 10,128 acres in Morris Township *nearly 20% or 1,961 acres* are protected property through federally preserved, county preserved, or municipally preserved land on the Recreation and Open Space Inventory (ROSI). A copy of the ROSI is included in the *Appendix*. County parkland includes Loantaka Brook Reservation, the Traction Line Trail, Frelinghuysen Arboretum, Mennen Sports Arena, Patriots' Path, Fosterfields, Lewis Morris Park, and the Washington Valley natural area. Federal property includes a portion of Morristown National Historic Park (74 acres).

These lands are grouped as follows:

Federally Owned Preserved Open Space	74 acres
County Owned Preserved Open Space ¹	1,395 acres
Township Owned Preserved Open Space and parcels listed on Recreation & Open Space Inventory (ROSI)	492 acres
Total preserved lands:	1,961 acres

¹ County Parkland and Washington Valley Land

Land Preservation Recommendations

“...the goal of Morris Township’s Open Space Trust is to acquire open lands and waters to be retained in a predominantly natural or undeveloped state. These areas will supply resource-based recreation to the residents of Morris Township, create greenways and protect ecologically sensitive areas.”

--Executive Summary, 1997 Morris Township Open Space and Recreation Plan

Included in this Open Space and Recreation Plan is the *Greenway Map* illustrating the land preservation recommendations listed in this section. The map details possible targets for preservation in town and provides a vision for Morris Township’s open space preservation program. Properties included in this *Land Preservation Recommendations* section will not necessarily be purchased for preservation. Inclusion on the *Land Preservation Recommendations* list indicates that the specific property has potential for preservation and recreational uses and is part of the proposed greenways and trails identified in the Open Space and Recreation Plan.

Included in this section is a summary of the open space significance of these properties as well as the strategy that could be used to preserve the parcels. Additional funding opportunities can be found in the *Preservation Tools and Funding Sources* section of the Plan.

Morris Township Greenways

The greenways of Morris Township follow the stream corridors and natural areas of the Township. Focusing on connecting parks and protecting natural resources, the Township is protecting its water recharge areas and drinking water supplies for the region. In addition, the *Greenway Map* includes the Township’s Conservation Overlay Zone in the Washington Valley, as regulated by zoning ordinance 95-27.2. As stated in the ordinance, the purpose of the zone is to “assure that the natural, scenic and open space character of the lands within it will be retained.” The zone boundary is to coincide with the lands held by Morris County for protection of the Washington Valley. (*Adrian Humber, Township Planner*).

Linking parks, neighborhoods, and destination areas in the Township will bring people outside to enjoy the open spaces of the Township. Linking recreational resources and trails are identified as possibilities on the Greenways Map.

Morristown Greenways

In an effort to regionalize preservation efforts, the Town of Morristown’s greenways are depicted on the Township of Morris Greenways Map. The Great Brook Greenway and the Great Morristown Greenway will connect Township resources with the Town, linking communities and natural areas.

Existing and Proposed Trails

Patriots' Path, Loantaka Brook Reservation and the Traction Line Trail travel through Morris Township. The Open Space Committee envisions a network of walking, hiking, and bicycling trails throughout the Township.

Scenic Vistas

Scenic vistas identify Morris Township. From Washington Valley to the Traction Line Trail, residents are afforded spectacular views of the rolling hills, lush woodland, and winding streams.

Recreational Facilities

Residents involved with the Township recreation programs expressed concern at the fall 2003 Public Hearing about the field usage and field conditions. Facilities are being used year-round and are at risk of becoming damaged from over-use. The lacrosse program has seen an increase in the number of players and number of teams and there are not enough fields for the players. In addition, members of the recreational programs recommended that there be separate fields for the different sports to allow fields to rest between seasons. The Recreation Committee observed that there are not enough recreational opportunities and facilities in the southwestern portion of the Township. Working with Morris County, the Township may be able to answer some of their recreational needs through the development of the Greystone Complex into a county recreational fields and facility. In addition, a comprehensive multi-year plan for recreational field use and space may identify opportunities for diversifying field usage and recommending additional areas for new facilities.

Action Program and Recommendations

"We must handle the woods, the water, the grasses so that we will hand them to our children and our children's children in better and not worse shape than we got them."

-- President Theodore Roosevelt

The *Action Program* suggests projects that the Township should pursue to implement the Open Space and Recreation Plan. The activities listed for the first year after the completion of the Plan are the most urgent and will further Morris Township's open space program immediately. The "three year" recommendations are also important, but will take some time to complete. The "five year" projects should take place in the appropriate time frame, as opportunities arise. The Open Space and Recreation Plan is not a static document. The *Action Program* should be updated every year, and progress should be reported to the governing body.

First Year

- Adopt the Open Space and Recreation Plan 2004 Update as an amendment to the Township of Morris's Master Plan.
- Submit the Open Space and Recreation Plan 2004 Update to Green Acres.
- Update the Township's Recreation and Open Space Inventory to include parcels preserved using the Township's Open Space Trust Fund.
- Examine Town-owned properties and consider placing some of them on the ROSI for permanent protection.
- Review and prioritize the properties highlighted in the Open Space and Recreation Plan. Visit the properties and prioritize potential properties for acquisition.
- Share acquisition priorities with potential funding partners, including the National Park Service, Morris County Park Commission, and local land trust and watershed organizations.
- Prepare at least one application per year for the Morris County Open Space and Farmland Preservation Trust.
- Continue to work with Morris County to permanently preserve Washington Valley and extend Patriots' Path in the Township.
- Meet with local watershed groups including the Whippany River Watershed Action Committee and Great Swamp Watershed Association to identify properties of joint interest for preservation.

Within Three Years

- Identify locations or opportunities, in or around Morris Township, where partnerships can be formed to better utilize available recreational space.
- Meet with the Morris County Department of Planning, Development, and Technology and Morris County Park Commission to discuss the expansion and connection of walking and bicycling trails through Morris Township.
- Educate the public on the benefits of placing conservation easements on their property.
- Continue to reach out to the owners of the remaining farmland in the Township for preservation.
- Meet with adjacent municipalities in Morris County to discuss open space objectives and common programs and goals.
- Continue to enact, or enhance, existing critical areas ordinances to protect, at a minimum, floodplains and wetlands, stream corridors, steep slopes, and groundwater recharge areas. This should be done in concert with the Planning Board.
- Review the Open Space and Recreation Plan yearly to update the properties and information, and submit the update to Green Acres.

Within Five Years

- Continue to meet with Morris County to discuss the development of the neighboring Greystone complex as a recreational facility.
- Discuss preservation priorities and other work being done by non-profit land trusts active in the area to form partnerships.
- Reach out to local educational institutions to retain open lands in their natural state.
- Develop a formal network of trails and pathways throughout Township.
- Make a list of properties and be ready to acquire if the opportunity for redevelopment occurs.

Preservation Partners, Tools, and Funding Sources

The following three sections provide a guide for resources available to Morris Township as they work to accomplish their open space program goals. These sections detail information on possible preservation partners, most commonly used techniques in preserving land, and potential sources of funding for open space or recreation.

Partners in Open Space Preservation in Morris Township

Protecting a system of open space and recreational lands results from creating a network of engaged residents, landowners, surrounding towns and local non-profit groups. Impacts of development and preservation rarely affect one town, but are regional in nature and surrounding communities hold similar interests in preserving land and natural resources. The first step in this process has taken place with the sharing of greenway plans between the Town of Morristown and the surrounding Township of Morris. With the close interconnection and interdependence of the two communities, shared planning enhances preservation efforts, conservation opportunities and offers economic benefits for both municipalities.

- **National Park Service.** The National Park Service maintains Morristown National Historic Park which consists of four non-contiguous units: Washington's Headquarters with the Ford Mansion and Headquarters Museum, the Fort Nonsense Unit, the Jockey Hollow Unit, and the New Jersey Brigade Area. The Jockey Hollow Unit includes the Wick house (headquarters of General Arthur St. Clair), five reconstructed soldier huts, and approximately 27 miles of walking trails.

30 Washington Place / Morristown, NJ 07960-4299 / <http://www.nps.gov/morr/>
Phone: 973.539.2016 / Email: MORR_Interpretation@nps.gov /

- **New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, Green Acres Program.** Green Acres administers the Planning Incentive program, which provides grants to municipalities for open space acquisition and preservation and loans for recreation facility development. The funding requires a one to one dollar match.

P.O. Box 412 / Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0412 / www.state.nj.us/dep/greenacres/
Phone: 609.984.0500 / Fax: 609.984.0608 /

- **The New Jersey Historic Trust.** The New Jersey Historic Trust receives an allocation (historically \$6 million) per year for historic preservation projects. These funds are awarded in the form of grants for restoration projects. The grants cannot be used for land acquisition; however, combining open space and historic preservation strengthens a project's position in the application process.

New Jersey Historic Trust / P.O. Box 457, 506-508 East State Street / Trenton, NJ 08625 / <http://www.njht.org/> / Phone: 609.356.8856 /

- **Morris County Park Commission.** With over 31 recreational, cultural, historic, and educational sites, the Morris County Park System owns 13,500 acres of land, recreational facilities, and historic and cultural sites. The County Parks Commission maintains Lewis Morris Park, Fosterfields, Patriots Path and Traction Line Trail that run through Morris Township.

53 East Hanover Avenue / P.O. Box 1295 / Morristown, NJ 07962-1295 /
<http://parks.morris.nj.us> / Phone: 973.326.7600 / info@parks.morris.nj.us /

- **Morris County Department of Planning, Development and Technology.** The Department of Planning, Development and Technology for Morris County is composed of four programs. These are: Community Development Program, Farmland Preservation, Planning, and Transportation Management. They also administer the annual Morris County Open Space and Farmland Preservation Trust Fund Grants. This department is developing a bike and pedestrian path throughout the County. Shared roadways and multi-use paths have been designated in Morris Township.

30 Schuyler Place / Morristown, NJ / <http://www.co.morris.nj.us> / Community Development Program Phone: 973.285.6060 / Planning Phone: 973.829.8120 / Transportation Management Phone: 973.829.8101 /

- **Morris County Historical Society.** The Morris County Historical Society was founded in 1945. This non-profit, volunteer based organization is dedicated to encouraging and developing an appreciation for and an understanding of the history of Morris County and the State of New Jersey. The Society produces programs, exhibits and publications that encourage a better understanding of local history and its place in the larger context of the history of the nation.

Morris County Historical Society / 68 Morris Avenue / Morristown, NJ 07960
<http://www.acornhall.org> / Phone: 973.267.3465 /

- **Southeast Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority.** The Southeast Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority draws its water from the Clyde Potts Reservoir in Mendham Township and thirteen public groundwater wells that are dependent upon the Buried Valley Aquifer. The Authority owns 40 acres in the Township near Jones Woods. The Authority is an independent agency servicing Morris Township, Morristown, Morris Plains, and Township of Hanover. A representative of each of these towns sits on the Board of the Authority.

- **Morris Land Conservancy.** Founded in 1981, Morris Land Conservancy is a non-profit, member-supported organization dedicated to preserving and permanently protecting open space lands in northern New Jersey. The Conservancy assisted Morris Township in the production of its Open Space and Recreation Plan and has helped the Township since 1997 preserving land and securing funds to acquire. The Conservancy is an active participant in neighboring communities preservation programs.

Morris Land Conservancy / 19 Boonton Avenue / Boonton, NJ 07005 /
<http://www.morrislandconservancy.org> / Phone: 973.541.1010 / Fax: 973.541.1131 /
Email: info@morrislandconservancy.org /

- **Great Swamp Watershed Association.** The Great Swamp Watershed Association was formed in 1981 to encourage good management policies and practices on behalf of the 12,000 acres of exceptional protected land within the Great Swamp watershed. Great Swamp Watershed Association protects the Great Swamp watershed basin and acts as a steward for this valuable and sensitive region in northern New Jersey. A small portion of Morris Township lies in the Great Swamp Watershed. A priority of the GSWA is to ensure waterbodies in Morris Township remain free of contaminants which would degrade the Great Swamp.

Great Swamp Watershed Association / P.O. Box 300 / New Vernon, NJ 07976 /
<http://www.greatswamp.org/index.htm> / Phone: 973.966.1900 / Fax: 973.966.1009 /
Email: everything@greatswamp.org /

- **Ten Towns Great Swamp Watershed Management Committee.** This Committee exists for the specific purpose of developing and implementing a watershed management plan for the Great Swamp watershed of northern New Jersey. The Committee was formed in 1995 through an Intermunicipal Agreement among the ten municipalities that have lands within the Great Swamp watershed. Morris Township is a member of the Committee and participates in its programming.

2 Ridgedale Ave / Cedar Knolls, NJ 07927 / <http://www.tentowns.org/10t> / Phone:
973.985.2000 / Fax: 973.984.2235 /

- **Whippany River Watershed Action Committee, Inc.** The Action Committee's mission is to protect and improve the waters of the Whippany River through community action. The Committee's work helps to keep the lakes clean as well as the sections of the Whippany River found in Morris Township. Morris Township is a member of the Committee and participates in its programming.

P.O. Box 223 / Morristown, NJ 07963-0223 / Phone: 973.267.1224 / Fax:
973.267.1225

- **Morris Tomorrow.** Morris Tomorrow is a private, non-profit organization composed of citizens representing government, business, and the community. Their mission is to identify regional issues and focus on building consensus to improve quality of life in Morris County.

Morris Tomorrow / Suite 200 / 2 Ridgedale Avenue / Cedar Knolls, NJ 07927 /
<http://www.morris2000.org/index.html> / Phone: 973.984.2000 / Fax: 973.984.2235

- **Jockey Hollow Historic Preservation Society.** The Jockey Hollow Historic Preservation Association is a grassroots organization comprised of associations and concerned citizens committed to protecting and expanding the Morristown National Historical Park

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

- **Friends of Jones Woods.** An organization comprised mostly of residents who live near Jones Woods. The Friends focus on stewardship and other management issues for Jones Woods.

<http://pages.prodigy.net/dave.bartlet/joneswoods/index.html>

Preservation Tools

This section is a listing of the tools and funding sources available to preserve open space. It is not meant to be exhaustive or a complete listing. It is a list of the most commonly used and successful techniques.

Fee Simple Acquisition

Usually, the most expensive way to preserve property is direct acquisition through fee simple purchase. The title to the property changes hands from one owner to another. A disadvantage to this approach is the need to have the full purchase price available at the closing. Government agencies may not be able to raise the funds in time before an owner decides to sell the property to another buyer.

Municipal Preservation Tools

One preservation tool at the disposal of the municipality is tax foreclosure. If a parcel falls under Morris Township's ownership through tax foreclosure, the municipality may want to consider holding the property as part of its lands for recreation and conservation purposes if it falls within an identified preservation or recreation area. Periodic examination of properties with tax liens upon them may also yield opportunities for the Town to purchase the lien and preserve the land for environmental or recreational uses.

The Township may want to develop educational materials that target property owners to describe various financial approaches to preserving land. For example, some owners may want to work out an arrangement where they sell blocks of their land over time to the Town or some other preservation partner. Other landowners may sell their land to the Town at a bargain sale to receive deductions for a charitable contribution on federal income tax. Donations of property may also be considered charitable contributions.

Morris Township can establish a relationship with a nonprofit land trust, such as Morris Land Conservancy, to help reach out to inform property owners of preservation options.

Less Direct Acquisition: Easements

Another effective tool for preserving land is an easement. An easement grants an entity the right to use another's property for a specific purpose. There are many kinds of easements designed for many purposes. Easements most appropriate for land conservation in Morris Township include:

- trail easements: the right to traverse a specific path through a property

- scenic easements: the right to maintain a view and ensure that view is maintained
- conservation easements: purchases the right to a property to preserve the natural landscape of the site
- historic easements: purchases the right to restrict changes to the exterior or interior of a building and its surrounding landscape

The advantages of easements include the lower costs to the buyer to acquire a particular use on a piece of property. Conservation easements generally cost from 70% to 80% of the fair market value of the land. Trail easements may be used appropriately to create corridors along and around water bodies.

Another advantage of easements is that the land remains in private ownership. Morris Township will still collect property taxes from the owner. The amount and type of easement right that is sold will typically lessen the owner's tax liability.

Written into the deed, an easement will be associated with a tract of land despite an ownership change. Public access is not necessarily a condition for an easement.

Easements can provide a conservation solution for the municipality and the private landowner. They represent a flexible tool that can be written to satisfy public uses as well as private landowners' needs.

Bonding

The municipality can issue bonds to borrow money to pay for acquisitions. The funds from an Open Space Trust can be used for the 5% down payment to issue the bonds as well as the debt service over time. General obligation bonds require voter approval and can impair the tax credit of the municipality. The consistent, dedicated revenue from the Open Space Trust make revenue bonds an attractive alternative, but these bonds typically have a higher interest rate than the general obligation bonds.

Installment Purchases

The municipality may work out an arrangement with a landowner that allows an incremental purchase over time. The property owner receives the purchase price over time as well as interest on the unpaid, negotiated balance. Funds from the Open Space Trust can be committed for this payment. This arrangement may result in tax benefits for the seller, and the Town is not obligated to pay the full price of the land in one payment.

Lease-Back Agreement

If the land is not needed for immediate use, the Town can purchase a piece of property and lease it back to the owner or another entity for use. Owners who want to remain on their property can sell a life estate.

Partial reimbursement of the purchase price can be repaid through rental fees, and maintenance costs are reduced. This technique is most useful when the Town identifies an important tract and wants to ensure its availability in the future. The landowner may realize estate tax advantages through these methods.

Donation/Bargain Sale

Donating or selling land to a nonprofit organization or to a municipality may provide tax advantages to the owner. Landowners who own property that has escalated in value may reduce their capital gains liabilities through donating the property or selling it at a bargain sale or less than the appraised value. Estate taxes may also be reduced with proper planning. Conservation easements are effective tools for estate planning. The Town may want to discuss land priorities with a nonprofit land trust. The land trust will contact owners to discuss general tax advantages of donations and bargain sales. This is a cost effective method of obtaining open space.

Long-term Lease

Morris Township may be able to negotiate a long-term lease with a landowner unwilling to transfer complete ownership. This method may be a useful option for trail easements or athletic fields. The Town will have to weigh the cost advantages of long-term rental payments to outright acquisition costs.

Zoning

Open space benefits may be achieved through the use of municipal tools, such as cluster zoning. Morris Township has successfully used this technique to acquire municipal open space. This allows the same density on a tract of land but reduces individual lot sizes. It can be an attractive incentive to developers since they will spend less on construction and infrastructure costs. The remaining land becomes dedicated to open space at no cost to the municipality. The dedicated open space resulting from cluster zoning should be monitored to ensure the open space values are maintained. If these lands are not under conservation easement restrictions, the Township should consider that action. Any open space dedicated as part of a developer's agreement should be placed under a conservation easement. Morris Township may also want to require the establishment of an endowment or trust supplied with funds to be used to maintain the easement.

Protective zoning is a tool used to limit development in environmentally sensitive areas, such as wellhead protection areas, aquifer recharge zones, wetlands, steep slopes, stream corridors, natural and historic sites.

Eminent Domain

The Township has the right to condemn and acquire privately owned property for a public purpose. This technique should be considered only when negotiation options

have been exhausted. The cost of the property is likely to be considerably higher than a negotiated price because of increased legal fees and the uncertain court determination of the land value.

Funding Sources

Morris Township's efforts to accomplish its open space goals will require funding support from a variety of sources. Fortunately, there are opportunities at the county, state, and national levels for funding sources and partners. Morris County is dedicated to the preservation of open space and farmland and maintains an open space trust fund to assist projects, which work to preserve such space. The State of New Jersey also offers funding programs such as Green Acres and The Cross Roads of the American Revolution Project, overseen by the Historic Preservation Commission; both funding sources accept funding applications for projects throughout New Jersey. Open space, farmland, and historic preservation projects, however, are not limited to county and state government funding sources, more exist at the local, state and national level with non-profit and government organizations. Additional funding sources are found below.

Morris County Open Space and Farmland Preservation Trust

Morris County residents currently pay 4.5 cents for every \$100 of equalized assessed property value to a dedicated trust to acquire public land. A 2001 referendum was approved allowing the County to increase the open space tax rate up to 5 cents per \$100. The Trust generates close to \$32 million a year to be used to acquire county watershed and parkland, municipal and nonprofit parkland, and development rights for farmland. The Morris County Open Space and Farmland Preservation Trust Fund is a competitive grant program for municipalities in the County to apply for funding to preserve land. Morris Township is eligible to apply to this Fund for land acquisition grants. The Trust also provides money to preserve farmland through the County Agriculture Development Board as well as watershed land through the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority.

Nonprofit land trusts can also apply for County grants. Partnership with a nonprofit organization on a particular tract may provide access to additional funding from the County.

Morris County Improvement Authority

The Morris County Improvement Authority was established by the freeholders to give towns and school boards an innovative method of funding public projects and saving tax dollars at the same time. Open space acquisition is an eligible use for this type of financing. State law gives improvement authorities more flexibility in financing and issuing bonds. By using the Morris County Improvement Authority to finance such projects, a town or school district could save tax dollars.

Historic Preservation

Funding is available from the State Green Acres program for historic preservation projects. Applicants who match historic preservation and open space goals improve their access to this funding.

The Historic Preservation Commission oversees The Crossroads of the American Revolution Project, which is another State initiative to identify, preserve and document Revolutionary War sites. Morris Township, which has a number of sites of Revolutionary War significance is a strong candidate for funding. The National Park Service is developing this project and can aid Morris Township in identifying other sites of Revolutionary War significance.

The New Jersey Historic Trust is a state nonprofit historic preservation organization created to provide financial support, protection, and assistance in historic preservation projects. They have several programs that can provide various financial resources for Morris Township and its preservation partners to preserve historic resources throughout town. These programs include: Garden State Historic Preservation Trust Fund, a Revolving Loan Fund, New Jersey Legacies, Historic Preservation Bond Program, Emergency Grant and Loan Program, and a Preservation Easement Program. Eligible applicants are entities of county or municipal government and nonprofit organizations that are certified tax-exempt and comply with New Jersey charity registration laws.

Nonprofit Land Conservation Organizations

Morris Land Conservancy and other nonprofit land conservation organizations are eligible for nonprofit grants from the State Green Acres program. Nonprofit grant contributions to a project can be no greater than \$500,000 and require a dollar for dollar match. The land trust associations are good partners for acquiring lands with sensitive natural resources in Morris Township. These organizations also have experienced staff knowledgeable about benefits to a landowner interested in preserving property as well as strategies for open space preservation. Nonprofit land trusts can also "sign on" to Morris Township's Open Space and Recreation Plan registered with Green Acres. This process makes nonprofits eligible for Green Acres' funding to acquire land identified in the Township's Open Space and Recreation Plan.

Transportation Enhancement Act (TEA-21)

The U.S. Department of Transportation has established that funding for trail development and enhancement is an eligible expenditure from the Federal Transportation Trust. The amount of funding for these purposes is substantial, and funds for land acquisition are available. A special category of funding is dedicated to enhancement of National Recreation Trails. An eligible project must show that the trail is part of the community's overall transportation system. Funds can be used for facilities such as

signage, bike racks, surfacing, as well as acquisition of land through easement or fee simple. TEA-21 funding can jumpstart a community's bikeway and walking trail system.

Recreational Trails Program

The Department of Environmental Protection's Division of Parks and Forestry administers the National Recreation Trails Program. This program provides funding for development and maintenance of trails and trail facilities. Trails can be for non-motorized, multi-use, and motorized purposes. Projects are funded on an 80% Federal share, 20% matching share basis. Available funding varies from year to year, but the maximum grant is \$25,000.

Environmental Infrastructure Trust

The New Jersey Environmental Infrastructure Financing Program administered by the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection provides low cost loans to acquire open space that will preserve water quality. This program is a partnership between the New Jersey Environmental Infrastructure Trust and Green Acres. The mission of the Trust is to assist in achieving a cleaner and healthier environment by providing low-cost financing for projects that enhance and protect ground and surface water resources, and ensure the safety of drinking water supplies.

Livable Communities Grant

The Department of Environmental Protection has a Livable Communities Grant program whereby municipalities and counties can apply for money to be used for maintenance and upgrading (but not purchase) of open space, parks, and playgrounds. These grants are up to \$100,000 for each municipality and/or county.

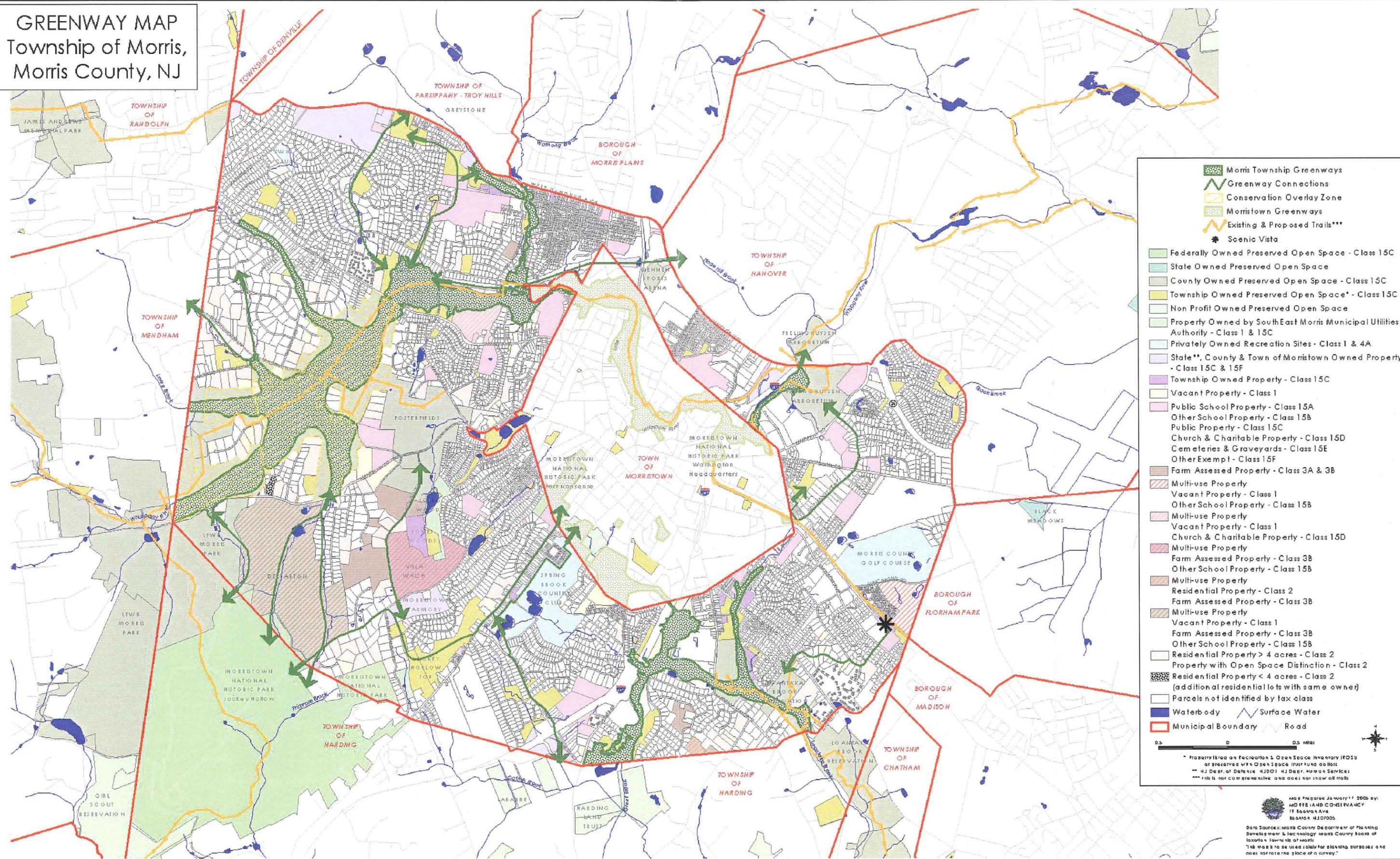
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MAPS

GREENWAY MAP

Township of Morris, Morris County, NJ



Legend

- Morris Township Greenways
- Greenway Connections
- Conservation Overlay Zone
- Morristown Greenways
- Existing & Proposed Trails**
- Scenic Vista

- Federally Owned Preserved Open Space - Class 15C
- State Owned Preserved Open Space
- County Owned Preserved Open Space - Class 15C
- Township Owned Preserved Open Space* - Class 15C
- Non Profit Owned Preserved Open Space
- Property Owned by South East Morris Municipal Utilities Authority - Class 1 & 15C
- Privately Owned Recreation Sites - Class 1 & 4A
- State**, County & Town of Morristown Owned Property - Class 15C & 15F
- Township Owned Property - Class 15C
- Vacant Property - Class 1
- Public School Property - Class 15A
- Other School Property - Class 15B
- Public Property - Class 15C
- Church & Charitable Property - Class 15D
- Cemeteries & Graveyards - Class 15E
- Other Exempt - Class 15F
- Farm Assessed Property - Class 3A & 3B
- Multi-use Property
- Vacant Property - Class 1
- Other School Property - Class 15B
- Multi-use Property
- Vacant Property - Class 1
- Church & Charitable Property - Class 15D
- Multi-use Property
- Farm Assessed Property - Class 3B
- Other School Property - Class 15B
- Multi-use Property
- Residential Property - Class 2
- Farm Assessed Property - Class 3B
- Multi-use Property
- Vacant Property - Class 1
- Farm Assessed Property - Class 3B
- Other School Property - Class 15B
- Residential Property > 4 acres - Class 2
- Property with Open Space Distinction - Class 2
- Residential Property < 4 acres - Class 2 (additional residential lots with same owner)
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- Waterbody
- Surface Water
- Municipal Boundary
- Road

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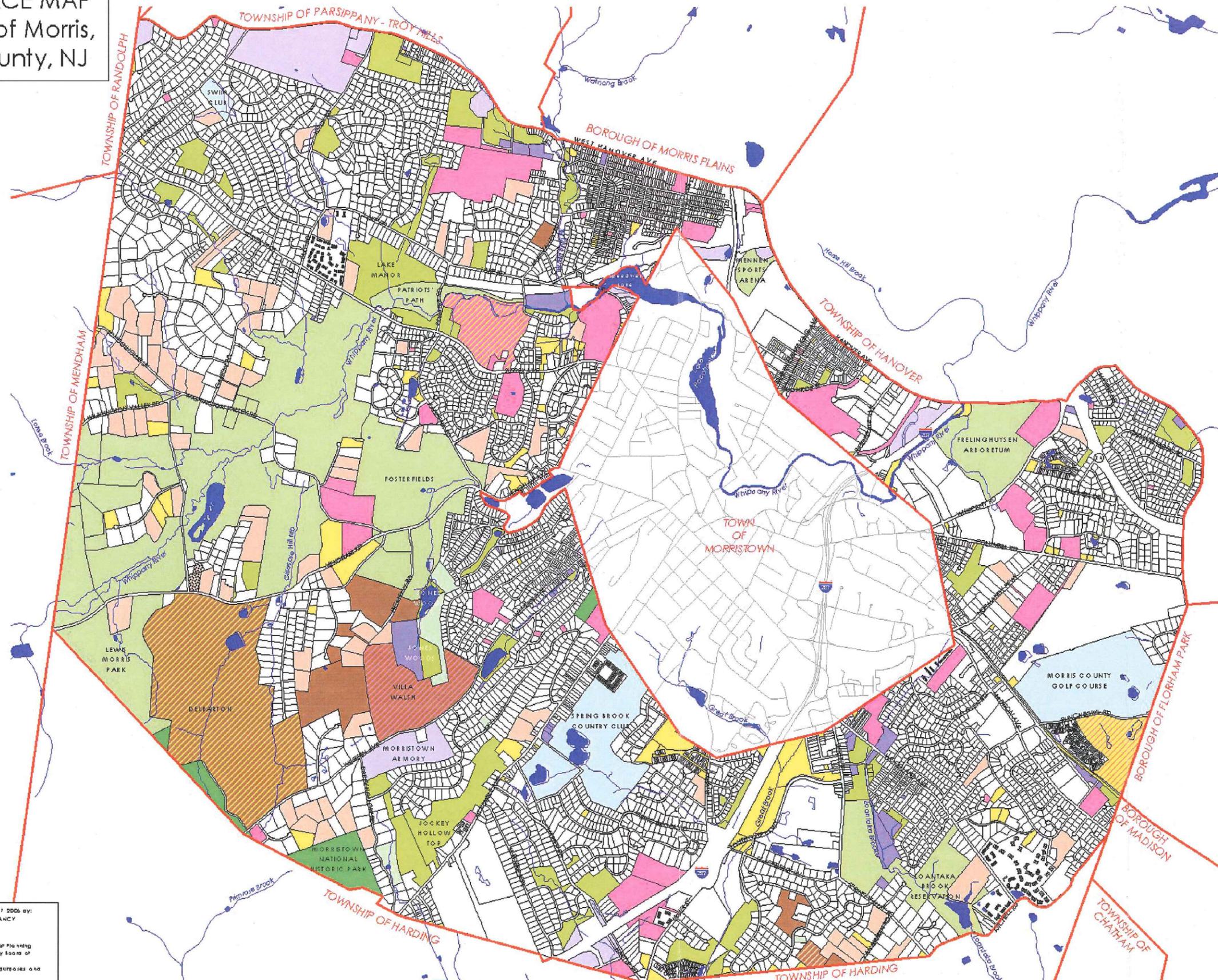
Notes:

- * Federally Owned or Recreation & Open Space Inventory (ROSI) or reserved with Open Space Inventory (OSI) do not
- ** NJ Dept. of Defense, NJDOT, NJ Dept. of Public Safety
- ** This is not comprehensive and does not show all trails

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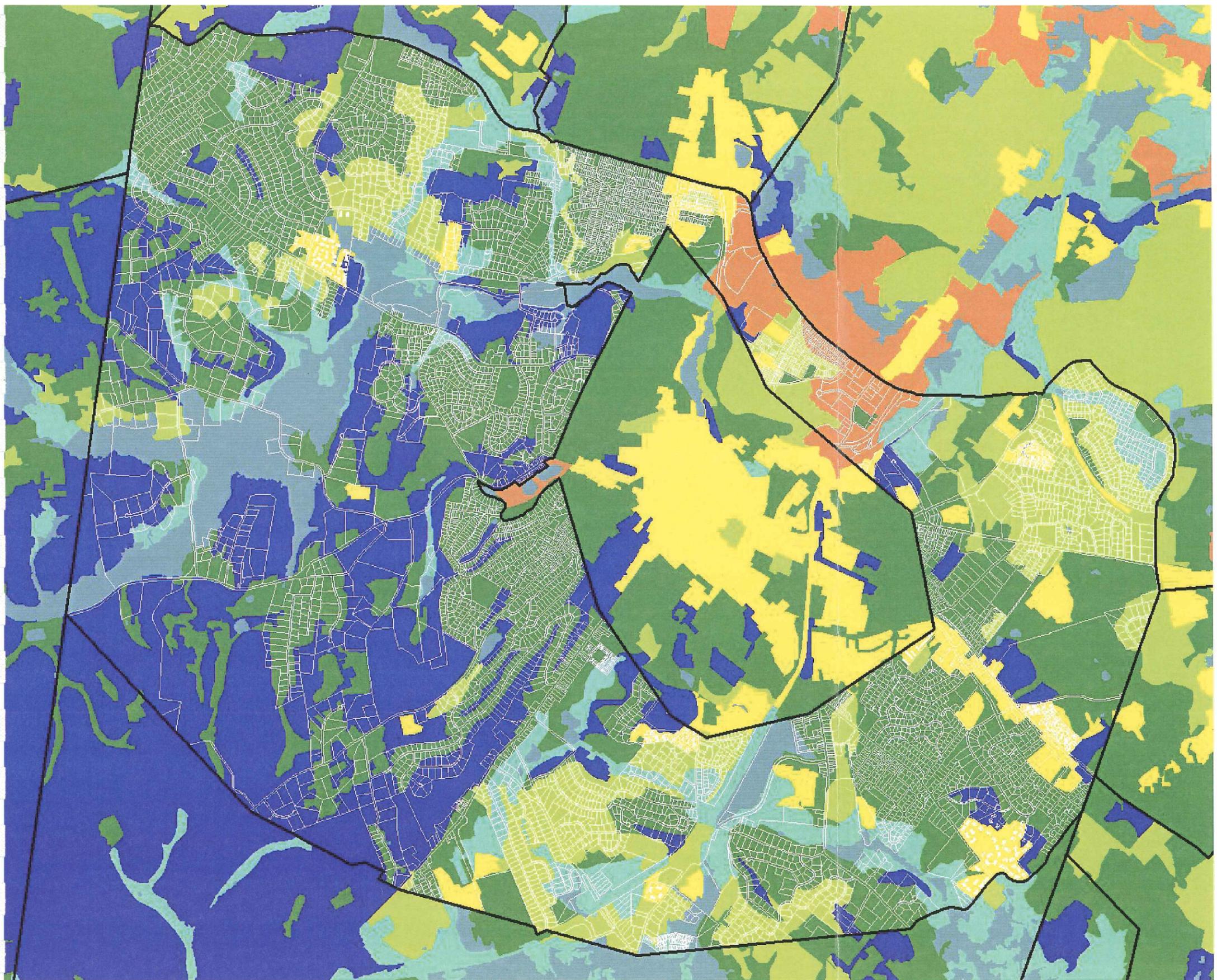
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* Property listed on Recreation & Open Space Inventory (ROSI)
or preserved with Open Space Trust Fund donation
** NJ Dept. of Defense - NJDOT NJ Dept. of Human Services

Groundwater Recharge in Morris Township



Groundwater Recharge

- 19 to 23 in/yr
- 15 to 18 in/yr
- 12 to 14 in/yr
- 1 to 11 in/yr
- 0 in/yr
- Hydric Soils
- Wetlands and Open Water
- No Recharge Calculated

▭ Municipal Boundary
▭ Parcels

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Comments from Public Hearing

Morris Township – Public Hearing
7:00 p.m. – Wednesday, November 12, 2003

Morris Township Municipal Building – Public Meeting Room
50 Woodland Avenue, Morris Township

2003/2004 Update to the 1997 Township of Morris
Open Space and Recreation Plan

Welcome – Mayor Jan Wotowicz

History of the Open Space Program

Councilman Richard A. Watson, Open Space Committee Chairperson

- Township has preserved over 208 acres of land since inception of Trust Fund in 1993
 - Fanok Road – 1994 – 1 acre
 - Jones Woods – 1995 – 10 acres
 - West Hanover Avenue tract – 1998 – 57 acres
 - Bojckuk – 1998 – 46 acres (18 acres in the Township)
 - Jockey Hollow Top VI – 2001 – 58 acres
 - Blue Gate Farm – 2001 – 14 acres
 - Deer Haven – 2002 – 23 acres
 - Spence – 2003 – 17 acres
 - Lupo – 2003 – 8 acres
- Priority areas for preservation in the Township have included:
 - Washington Valley
 - Expanding existing municipal and county park facilities
 - Jockey Hollow
 - Great Swamp watershed
- Goals for preservation:
 - Limit or prevent development, including property that is subdividable
 - Environmental protection
 - Increase recreational opportunities for both passive and active programs
- History of Open Space program:
 - Currently Township Trust Fund is set at 3 cents per \$100 of assessed value and brings in about \$1.1 million per year
 - The Township has partnered with a variety of funding partners including Green Acres, Morris County, Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority (MUA), Morris Land Conservancy and the Great Swamp Watershed Association
- Township has received a grant from the NJ Department of Environmental Protection (NJ DEP) to update the maps and 1997 Open Space and Recreation Plan

- As recommended by NJ Green Acres, the Township Open Space Committee, Mayor and Township Committee are hosting this public hearing to receive input from the public and Township Boards and Committee members regarding:
 - The direction of the open space program
 - What has been accomplished
 - Goals for preserving and protecting land in the Township
 - Review the criteria for acquiring open space
 - Discuss the Township's Open Space Map

Public Comments:

- Ellen Taylor, Environmental Commission: recharge areas should be shown on Open Space Map
- Dr. Lynn Siebert, President, Burnham Park Association: LETTER TO COMMITTEE ATTACHED TO MEETING NOTES – Burnham Park Association would like to see the 20 acre set aside for Jones Woods to be included in the Township's Recreation and Open Space Inventory (ROSI). Hillcrest School received a Dodge ecology grant to study Jones Woods, the Unity Charter School is using Jones Woods for school projects as well. Drew University (Dr. Sarah Webb) is monitoring the forested land via a deer enclosure study, Boy Scout Pack 513 has adopted Jones Woods for clean ups and history projects. Local residents have been involved in an invasive plant species removal program entitled "free a tree" at Jones Woods. Most importantly it is used for recreation and enjoyment. The land was originally set aside as part of a projected COAH (Council on Affordable Housing) obligation, the Township does not currently need COAH units. Jones Woods is also contiguous with other green spaces in the Township.
- Barbara Klingsporn – President of Jones Woods: LETTER ATTACHED TO PUBLIC MEETING NOTES – The 8 acres of the pond should also be included in the ROSI, she feels it has a deed restriction on it. The pond is part of a former reservoir and its shape is that of a "scoop", with the rim of the scoop on Picatinny Road/Dorothy Drive, the "spout" was dammed for the pond itself. Laws since the 1700s have protected water resources. Its topography makes it vulnerable to eutrophication and nonpoint source pollution.
- Stu Sendell – Open Space Committee/Environmental Commission: Open Space doesn't exist in a vacuum, the Committee should look for lands that have significant environmental issues and public use. There should be an affordable housing component to open space, where the ranking of a parcel is raised if it includes affordable housing.
- Joe Cavanelli – President of Morristown Little League (American), Open Space Committee: Open Space should have a public use, part of the recreation component of the Master Plan, active and passive recreation needs should be answered as part of an open space program. We need to look at resources we have now for recreation use, perhaps better use of existing lands or conversion of existing lands will integrate existing parks with new sites to expand opportunities. Feels the Township has enough Little League fields, but need to improve them. Greystone presents great opportunities for the Township and County. Concerned

the Township is not getting back from the County Open Space Trust Fund what the Township has contributed.

- Jim Stranger – Morristown Little League (National): Township has been gracious with the public use of its fields, but baseball needs increased access. Suggests develop lacrosse fields where there are not baseball fields (to eliminate competition for space and potential interference of uses). Feels township maintenance of fields is adequate.
- Paul Woodfred – Recreation Committee, Past President of Lacrosse: There has been a rapid growth in lacrosse, in 4 years the program has expanded from 50 participants to over 175 and there are not enough fields for the players. Four years ago there were two teams, today there are eight. Need to minimize the interaction between lacrosse and baseball for access and safety. The Township needs to determine its future needs for lacrosse and then work to answer those needs. There are currently recreational lacrosse programs from 2nd grade through 8th.
- Rick Hahn – Open Space Committee, Planning Board, Board of Adjustment: Hope Greystone will be developed into active recreational facilities and then Morris could use its open space funds to purchase more lands for passive recreation. There are not enough recreational opportunities for the southwestern portion of the Township. Farmland in the Township should be preserved and permanently protected.
- Arthur Hedge – Board of Morristown Little League: The Master Plan's recreation element should incorporate a demographic study to determine future use and needs for active recreation.
- Don Green – Recreation Advisory Committee and Past President of Morris United Soccer: Township should separate fields for different sports, especially since sports are now year round. Fields are being used constantly with no time to rest. Morris United Soccer put in \$100,000 into the Frelinghuysen Fields for field maintenance, but the fields are not allowed to rest so the investment is lost. The recreation program needs a comprehensive multiyear plan – perhaps an oversized area could be utilized to rotate field space, thus wear patterns could be managed on the property.
- Rick Watson – Township Committee, Open Space: The Open Space Committee is sensitive to expanding active recreational facilities. They have encountered problems from residents not wanting the facilities near their homes and neighborhoods.
- Barbara Klingsporn – Recreation also includes cross county running, skiing and bicycling.
- Lynn Siebert – Patriot's Path should be extended into Jones Woods.
- Joe Cavanellini – The Township should include neighboring towns trails into their open space program (ie Randolph Township).
- Scott Rosenbush – Township Committee: Recreation programs are successful and the Committee thanks Peg, the Recreation Director.
- Kathleen Hyland – Township Committee: Land acquisition is a balancing act, it is important to provide transitional housing. Soccer (and other recreational) fields can also cause distress for neighbors.

- Mayor Jan Wotowicz – Recharge areas and lands of environmental significance are important. The Ten Towns Great Swamp Watershed Management Committee is continuously updating model ordinances and Morris Township is in the process of updating their own ordinances to incorporate these recommendations. Morris Township has its own water company (the Southeast Morris MUA) and the Township needs to be concerned about its water quality and quantity. The Township is fortunate to have SEMMUA servicing the residents.
- Dr. Ted Larson – Chair Environmental Commission, Whippany Watershed Action Committee: The Township owns 14 acres near the Armory, formerly Mountain Reservoir. Proposed this site as a park or environmental center with park benches.

The Burnham Park Association

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November 12, 2003

Open Space Committee
Township of Morris
50 Woodland Ave.
Morris Township, NJ 07960

Re: Open Space Inventory, status of Jones Woods, Block 4101, Lots 3 and 7

Dear Members of the Open Space Committee:

I am writing to you at this time to request that you take definitive action tonight to remove the existing subdivision and "set aside" of 20 acres of Jones Woods (put into place in Nov. 1995) and instead to designate the ENTIRE parcel officially as Open Space.

For your information, I am attaching my letter to the Planning Board dated December 16, 2000 – which outlined the reasons – all of which still apply. I never received a response at that time but I do hope that on this occasion a favorable one will be forthcoming.

To address the only reason which had ever been given for keeping this land "set aside," namely, that future COAH needs might require the building of additional affordable housing, I submit that those needs at present no longer exist and are most unlikely to arise in the future. To support this assertion, I have also attached, for your information, the *Daily Record* article dated August 31, 2003 which specifies that Morris Township has, in the "prior round", *exceeded its COAH requirements for affordable housing units by 255 units* and that it currently has *247 units in excess of requirements!* In the nearly 10 years since the land was "set aside", the likelihood of ever needing this highly sensitive parcel for construction of affordable units has only become more remote. Isn't it time to secure it instead as open space?

The reasons for doing so are truly compelling: there has been a steady and overwhelming groundswell of public support for the preservation of open space, this land is already owned by the Township (and would therefore cost nothing), it has great value as a "living laboratory" providing educational benefits to three schools and to the public, it has no sewers, it is located within already preserved, environmentally sensitive land (with exceptional resource value wetlands and) and lies within a State Planning Area 5.

Truly, it makes eminent good sense to reclassify these remaining 20 acres from current RH-5 multi family housing to open space and to include it officially within the Township's Open Space Inventory. We strongly urge you to do just that, in keeping with your stated objectives as the Morris Township Open Space Committee.

We thank you for your time and consideration on this matter and look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

Dr. Lynn L. Siebert,
President

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December 16, 2000

Mr. Joseph Weber, Chair, and
Members of the Morris Township Planning Board
Township of Morris
50 Woodland Ave.
P.O. Box 7603
Convent Station, NJ 07961-7603

Re. Master Plan Review / Jones Woods

Dear Mr. Weber and Members of the Planning Board;

As we review and consider aspects of the draft reexamination of the Master Plan for 2001, we wanted to commend the Township on its proactive open space initiative since the 1994 Master Plan and for the corresponding shifts in much of the language and tone of the Master Plan draft.

There have been many positive changes in the intervening years and chief among them has been the acquisition/preservation of several substantial properties (the state property on Hanover Ave. and Jockey Hollow Top VI, etc.), active programs to promote conservation of natural resources (in conjunction with Great Swamp's Ten Towns and the Whippany Watershed Committees, etc.), the establishment of the Open Space Inventory (under guidance of the Morris Land Conservancy) and the implementation of new, more stringent steep slope and tree ordinances. Such initiatives have done much to protect our fast dwindling open spaces, historic and sensitive areas and to maintain the quality of life in Morris Township and its surrounding larger community. In November, results on the Open Space Tax question reveal the ongoing and overwhelmingly strong support by Township residents for these initiatives.

Along with Township-initiated changes there have been other changes in the intervening years. On a local and specific level, Jones Woods (Block 4101, Lots 3 and 7), a 38acre parcel off Picatinny Rd. and adjacent to Fosterfields land, has become an invaluable *area* resource for scientific study. Currently, it is being used as an ecological laboratory by students from kindergarten through college – both within and beyond our community's borders.

In 1999, Hillcrest School (K-2) received the prestigious Dodge Foundation "What is Your Ecological Address?" Grant which engages all of the students and faculty in ecological activities designed to be age appropriate and directly related to the N.J. Core Science Standards. Hillcrest School personnel work closely with the Audubon Society and with Morris County's Wildlife Rehabilitator and have been monitoring and exploring natural habitats in Jones Woods. The students are even using the school's digital camera to photograph their nature walks for use on a future educational website.

In a similar vein, the Friends of Jones Woods along with partners in The Burnham Park Association are working closely with forest ecology expert, Dr. Sarah Webb of the Department of Biology at Drew University. Under Dr. Webb's guidance, we've initiated a plant inventory of the woods and have worked with Drew students to construct a deer "exclosure" at a carefully chosen site. The deer exclosure is 20 meters by 20 meters, with 10' high fencing and a gate – designed to keep deer out of the fenced area. Exotic invasive plant species have been removed from half of both the exclosure and an adjacent control area. The exclosure and control area are then monitored regularly by Drew students (and by members of the community) and will continue to be monitored over a 10 year period to assess what factors contribute to deer population, to forest health, to regeneration of the "understory", to maintenance of native plant and animal species, etc., etc.. This is one of three exclosures included in the ongoing experiment, the other two being located at Drew's campus arboretum. The scientific data gathered in Jones Woods could be a significant contribution to broader forest ecological studies in the scientific community.

On another front, Boy Scout Troop 513 has "adopted" Jones Woods as its ongoing community project. The troop conducts regular cleanups of the woods. Along with their parents, these scouts have hauled truckloads' worth of debris and garbage out of the woods, and have learned about the history and natural features of this special preserve.

In addition, the Unity Charter School has also conducted field studies in Jones Woods – incorporating onsite exploration into their ecological/ natural resource preservation curriculum.

Area residents have applied their volunteer efforts and training with the Morris County Park Commission's "Free a Tree" program to the arduous and ongoing task of removing invasive exotic plants from Jones Woods. Hikers, joggers, birdwatchers, etc. all continue to use the woods – as a place of beauty and restoration. All of these efforts and uses enhance the value of Jones Woods.

On a broader level, things have also changed with regard to Jones Woods. The former Mt. Laurel Court Settlement mandating affordable housing is no longer applicable, disappearing when the Township was granted substantive certification by the New Jersey Council on Affordable Housing in 1996. COAH acknowledged that Morris Township not only met but considerably exceeded its quota of 324 affordable housing units and, at last count, was listed as having provided 396 units (quoted in *The Daily Record*, October 30, 2000), a net surplus of 72 units.

Moreover, as the Master Plan draft states on p. 26, "At the County level, new initiatives in resource protection, recreational and open space planning and farmland preservation have occurred since 1994." Efforts on the County, Regional and State levels are directed towards minimizing non point source pollution and looking at the larger picture relating to Watershed planning – stream health, erosion, flooding, health of plant and animal species, wetlands protection, sediment control, wastewater management and the like.

On the State level, the State Development and Redevelopment Plan officially recognizes and identifies parts of the western segment of the Township (Washington Valley) as a Tier 7 /Planning Area 5 Environmentally sensitive area worthy of protection. And, finally,

more stringent state regulations and "orders" regarding wastewater service renders potential sewerage of such land even more difficult.

What has NOT changed are the substantial environmental and historical constraints affecting Jones Woods' possible use as a building site. If anything, those constraints are even more keenly understood and reinforced by intervening studies and observations.

Therefore, in an effort to reconcile existing designations applied to Jones Woods with all of the above changes, as well as with the draft Master Plan's *Open Space Targeting and Acquisition* listing (pages 24 and 25) and its *Goals #1-4* (articulated on pages 34-35), we feel it is appropriate and timely to remove the existing subdivision and "set aside" of the 20 acres of Jones Woods (put in place in Nov. 1995) and instead to designate the *ENTIRE* parcel officially as Open Space. This would have the additional benefit of reducing the risk of higher future COAH allocations which would perhaps target "set aside" areas but definitely exclude dedicated, inventoried open spaces from future allocation calculations. Moreover, the Township would incur *no* additional cost to securing additional "dedicated" open space since it already owns the land. Merely modifying the designation on Point 1 on p.15 to read:

"Jones Woods, Block 4101, Lots 3 and 7, 38 acres has been changed from RH-5 multi family housing to open space"

and including the same parcel in the official Open Space Inventory, would be a win-win situation for all parties concerned.

Thank you for your time and consideration on this matter.

Sincerely,

Dr. Lynn L. Siebert,
President

Cc:

Richard Watson, Mayor
The Morris Township Committee
Fred Rossi, Township Administrator
Morris Township Open Space Committee
Morris Township Environmental Commission
Morris County Park Commission
Washington Valley Association
Jockey Hollow Historic Preservation Association
Whippany River Watershed Association

Housing

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Letts wondered if the figures were erroneous.

"This looks to be a terrible mistake," she said.

In COAH's latest municipal status report, dated Aug. 20, Parsippany was credited with 94 units in excess of its obligation.

But according to tables in the regulatory proposal, Parsippany has a surplus production of 353 affordable units. Even after accounting for a rehab requirement of 72 units, that leaves the township 281 units in the black.

Complex calculation

According to the COAH proposal, only Boonton, Butler, Chatham, Dover, Morris Plains, Morristown, Netcong, Rockaway and Victory Gardens must provide additional affordable housing before 2014. The total of units required is 662, most of them in Morristown (341), Dover (133) and Morris Plains (108).

The numbers are derived from a complex calculation that factors in economic growth, vacant land, rental subsidies and zoning commitments to housing not yet developed. The results startled some municipal officials, and the methodology left them mystified.

Letts, who before the COAH rules were made public last Monday said that she hoped the rules would be clarified, said it appeared that what was created was an "incomprehensible puzzle."

Roxbury Councilwoman Sandy Urgo said that towns would still develop affordable housing, in part because of trust funds, financed by development fees, that can only be spent on affordable housing projects. Those funds will remain even after the new regulations are in place, she said.

The calculations involved in crediting to affordable housing units built before COAH came into existence, in response to the 1975 Mount Laurel court decision that led to COAH's creation, has been a prickly issue.

Parsippany, Letts said, built thousands of affordably priced townhouses before 1985 that were not counted by COAH.

The new COAH regulations appear to address that issue, saying that any surplus units can be credited toward a municipality's future obligations.

Paul Christie, executive of the Coalition for Affordable Housing and the Environment, a critic of the new regulations, said it appeared that towns showing a surplus, like Parsippany and most other Morris County towns, would not have to account for any more affordable housing units.

William Dressel, executive director of the New Jersey League of Municipalities, which represents the state's 566 municipalities, disagreed.

State community development commissioner Susan Bass Levin made it clear that under the new rules a municipality would be required to meet all its previous round obligations, he said.

"They are not getting a pass," Dressel said.

Key issue

He said he saw the new rules as an opportunity for towns to work with COAH to develop affordable housing plans. It is perhaps the key issue, he said.

"The fact is that we are running out of space in New Jersey."

At a glance

The state Council on Affordable Housing has proposed using three criteria for determining municipal affordable housing obligations: a rehabilitation share, meaning the number of homes needing rehabilitation; any remaining prior round obligation, and growth share.

Here's how Morris County towns fare on the rehabilitation and prior round calculations based on activity from 1987 to 1999. A negative number under the prior round obligation means the town has exceeded its affordable housing obligation in the first two rounds of previous COAH requirements. Combined, those factors determine a municipality's current need.

Municipality	Rehab share	Prior round	Current need
Morris County			
Boonton	35	-10	25
Boonton Twp.	0	-13	-13
Butler	19	-12	7
Chatham	14	0	14
Chatham Twp.	10	-43	-33
Chester	5	-14	-9
Chester Twp.	0	-27	-27
Denville	14	-146	-134
Dover	117	16	133
East Hanover	0	-107	-107
Florham Park	9	-167	-158
Hanover	4	-133	-129
Harding	0	-29	-29
Jefferson	0	22	12
Kinnelon	7	-33	-26
Lincoln Park	26	95	-69
Madison	54	76	-22
Mendham	4	28	-24
Mendham Twp.	0	21	-21
Mine Hill	24	-44	-20
Montville	8	-320	-312
Morris Twp.	8	255	247
Morris Plains	0	108	108
Morristown	86	225	341
Mountain Lakes	0	0	0
Mount Arlington	0	6	6
Mount Olive	40	-83	-43
Netcong	7	3	10
Parsippany	72	-353	281
Long Hill	0	103	103
Pequannock	0	159	159
Randolph	21	227	206
Riverdale	0	31	31
Rockaway	10	0	10
Rockaway Twp.	22	-123	-103
Roxbury	23	-404	-381
Victory Gardens	12	2	14
Washington Twp.	2	97	95
Wharton	22	35	13
County total	687	2,861	2,178
Sussex County			
Andover	0	1	1
Andover Twp.	0	29	29
Byram	16	9	7
Hopatcong	2	14	9
Sparta	12	36	23
Stanhope	4	5	1
County total	201	95	106
Warren County			
Hackettstown	50	44	6
County total	223	582	359

Note: The rehabilitation share includes homes that have inadequate plumbing in kitchen facilities or have 1.01 or more persons per room if homes built before 1930. The prior round obligation is a calculation based on the number of homes required by COAH minus the number of homes delivered or credited.

— Source: State Council on Affordable Housing

Roxbury was given a 565-unit credit for housing already provided. Combining that with a 161-unit obligation gives the township a surplus of 404 affordable units.

The Aug. 20 COAH report credited Roxbury with 23 units in excess of its obligation.

Urgo said the township had worked hard to develop affordable housing through senior housing, rehabilitation, buy-down programs and other means. The goal, she said, was to create affordable housing through programs that did not necessarily involve new construction.

Urgo said the Roxbury Township Council on Sept. 9 would introduce an ordinance that calls for setting a builder's-remedy lawsuit that could bring a large, very dense housing development to a site between Route 46 and Route 80. Houses could be built with 150 feet of the interstate highway, she said.

The new COAH calculations

council that the housing authority needs to add affordable housing when COAH has declared it has a surplus.

"I think these new rules will sound the death knell for new affordable housing in New Jersey," Riccio said. "To think that a municipality will take the initiative to provide affordable housing for low-income families is, to say the least, naive."

If towns had taken on that responsibility in the past two decades, he said, there would have been no need for COAH.

Riccio said he did not see how the new COAH rules would help the five Morris County public housing authorities find housing for the hundreds of people on waiting lists, all of which are closed and involve waits of up to five years.

COAH, authorized in 1985 to develop guidelines that towns could follow to develop affordable housing, has twice before set rules, each covering a six-year period. This current round of rules was due in 1999. If approved, they will set affordable housing standards until 2014.

In its two previous rounds, COAH allowed towns to use a combination of methods — including rehabilitation, senior housing, new construction, zoning changes and regional contribution agreements — to create affordable housing.

In the new regulations, the agency accounted for the housing created with those methods and used some new methodology, based on updated research and new state policy, to calculate a remaining obligation for all the state's municipalities.

The new figures show that the first two rounds of COAH obligations produced a net 839-unit surplus of affordable housing in the state.

Show a surplus

The same calculations, however, showed that there is also need to rehabilitate 27,684 units statewide.

Fifteen of New Jersey's 21 counties show a surplus of affordable housing, most of them in North or Central Jersey. They are Bergen, Camden, Cape May, Cumberland, Essex, Hudson, Hunterdon, Mercer, Middlesex, Morris, Passaic, Somerset, Sussex, Union, and Warren.

Atlantic, Burlington, Gloucester, Monmouth, Ocean and Salem showed a lack of affordable housing.

COAH said it included a growth factor in the new regulations in an attempt to match housing growth with job growth. The agency projects the creation of 680,000 jobs statewide in the next decade.

Proportionately fewer of those jobs will be created in the northern regions, the regulations predict, and the region most likely to show job growth is the area that also has a deficit of affordable housing.

Diane Sterner, executive director of the Housing and Community Development Network of New Jersey said the proposed rules "will further dilute New Jersey's ability to meet its constitutional housing obligation and compromise its ability to assist more than a tiny fraction of households who are in desperate need of safe, decent, affordable housing."

COAH has said that nearly 30,000 affordable housing units have been built under its guidelines.

Sterner said that the Community Affairs Department, in its consolidated plan, said that 800,000 units of affordable housing are needed.

Douglas Perichal, spokesman for K. Hovnanian Cos. one of the state's largest builders, said the

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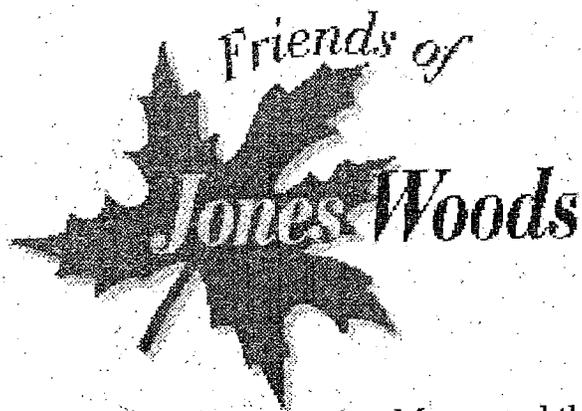
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Hon. Jan Wotowicz, Mayor and the Morris Township Committee
Morris Township Open Space Committee and Environmental Commission
Morris Township Planning Board and Zoning Board of Adjustment
Township of Morris
50 Woodland Avenue
Convent Station, NJ 07960

Re: Open Space Review -- Jones Woods

Dear Mayor Wotowicz, Committee and Board members:

At this time of Open Space Review, the Friends of Jones Woods urge that the twenty unprotected acres of Jones Woods be safeguarded by placing the land into the Township's Open Space Inventory along with the Township's eighteen acres dedicated previously.

As described in the current Master Plan, Morris Township owns 38 acres of Jones Woods for which the zoning was changed from RH-5 to open space. However, twenty of those 38 acres are not in the Open Space Inventory. At the time of purchase, the Township Committee *hoped* the land could remain as open space, but it was kept out of the OS inventory in case of future COAH housing obligations. Morris Township now has a substantial COAH credit.

The land has already been purchased by Morris Township; it merely needs a new designation. Now is a perfect time to make this change.

The resounding success of numerous open space referenda clearly shows the public's desire to minimize sprawl and to protect our environmental assets so that Township residents can be assured of clean air and water and the lovely surroundings that brought us to Morris Township in the first place.

Jones Woods contains well-documented natural resources. There are state designated "exceptional resource value" streams and wetlands that attract rare and endangered birds, animals and plants. Jones Woods has some of the cleanest water in the Township. Historically, the area has been a valuable source of drinking water. The Gillespie tower ram pump system, the Morristown Water Company and the Clyde Potts water system are examples of projects that tapped the water of Jones Woods. Although its reservoir is no longer in service, a careful geological study that we would be pleased to provide has shown that Jones Woods has significant recharge soils and rock substructure for

allowing water to re-enter the aquifers. Laws written centuries ago kept contaminants from livestock and manufacturing out of Jones Woods. We need to continue and expand those efforts to include protection from runoff and non-point pollution.

The same steep slopes, scoop shape, recharge soils and other natural features that make Jones Woods a water collector can also make it a pollution collector. With Villa Walsh, at the south end of the woods, located at the highest point in the area, Jones Woods is a trough that in turn flows into Fosterfields. The denser the development on its rim, the more pollution will flow down into Jones Woods' soils and streams, and out into Fosterfields and aquifers below. Protection of the Township's remaining twenty acres will go a long way toward preserving clean water and other resources.

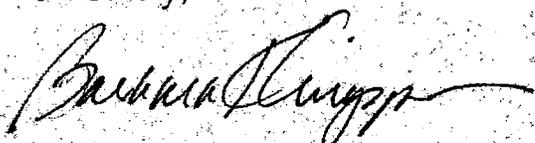
The twenty acres in question are really the heart of Jones Woods, the largest and most unspoiled section, essential to the integrity of natural habitats. This is not simply my opinion. Professional naturalists have documented this fact. Without the twenty acres, Jones Woods is not protected. Put another way, to surrender those twenty acres would be to waste the Township's investment in Jones Woods as open space and seriously risk contamination of aquifers, rare animals and birds, a lovely forest and the contiguous Fosterfields parkland.

As a site for organized environmental education, Jones Woods has increased in value as open space. It has always been frequented by individual nature lovers, hikers and cross-country runners, bikers and skiers. Now it is also used as a natural laboratory by scout groups, student groups from Hillcrest and other schools, including Drew University.

Friends of Jones Woods assisted Hillcrest School to obtain a Dodge Foundation grant and to develop an environmental curriculum. In cooperation with Drew University, the Friends have constructed a 20x20 meter fenced deer enclosure for the study of forest undergrowth. The Jones Woods deer enclosure is part of a ten-year study involving two other enclosures in the Drew campus arboretum.

For all of these reasons, for the sake of future generations, and to honor those in the past who preserved natural resources for our benefit, we urge that all thirty-eight Township-owned acres of Jones Woods (*Block 4101, Lots 3 and 7*) be retained together as dedicated open space and included in the Morris Township Open Space Inventory.

Sincerely,



Barbara C. Klingsporn
President

Open Space Trust Fund Ordinance

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OFFICE OF
James F. O'Keefe
Township Clerk

ORDINANCE #10-92 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MORRIS,
ESTABLISHING AN OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE, PROVIDING FOR ITS
MEMBERSHIP, ITS POWERS AND A SOURCE OF FUNDING FOR THE
ACQUISITION OF OPEN SPACE (RE: OPEN SPACE)

LEGAL NOTICE
TOWNSHIP OF MORRIS
NOTICE
Notice is hereby given that the Township Committee of the Township of Morris, in the County of Morris, and State of New Jersey, at a meeting held on March 25, 1992, did regularly, duly and finally pass the Ordinance as amended entitled as follows:
ORDINANCE NUMBER 10-92
AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MORRIS, ESTABLISHING AN OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE, PROVIDING FOR ITS MEMBERSHIP, ITS POWERS AND A SOURCE OF FUNDING FOR THE ACQUISITION OF OPEN SPACE
The said Ordinance having been duly advertised for a public hearing at a meeting of the Township Committee held on March 25, 1992, and said Ordinance as amended having been duly approved by the Mayor and Township Committee
BY ORDER OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
JAMES F. O'KEEFE, Township Clerk
DATED: March 25, 1992

ORDINANCE NUMBER 10-92
AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MORRIS, ESTABLISHING AN OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE, PROVIDING FOR ITS MEMBERSHIP, ITS POWERS AND A SOURCE OF FUNDING FOR THE ACQUISITION OF OPEN SPACE
WHEREAS, the voters of the Township of Morris approved by an overwhelming majority a referendum which recommended to the Township Committee the creation of an Open Space Committee and the acquisition and preservation of open space within the Township.

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Morris, in the County of Morris, and State of New Jersey, that they being the Governing Body of said Township, as follows:

SECTION ONE: ESTABLISHMENT OF AN OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE.

There is hereby established an Open Space Committee which shall consist of nine (9) members and whose terms and the powers of the Committee are hereinafter set forth.

SECTION TWO: MEMBERSHIP

The Open Space Committee shall be comprised of the following persons:

- (a) Mayor
- (b) Township Administrative Officer
- (c) One (1) member of the Township Committee of the Township of Morris appointed by the Township Committee.
- (d) Three (3) citizens of the Township appointed by the Mayor, with the advice and consent of the Township Committee.
- (e) The Chairperson of the Planning Board of the Township of Morris and the Chairperson of the Board of Adjustment of the Township of Morris.
- (f) A member of the Environmental Commission of the Township of Morris appointed by the Township Committee.

The citizens appointed by the Mayor shall hold no other municipal office, position, or employment in the municipal government.

SECTION THREE: TERMS OF OFFICE.

The Mayor and the member of the Township Committee appointed to the Open Space Committee shall have terms which shall correspond with the terms of their respective elected offices.

(a) The Administrative Officer shall serve as a member of the Open Space Committee as long as he or she is employed by the Township in the capacity of Township Administrative Officer.

(c) One (1) of the citizens of the Township appointed by the Mayor and so designated by the Mayor at the time of appointment shall have a term of three (3) years.

(d) One (1) of the citizens of the Township appointed by the Mayor and so designated by the Mayor at the time of appointment shall have a term of two (2) years.

(e) One (1) of the citizens of the Township appointed by the Mayor and so designated by the Mayor at the time of appointment shall have a term of one (1) year.

(f) The Chairpersons of the Planning Board and Board of Adjustment shall serve for so long as they hold such position.

(g) The member appointed from the Environmental Commission shall have a term of one year.

SECTION FOUR: POWERS AND FUNCTIONS OF THE OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE

(a) The Open Space Committee shall make an initial determination of which parcels of land should be acquired in fee and/or those parcels of land from which the Township should acquire development rights only.

(b) The Open Space Committee shall submit to the Township Committee a prioritized list of properties to be acquired and/or properties from which development rights should be acquired. The Township Committee shall, within 45 days, either approve, disapprove, or modify the list as submitted and state the amount of funds that the Committee shall make available for such acquisition.

INTRODUCED 3/11/92

ADOPTED 3/25/92
(AS AMENDED)

Richard A. Watson, Mayor

James F. O'Keefe, Township Clerk

(c) After approval of the list referred to in Subsections (a) and (b) above, the Township may proceed to acquire by gift, purchase, or by eminent domain proceedings, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 20:3.1 et seq. the parcels as prioritized on the list, within the financial constraints established by the Township Committee.

(d) The Open Space Committee may employ, and/or contract for professional services by legal counsel, appraisers and staff as it may deem necessary subject to budget appropriation and Township Committee passage of professional services resolutions establishing the rates of compensation to be paid.

(e) The Open Space Committee shall hold public meetings, which public meetings shall be held in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act and the Committee shall give appropriate notification of said meetings.

(f) The Mayor shall serve as Chairman of the Open Space Committee and the Open Space Committee shall select from among the citizen members a Vice Chairman to serve as a presiding officer in the absence of the Chairman. The Committee shall also select a Secretary whose function shall be to maintain minutes of the Committee's meeting and records of the proceedings of the Committee.

SECTION FIVE: ORGANIZATION MEETING.

The Open Space Committee shall hold its initial organization meeting shortly after this Ordinance takes effect.

SECTION SIX: OPEN SPACE TRUST FUND.

There is hereby established an account which shall be known and designated as "The Open Space Dedicated Trust Fund" which shall be maintained in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:4-1 and N.J.S.A. 40A:5.1.

SECTION SEVEN: FUNDING OF THE OPEN SPACE TRUST FUND.

The Open Space Trust Fund shall be funded through the deduction to the fund of an amount of \$.01 per \$100.00 of assessed valuation of each annual tax levy commencing with the year 1992. The Fund shall also be permitted to accept donations and testamentary bequests. The funds accumulated within the Trust Fund may be utilized for the acquisition of land or development rights in land or as a downpayment for the issuance of bonds for the same purpose at the discretion of the Township Committee.

SECTION EIGHT: SALE OF PROPERTY.

No property acquired with those funds from the Open Space Trust Fund shall be leased or sold, until the sale or lease of the same has been approved by the voters at a referendum.

SECTION NINE: REVIEW

In the event that no property is acquired under this ordinance for a period of three (3) consecutive years, then the Mayor and Township Committee shall review the activities of the Open Space Committee and issue a report with recommendations and conclusions concerning the Open Space Trust Fund.

SECTION TEN: If any section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance is for any reason held to be unconstitutional or invalid, such decision shall not affect the remaining portions of this Ordinance.

SECTION ELEVEN: This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon publication, after final passage thereof, as provided for by law.

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TOWNSHIP OF MORRIS

Office of
JAMES F. O'KEEFE
TOWNSHIP CLERK

MORRIS COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

ORDINANCE #49-95 - ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTERS 13A OF THE REV
GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MORRIS ENTITLED 'OPEN S.
COMMITTEE'

INTRODUCED 12/9/95
ADOPTED 12/20/95

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the following Ordinance was submitted in writing at a meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Morris, in the County of Morris, and State of New Jersey, held on December 6, 1995, introduced and read by title and passed on first reading and that the said Township Committee will further consider the same for second reading and final passage thereof at a meeting to be held on December 20, 1995, at 8:00 P.M., prevailing time, at the Municipal Building, 50 Woodland Avenue in said Township, at which time and place, a public hearing will be held thereon by the Township Committee and all parties in interest and citizens and all persons shall have an opportunity to be heard concerning said Ordinance.

Dated: December 6, 1995

By Order of the Township Committee

JAMES F. O'KEEFE, Township Clerk

ORDINANCE NO. 49-95

"ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTERS 13A OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MORRIS ENTITLED 'OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE'."

BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Committee of the Township of Morris, in the County of Morris, and State of New Jersey, they being the Governing Body of said Township, as follows:

SECTION ONE: Chapter 13A of the Revised General Ordinances of the Township of Morris are hereby amended with respect to the following Sections.

SECTION TWO: Existing Ordinances 124713A-2. Membership, is hereby deleted and replaced with the following:

124713A-2. Membership.

A. The Open Space Committee shall be comprised of the following persons:

(1) The Mayor.

(2) One (1) member of the Township Committee of the Township of Morris appointed by the Township Committee.

(3) Four (4) citizens of the Township appointed by the Mayor with the advice and consent of the Township Committee.

(4) The Chairperson of the Planning Board of the Township of Morris and the Chairperson of the Board of Adjustment of the Township of Morris.

(5) A member of the Environmental Commission of the Township of Morris appointed by the Township Committee.

B. The citizens appointed by the Mayor shall hold no other municipal office, position or employment in the municipal government.

SECTION THREE: Existing Ordinance 124713A-3. Terms of office, is hereby deleted and replaced with the following:

124713A-3. Terms of office.

A. The Mayor and the member of the Township Committee appointed to the Open Space Committee shall have terms which shall correspond with the terms of their respective elective offices.

B. One (1) of the citizens of the Township appointed by the Mayor and so designated by the Mayor at the time of appointment shall have a term of three (3) years.

C. One (1) of the citizens of the Township appointed by the Mayor and so designated by the Mayor at the time of appointment shall have a term of two (2) years.

D. Two (2) of the citizens of the Township appointed by the Mayor and so designated by the Mayor at the time of appointment shall have a term of one (1) year.

E. The Chairperson of the Planning Board and Board of Adjustment shall serve for so long as they hold such position.

F. The member appointed from the Environmental Commission shall have a term of one (1) year.

SECTION FOUR: All ordinances or portions of ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

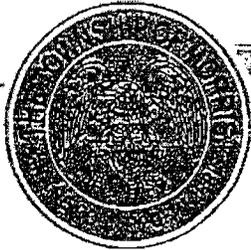
SECTION FIVE: In the event any portion of this ordinance should be deemed invalid or unenforceable such ruling shall not effect the validity of the remaining provisions.

SECTION SIX: This ordinance shall take effect upon first passage and publication thereof as provided by law.

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TOWNSHIP CLERK

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RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MORRIS REQUESTING THE COUNTY CLERK OF THE COUNTY OF MORRIS TO PRINT UPON THE OFFICIAL BALLOTS OF THE MUNICIPALITY THE NON-BINDING PROPOSITION SET FORTH BELOW

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Morris as follows:

1. The Township Committee of the Township of Morris, being the Governing Body thereof, does hereby formally request that the County Clerk of the County of Morris, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:37-1 cause to be printed upon the official ballots at the next General Election the following non-binding proposition:

Shall the Township Committee of the Township of Morris adopt an amendment to the Open Space Funding Ordinance to increase the funding from \$0.02 per \$100.00 of assessed valuation to \$0.03 per \$100.00 of assessed valuation?

Interpretive Statement

If an increase in Open Space Funding is approved so as to increase the funding by \$0.01 per \$100.00 of assessed valuation, the owner of a home assessed at \$300,000 will pay into the Open Space Trust Fund an additional \$30.00 per year.

I, Betty J. Prudden, Deputy Township Clerk of the Township of Morris, Morris County, New Jersey, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of a resolution as adopted by the Governing Body at a duly authorized meeting held April 5, 2000.



Betty J. Prudden
Betty J. Prudden, Deputy Township Clerk
Township of Morris, County of Morris,
State of New Jersey

ORDINANCE NO. 8-00

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 13 OF THE ORDINANCES OF THE
TOWNSHIP OF MORRIS "OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE"**

BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Committee of the Township of Morris, in the County of Morris and the State of New Jersey, they being the governing body of said Township, as follows:

SECTION ONE: Ordinance 13A-7 "Funding of Open Space Trust Fund" is hereby amended to read as follows:

§ 13A-7. Funding of Open Space Trust Fund.

The Open Space Trust Fund shall be funded through the dedication to the fund of an amount of two cents (\$0.02) per one hundred dollars (\$100.) of assessed valuation of each annual tax levy commencing with the year 2000. The fund shall also be permitted to accept donations and testamentary bequests. The funds accumulated within the trust fund may be utilized for the acquisition of land or development rights in land or as a down payment for the issuance of bonds for the same purpose at the discretion of the Township Committee.

SECTION TWO: If any section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance is for any reason held to be unconstitutional or invalid, such decision shall not affect the remaining portions of this Ordinance.

SECTION THREE: All Ordinances of the Township of Morris which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

SECTION FOUR: This Ordinance shall take effect upon final passage and publication thereof, as provided for by law.

Parcel Data Tables

Tax Codes

The following class codes were used to develop Morris Township's *Open Space Map* and *Greenways Map*. These codes can also be found in the parcel data tables. The tax assessor uses the class codes to assess property taxes for parcels in town.

Class 1 = Vacant Property

Class 2 = Residential Property

Class 3 = A: Farmland with structures

Class 3 = B: Farmland with fields

Class 4 = A: Commercial

Class 4 = B: Industrial

Class 5 = Transportation

Class 15 = A: Board of Education

Class 15 = B: Other School properties

Class 15 = C: Government owned - Borough owned, State owned, County owned property

Class 15 = D: Religious institutions

Class 15 = F: County (other vacant land) and nonprofit land trusts

Class 1 - Vacant Property - Township of Morris

Block	Lot	Acreage	Class
103	14	0.165	1
203	2	1.23	1
301	23	1.4	1
301	41	0.231	1
306	21	0.172	1
306	22	0.172	1
306	23	0.344	1
306	24	ADDL LOT TO LT 23	1
306	25	0.344	1
306	26	ADDL LOT TO LT 25	1
306	62	0.115	1
309	3	0.07	1
309	5	0.09	1
309	6	0.07	1
309	7	0.25	1
501	5	1.07	1
501	15	1.25	1
501	24	6.48	1
501	46	0.034	1
501	51	0.12	1
501	52	0.11	1
501	53	0.1	1
501	54	0.09	1
501	55	0.08	1
501	56	0.08	1
501	57	0.07	1
501	58	0.02	1
501	59	0.07	1
501	60	ADDL LOT TO LT 46	1
501	61	ADDL LOT TO LT 46	1
501	62	ADDL LOT TO LT 46	1
501	63	ADDL LOT TO LT 46	1
1201	4	0.183	1
1802	4	0.23	1
2303	3	0.58	1
2307	1	0.51	1
2404	16	0.017	1
2404	17	RANDOLPH BL 215 - 52	1
2404	18	0.77	1
2502	13	0.65	1
2601	41	5.632	1
2807	10	0.408	1
2807	21	5.868	1
2807	21	5.868	1
2809	19	0.37	1
2809	19	0.37	1
3003	5	0.88	1
3103	13	2.89	1
3103	50	1.02	1
3103	51	2.92	1
3103	148	LT 13 INCLUDES LTS 148-153	1
3103	149	LT 13 INCLUDES LTS 148-153	1
3103	150	LT 13 INCLUDES LTS 148-153	1
3103	151	LT 13 INCLUDES LTS 148-153	1

Class 1 - Vacant Property - Township of Morris

3103	152	LT 13 INCLUDES LTS 148-153	1
3103	153	LT 13 INCLUDES LTS 148-153	1
3104	8	0.68	1
3201	8	3.14	1
3202	2.01	13.362	1
3203	5.01	4.226	1
3203	5.02	4.081	1
3203	11	3.15	1
3203	19	4.44	1
3301	2	3	1
3501	2	7.44	1
3601	8	0.89	1
3601	10.01	1.433	1
3601	20	0.18	1
3909	22.01	0.39	1
4201	2	10.76	1
4303	1	1.06	1
4701	21	5.218	1
5001	13	0.39	1
5001	34	ADDL LOT TO LT 13	1
5002	7	0.29	1
5002	11	0.19	1
5401	2	5.552	1
5401	20	ADDL LOT TO LT 2	1
5403	8	0.23	1
5502	8.01	0.23	1
5502	13	0.092	1
5503	22.01	0.066	1
5503	41	0.27	1
6005	6	0.57	1
6201	1	0.33	1
6202	1	4.9	1
6203	7	ADDL LOT TO BL 6202/LT 1	1
6203	23	0.19	1
6301	1	5.06	1
6301	2	11.34	1
6502	6	0.597	1
6705	3.01	5.88	1
6705	7.01	1.98	1
6801	75	4.2	1
6904	25	1.678	1
7001	1	1.76	1
7001	2	48.649	1
7002	1	1.907	1
7003	1	0.001	1
7201	19	0.69	1
7201	20	0.78	1
7302	13	0.349	1
7307	2	0.31	1
7504	8	0.68	1
7504	13	0.32	1
7504	14	0.25	1
7602	3.01	2.079	1
7602	24	0.69	1
7804	1	0.371	1

Class 1 - Vacant Property - Township of Morris

7804	10	2.7	1
7804	12	0.03	1
8003	3	0.019	1
8003	45	0.327	1
8004	3	0.26	1
8104	23	1.87	1
8201	6	1.57	1
8201	7.01	1.92	1
8203	1	1.8	1
8411	1	0.75	1
8411	3	0	1
8411	5	0.75	1
8503	4	0.18	1
8504	3	0.39	1
8602	1	0.443	1
8608	15	1.38	1
8908	13	0.14	1
8908	25	0.281	1
8909	3	0.079	1
9101	1	1.84	1
9202	1	0.22	1
9301	1	0.39	1
9401	4	0.571	1
9401	5	0.554	1
9401	8	0.57	1
9401	9	0.96	1
9401	24	0.58	1
9402	32	0.42	1
9901	1	0.28	1
9901	16	1.15	1
9902	48	1.483	1
10001	11	3.03	1
10001	18	2.66	1
10201	5	0.915	1
10202	1	0.23	1
10300	2	0.22	1
10304	16	0.23	1
10304	30	0.172	1
10309	3	0.17	1
10311	6	0.171	1
10316	2	0.17	1
10316	11	0.173	1
10501	63	0.172	1
10502	20	0.023	1
10502	38	0.14	1
	TOTAL:	242.097	

Class 2 - Residential Property - Township of Morris

Block	Lot	Acreage	Class
206	1	8.453	2
501	3	5.3	2
804	32	4.7	2
1101	18	4.68	2
1201	9	6.64	2
1403	9	5.83	2
2101	10	5.15	2
2301	8	5.4	2
2601	6	4.312	2
2601	8	4.5	2
2703	37	4.056	2
2703	38	5	2
2703	39	4.835	2
2703	41	4.81	2
2801	2	4.43	2
2806	1	2.411	2
3103	27	6.23	2
3103	44	6.076	2
3103	60	9.73	2
3201	5	4.8	2
3201	6	4.4	2
3202	3	4.7	2
3202	6	5.03	2
3203	5	5.036	2
3203	5.03	5.632	2
3203	15	4.08	2
3203	20	6.14	2
3203	21	5	2
3203	22	5	2
3203	23	5.626	2
3301	4	5.74	2
3301	5	4.26	2
3301	6	4.6	2
3302	3	6.141	2
3404	11	6.74	2
3404	12	4.64	2
3501	5	7.3	2
3501	6	4.505	2
3501	7	5.59	2
3501	10	4.985	2
3501	11	14.06	2
3501	12	4.19	2
3501	18	8.13	2
3601	4	4.35	2
3601	5	8.64	2
3601	7	7.625	2
3601	11	5.55	2
3702	2	4.9	2
3703	1	4.16	2
3703	6	13.94	2
3703	7	5.24	2

Class 2 - Residential Property - Township of Morris

4101	2	4.24	2
4303	1	4.56	2
4302	7	4.71	2
4302	8	4.4	2
4302	9	4.381	2
4401	10	6	2
4401	27	5	2
4501	4	10.41	2
4601	2	6.7	2
4701	3	5	2
4701	14	6.2	2
4701	16	5.71	2
4701	18	4	2
4701	19	6.11	2
4701	20	5.069	2
4901	2	5.4	2
5401	6	7.037	2
5401	11	5.6	2
6302	51	4.84	2
7401	3	17.8	2
7602	1	4.9	2
7602	2	5.42	2
7602	4	6.52	2
7602	23	4.85	2
7804	7	4	2
8104	19	4	2
8501	40	7.3	2
9002	13	4.15	2
9002	31	4.23	2
9003	5	4.85	2
9805	4	4.241	2
TOTAL: 470.901			

Class 3 - Farmland - Township of Morris

Block	Lot	Acreage	Class	Property Notes
4101	4	1	3A	3A, 3B
4601	1	9.5	3A	3A, 3B
7501	45	2.6	3A	3A, 3B
7602	25	1.2	3A	3A, 3B
801	10	0.67	3A	3A, 3B
4101	4	7.73	3B	3A, 3B
4601	1	47.5	3B	3A, 3B
7501	45	10	3B	3A, 3B
7602	25	1	3B	3A, 3B
801	10	5.43	3B	3A, 3B
4202	3	28.71	3B	3B
7602	26	4.3	3B	2, 3B
	TOTAL:	119.64		

Class 1 - Southeast Morris Municipal Utility Authority Property - Township of Morris

Block/Lot	Block	Lot	Owner name	Acreage	Class
1002/1	1002	1	SOUTHEAST MCMUA	0.132	1
2404/25	2404	25	SOUTHEAST MCMUA	0.43	1
4004/1	4004	1	SOUTHEAST MCMUA	0.8	1
4101/8	4101	8	SOUTHEAST MCMUA	26.149	1
5004/3	5004	3	SOUTHEAST MCMUA	10.158	1
5301/55	5301	55	SOUTHEAST MCMUA	1.52	1
7504/2	7504	2	SOUTHEAST MCMUA	1.2	1
			TOTAL:	40.389	

Class 1 and 4A - Private Recreation - Township of Morris

Block	Lot	Owner name	Acreage	Class	Property Notes
9101	3	MORRIS COUNTY GOLF CLUB	0.14	1	Private Rec
5801	1	SPRING BROOK COUNTRY CLUB	31.51	1	Private Rec
2006	1	STARDUST REC ASSOC C/O F YANTZ	14	4A	Private Rec
5802	1	SPRING BROOK COUNTRY CLUB	125.67	4A	Private Rec
9101	2	MORRIS CO GOLF CLUB	141.28	4A	Private Rec

TOTAL: 312.6

Class 15 C

Town of Morristown, Morris County, and State Property (administrative and transportation)

Block/Lot	Block	Lot	Owner name	Acreage	Class
4801/1	4801	1	N J DEPT OF DEFENSE	43.4	15C
6602/1	6602	1	N J DEPT OF TRANSPORTATION	8.976	15C
6603/5	6603	5	N J DEPT OF TRANSPORTATION	3.205	15C
6702/1	6702	1	N J DEPT OF TRANSPORTATION	5.741	15C
6703/1	6703	1	N J DEPT OF TRANSPORTATION	1.024	15C
8401/4	8401	4	N J DEPT OF TRANSPORTATION	0.608	15C
999/3	999	3	N J DEPT OF TRANSPORTATION	89.787	15C
901/6	901	6	NJ DEP HUMAN SERV, DIV MGMT & BUDGET	7.8	15C
10501/86	10501	86	NJ DEPT OF TRANSPORTATION	6.9	15C
6606/1	6606	1	NJ DEPT OF TRANSPORTATION	2	15C
7101/3	7101	3	NJ DEPT OF TRANSPORTATION	0.82	15C
999/1	999	1	NJ DEPT OF TRANSPORTATION	28.758	15C
999/4	999	4	NJ DEPT OF TRANSPORTATION	18.084	15C
203/15	203	15	STATE OF N J DEPT OF HUMAN SERVICES	0.44	15F
Total State:				217.543	

10103/2	10103	2	COUNTY OF MORRIS		15C
10103/3	10103	3	COUNTY OF MORRIS	16.526	15C
3904/1	3904	1	COUNTY OF MORRIS % GLENN ROE	0.7	15C
2404/26	2404	26	COUNTY OF MORRIS, NEW JERSEY	6.15	15C
10503/5.01	10503	5.01	COUNTY OF MORRIS/ADM & RECORDS	2.725	15C
1901/2	1901	2	MORRIS COUNTY	1.05	15C
1901/3	1901	3	MORRIS COUNTY	7.36	15C
2401/11	2401	11	MORRIS COUNTY	4.16	15C
4101/6	4101	6	MORRIS COUNTY PARK COMM	0.9	15C
1901/1	1901	1	MORRIS COUNTY-BUILDINGS & GROUNDS	109.2	15C
Total County:				148.771	

310/1	310	1	TOWN OF MORRISTOWN	2.27	15C
502/1	502	1	TOWN OF MORRISTOWN	0.79	15C
502/2	502	2	TOWN OF MORRISTOWN	1.27	15C
503/5	503	5	TOWN OF MORRISTOWN	0.165	15C
Total Morristown:				4.495	

TOTAL: 370.809

Class 15, Class ,1 and Class 3
Educational Property - Township of Morris

Block	Lot	Owner name	Acreage	Class	Property Notes
10501	84	MORRIS SCHOOL DISTRICT	9	15A	Morris School District
3601	1	MORRIS SCHOOL DISTRICT	0.39	15A	Morris School District
4002	58	MORRIS SCHOOL DISTRICT	12.78	15A	Morris School District
501	1	MORRIS SCHOOL DISTRICT	28.71	15A	Morris School District
501	45.01	MORRIS SCHOOL DISTRICT	ADDL TO LT 1	15A	Morris School District
6404	22	MORRIS SCHOOL DISTRICT	15.405	15A	Morris School District
6701	6	MORRIS SCHOOL DISTRICT	17.667	15A	Morris School District
8003	69	MORRIS SCHOOL DISTRICT	11.6	15A	Morris School District
9002	32	MORRIS SCHOOL DISTRICT	15.4	15A	Morris School District
901	3	MORRIS SCHOOL DISTRICT	58.42	15A	Morris School District
4002	26	MORRIS SCHOOL DISTRICT	0.21	15C	Morris School District
			169.582		
8801	1	SISTERS OF CHARITY OF ST ELIZABETH	35	15B	1, 15B
4501	2	ORDER OF ST BENEDICT-ST MARYS ABBEY	125	15B	1, 3B, 15B
			160		
2805	5	ALLEGRO SCHOOL,%L.KAPLAN	0.344	15B	15B
4101	1	ISTITUTO PONTIFICIO DELLE FILIPPINI	74	15B	15B
10001	1	MORRISTOWN BEARD SCHOOL,INC.	19	15B	15B
4501	2.01	ORDER OF ST BENEDICT-ST MARYS ABBEY	125	15B	15B
3004	21	RABBINICAL COLLEGE OF AMERICA	15.068	15B	15B
3201	3	SEEING EYE, INC (THE)	26.46	15B	15B
3201	4	SEEING EYE, INC (THE)	ADDL TO LT 3	15B	15B
3202	2	SEEING EYE, INC (THE)	10	15B	15B
8801	1.01	SRS OF CHARITY OF ST ELIZABETH	35	15B	15B
8104	32	THE PECK SCHOOL	0.62	15B	15B
			305.492		
4101	1	ISTITUTO PONTIFICIO DELLE FILIPPINI	28	3B	3B, 15B
4501	2	ORDER OF ST BENEDICT-ST MARYS ABBEY	203	3B	1, 3B, 15B
			231		
601	18	RABBINICAL COLLEGE OF AMERICA (THE)	25.89		1, 15D
			891.964		
		TOTAL:	891.964		

Class 15 - Religious and Nonprofit Property - Township of Morris

Block	Lot	Owner name	Acreage	Class
9802	8	ASSOC FOR RETARDED CITIZENS MO CTY	0.63	15D
6705	16	CHURCH JESUS CHRIST, LATTR DAY SNTS	ADDL TO LT 3	15D
6705	3	CHURCH JESUS CHRIST, LATTR DAY SNTS	5.722	15D
101	1	CHURCH OF ST VIRGLIUS (THE)	4.38	15D
10503	3	CORNERSTONE EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH	2.24	15D
10503	4	CORNERSTONE EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH	ADDL TO LT 3	15D
10504	3	CORNERSTONE EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH	2.24	15D
10308	20	CRAFTSMAN CLUB #71, INC	0.172	15D
2402	12	DEVELOPMENTAL RESOURCES CORPORATION	0.89	15D
304	12	EL SHADDAI ASSEMBLY OF GOD	0.287	15D
2304	11	FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF MORRISTOWN	0.84	15D
4502	1	GATEWAY CHURCH%M.WHITE	3	15D
6301	3	LOYOLA HOUSE OF RETREATS (THE)	0.26	15D
10309	15	MORRISTOWN CHURCH OF CHRIST	0.436	15D
10309	16	MORRISTOWN CHURCH OF CHRIST	ADDL TO LT 15	15D
10309	17	MORRISTOWN CHURCH OF CHRIST	ADDL TO LT 15	15D
5506	25	MORRISTOWN MEMORIAL HOSPITAL	7.1	15D
5506	30	MORRISTOWN MEMORIAL HOSPITAL	0.43	15D
9401	6	MORRISTOWN UNITARIAN FELLOWSHIP	4.906	15D
309	4	NRTHRN NJ ANNL CNF UNITED METHODIST	0.08	15D
601	16	RABBINICAL COLLEGE OF AMERICA	ADDL TO LOT 18.01	15D
601	18.01	RABBINICAL COLLEGE OF AMERICA	39.84	15D
8301	2	SRS MOST BLESSED VIRGIN MARY MT CRM	7.8	15D
6704	1	ST MARK'S LUTHERAN CHURCH	5.76	15D
8503	1	ST THOMAS MORE ROMAN CATH CHURCH	7.116	15D
2901	6	THE JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER	0.31	15D
307	5	THE RABBINICAL COLLEGE OF AMERICA	0.31	15D
4002	12	UNION BAPTIST CHURCH	0.56	15D
9606	9	UNITED METHODIST CHURCH IN MTWN	0.379	15D
5505	17	UNITED METHODST CHRCH MORRISTOWN	0.52	15D
3204	1	WASHINGTON VALLEY CHAPEL, C.& M.A.	3.6	15D
			99.808	
9301	9	CHURCH ASSMPT BLSD VIRGIN MARY	15.3	15E
10201	2	EVERGREEN CEM ASSOC	1.51	15E
10201	1	EVERGREEN CEMETERY ASSOC	31.649	15E
			48.459	
5101	8	FIRST CHURCH RELIGIOUS SCIENCE	1.54	15F
901	4.01	HOMELESS SOLUTIONS, INC	0.819	15F
9301	20	MORRIS JUNIOR MUSEUM	8.302	15F
306	69	MORRIS MINUTE MEN INC	0.63	15F
901	4	MORRIS SHELTER URBAN RENEWAL,ASSOC.	1.5	15F
			12.791	

TOTAL:

161.058

Class 15 - Railroad Property - Township of Morris

Block	Lot	Owner name	Acreage	Class	Property Notes
10105	87	MORRISTOWN & ERIE RAILWAY, INC	9.8	15C	15C Other

Class 15C and 15F - Township Owned Property

Block	Lot	Owner name	Acreage	Class	Property Notes
201	4	MORRIS TOWNSHIP	1.15	15C	Municipal
207	9.01	MORRIS TOWNSHIP	4	15C	Municipal
207	21	MORRIS TOWNSHIP	3.6	15C	Municipal
248	11	MORRIS TOWNSHIP		15C	Municipal
301	59	MORRIS TOWNSHIP	0.21	15C	Municipal
501	42	MORRIS TOWNSHIP	15.704	15C	Municipal
901	5	MORRIS TOWNSHIP	0.948	15C	Municipal
1001	31	MORRIS TOWNSHIP	0.009	15C	Municipal
1802	5	MORRIS TOWNSHIP	0.172	15C	Municipal
2702	18	MORRIS TOWNSHIP	0.12	15C	Municipal
3402	5	MORRIS TOWNSHIP	0.06	15C	Municipal
3805	35	MORRIS TOWNSHIP	0.74	15C	Municipal
3910	20	MORRIS TOWNSHIP	0.23	15C	Municipal
4101	3	MORRIS TOWNSHIP	20.443	15C	Municipal
4402	1	MORRIS TOWNSHIP	0.05	15C	Municipal
5301	66	MORRIS TOWNSHIP	0.38	15C	Municipal
5404	1	MORRIS TOWNSHIP	1.196	15C	Municipal
5503	26	MORRIS TOWNSHIP	0.502	15C	Municipal
5503	34	MORRIS TOWNSHIP	ADDL TO LT 26	15C	Municipal
5503	35	MORRIS TOWNSHIP	ADDL TO LT 26	15C	Municipal
6904	24	MORRIS TOWNSHIP	0.356	15C	Municipal
7303	14	MORRIS TOWNSHIP	0.49	15C	Municipal
7303	15	MORRIS TOWNSHIP	2.295	15C	Municipal
7304	1	MORRIS TOWNSHIP	2.11	15C	Municipal
7309	14	MORRIS TOWNSHIP	2.09	15C	Municipal
7401	1	MORRIS TOWNSHIP	10.33	15C	Municipal
7701	3	MORRIS TOWNSHIP	0.172	15C	Municipal
7708	1	MORRIS TOWNSHIP	5	15C	Municipal
7708	68.01	MORRIS TOWNSHIP	ADDL TO LT 1	15C	Municipal
7708	69.01	MORRIS TOWNSHIP	ADDL TO LT 1	15C	Municipal
7708	108	MORRIS TOWNSHIP	ADDL TO LT 1	15C	Municipal
7708	109	MORRIS TOWNSHIP	ADDL TO LT 1	15C	Municipal
7708	110	MORRIS TOWNSHIP	ADDL TO LT 1	15C	Municipal
7708	111	MORRIS TOWNSHIP	ADDL TO LT 1	15C	Municipal
7708	112	MORRIS TOWNSHIP	ADDL TO LT 1	15C	Municipal
7708	113	MORRIS TOWNSHIP	ADDL TO LT 1	15C	Municipal
7803	8	MORRIS TOWNSHIP	1.45	15C	Municipal
8003	15	MORRIS TOWNSHIP	5.2	15C	Municipal
8003	70	MORRIS TOWNSHIP	0.13	15C	Municipal
8101	15	MORRIS TOWNSHIP	0.023	15C	Municipal
8104	18	MORRIS TOWNSHIP	0.04	15C	Municipal
8401	2	MORRIS TOWNSHIP	0	15C	Municipal
8401	3.01	MORRIS TOWNSHIP	ADDL TO LT 2	15C	Municipal
8401	3.02	MORRIS TOWNSHIP	ADDL TO LT 2	15C	Municipal
8401	3.03	MORRIS TOWNSHIP	ADDL TO LT 2	15C	Municipal
8503	2	MORRIS TOWNSHIP	0.23	15C	Municipal
9203	1	MORRIS TOWNSHIP	0.09	15C	Municipal
9403	1	MORRIS TOWNSHIP	0.853	15C	Municipal
9701	1	MORRIS TOWNSHIP	1.66	15F	Municipal
9802	31	MORRIS TOWNSHIP	0.08	15C	Municipal
9805	1	MORRIS TOWNSHIP	1.19	15C	Municipal
10305	1.01	MORRIS TOWNSHIP	ADDL TO LT 1	15C	Municipal
		TOTAL:	83.303		

Class 15C and 15F - Township Parkland

Block	Lot	Owner name	Acreage	Class	Property Notes
1803	13	MORRIS TOWNSHIP	1.797	15C	Municipal pres
3601	12.01	MORRIS TOWNSHIP	16.582	15C	Municipal pres
3703	2	MORRIS TOWNSHIP	1.037	15C	Municipal pres
3703	5	MORRIS TOWNSHIP	6.8	15C	Municipal pres
5004	9	MORRIS TOWNSHIP	23.004	15C	Municipal pres
9701	1.01	MORRIS TOWNSHIP	13.98	15C	Municipal pres
		Total Preserved:	63.2		
203	14	MORRIS TOWNSHIP	1.653	15C	ROSI
204	59	MORRIS TOWNSHIP	8	15C	ROSI
204	64	MORRIS TOWNSHIP	0.26	15C	ROSI
207	21r	MORRIS TOWNSHIP	3.9	15C	ROSI
501	41	MORRIS TOWNSHIP	5.15	15C	ROSI
601	19	MORRIS TOWNSHIP	6.645	15C	ROSI
804	31	MORRIS TOWNSHIP	6.74	15C	ROSI
901	1	MORRIS TOWNSHIP	11.42	15C	ROSI
901	8	MORRIS TOWNSHIP	15.7	15F	ROSI
1008	1	MORRIS TOWNSHIP	3.347	15C	ROSI
1201	1	MORRIS TOWNSHIP	8.83	15C	ROSI
1201	8	MORRIS TOWNSHIP	53.413	15C	ROSI
1601	1	MORRIS TOWNSHIP	10.27	15C	ROSI
1704	10	MORRIS TOWNSHIP	9.41	15C	ROSI
1803	13r	MORRIS TOWNSHIP	25.09	15C	ROSI
1806	1	MORRIS TOWNSHIP	1.141	15C	ROSI
2202	23	MORRIS TOWNSHIP	3.464	15C	ROSI
2203	1	MORRIS TOWNSHIP	13.011	15C	ROSI
2506	11	MORRIS TOWNSHIP	7.84	15C	ROSI
2601	20	MORRIS TOWNSHIP	3.03	15C	ROSI
2601	49	MORRIS TOWNSHIP	2.841	15C	ROSI
2907	4	MORRIS TOWNSHIP	1.84	15C	ROSI
3003	17	MORRIS TOWNSHIP	0.54	15C	ROSI
3004	2	MORRIS TOWNSHIP	0.76	15C	ROSI
3804	1	MORRIS TOWNSHIP	6	15C	ROSI
4101	3.01	MORRIS TOWNSHIP	10.006	15C	ROSI
4101	7	MORRIS TOWNSHIP	7.379	15C	ROSI
4801	30	MORRIS TOWNSHIP	6.35	15C	ROSI
4807	15	MORRIS TOWNSHIP	2.94	15C	ROSI
5101	1	MORRIS TOWNSHIP	58.21	15C	ROSI
5301	14	MORRIS TOWNSHIP	13.493	15C	ROSI
5503	26r	MORRIS TOWNSHIP	0.94	15C	ROSI
6503	1	MORRIS TOWNSHIP	13.22	15C	ROSI
6505	11	MORRIS TOWNSHIP	1.25	15C	ROSI
6603	6	MORRIS TOWNSHIP	7.11	15C	ROSI
6605	7	MORRIS TOWNSHIP	9.144	15C	ROSI
6903	12	MORRIS TOWNSHIP	1.307	15C	ROSI
6904	9	MORRIS TOWNSHIP	5.677	15C	ROSI
7201	1	MORRIS TOWNSHIP	12.76	15C	ROSI
7201	8	MORRIS TOWNSHIP	18.632	15C	ROSI
7303	15r	MORRIS TOWNSHIP	5.84	15C	ROSI
7304	2	MORRIS TOWNSHIP	2.41	15C	ROSI
7304	18	MORRIS TOWNSHIP	0.344	15C	ROSI

Class 15C and 15F - Township Parkland

7304	19	MORRIS TOWNSHIP	0.344	15C	ROSI
7304	20	MORRIS TOWNSHIP	0.345	15C	ROSI
7309	14r	MORRIS TOWNSHIP	8.16	15C	ROSI
7708	1	MORRIS TOWNSHIP	3.9	15C	ROSI
8503	2r	MORRIS TOWNSHIP	2.8	15C	ROSI
8908	9	MORRIS TOWNSHIP	12.78	15C	ROSI
9604	1	MORRIS TOWNSHIP	3.8	15C	ROSI
9801	1	MORRIS TOWNSHIP	3.8	15C	ROSI
9805	15	MORRIS TOWNSHIP	1.15	15C	ROSI
10304	17	MORRIS TOWNSHIP	2.27	15C	ROSI
10305	1	MORRIS TOWNSHIP	2.14	15C	ROSI
Total ROSI:			428.796		

Total Parkland: 491.996

Class 15C - Morris County Parkland and Washington Valley - Township of Morris

Block	Lot	Owner name	Acreage	Class	Property Notes
8505	2	COUNTY OF MORRIS	0.59	15C	County Parkland
10401	1	MORRIS COUNTY	23.495	15C	County Parkland
1201	7	MORRIS COUNTY PARK COMM	26.19	15C	County Parkland
3103	58	MORRIS COUNTY PARK COMM	4.64	15C	County Parkland
3201	2	MORRIS COUNTY PARK COMM	128.79	15C	County Parkland
3203	16	MORRIS COUNTY PARK COMM	22.67	15C	County Parkland
4101	5	MORRIS COUNTY PARK COMM	42.48	15C	County Parkland
4201	1	MORRIS COUNTY PARK COMM	0.88	15C	County Parkland
4202	1	MORRIS COUNTY PARK COMM	8.44	15C	County Parkland
4202	2	MORRIS COUNTY PARK COMM	23.224	15C	County Parkland
4501	3	MORRIS COUNTY PARK COMM	100	15C	County Parkland
702	3	MORRIS COUNTY PARK COMM	7.47	15C	County Parkland
8411	2	MORRIS COUNTY PARK COMM	1.71	15C	County Parkland
8608	14	MORRIS COUNTY PARK COMM	ADDL TO LT 16	15C	County Parkland
8608	16	MORRIS COUNTY PARK COMM	1.74	15C	County Parkland
10001	2	MORRIS COUNTY PARK COMMISSION	92.604	15C	County Parkland
3203	10	MORRIS COUNTY PARK COMMISSION	11.33	15C	County Parkland
3203	9	MORRIS COUNTY PARK COMMISSION	5.97	15C	County Parkland
7401	2	MORRIS COUNTY%PARK COMMISSION	133.6	15C	County Parkland
			635.823		

3203	3	COUNTY OF MORRIS	53.68	15C	County WashingtonValley
3201	14	COUNTY OF MORRIS/ADM & RECORDS	3	15C	County WashingtonValley
3201	15	COUNTY OF MORRIS/ADM & RECORDS	256.52	15C	County WashingtonValley
3202	4	COUNTY OF MORRIS/ADM & RECORDS	274.25	15C	County WashingtonValley
3601	2	COUNTY OF MORRIS/ADM & RECORDS	1.74	15C	County WashingtonValley
3201	13	COUNTY OF MORRIS/ADM&RECORDS	3	15C	County WashingtonValley
3202	9	COUNTY OF MORRIS/ADM&RECORDS	3.06	15C	County WashingtonValley
3203	17	COUNTY OF MORRIS/ADM&RECORDS	60.93	15C	County WashingtonValley
3203	3.01	COUNTY OF MORRIS/ADM&RECORDS	83.9	15C	County WashingtonValley
3203	18	COUNTY OF MORRIS-ADM & RECORDS	18	15C	County WashingtonValley
3201	9	MORRIS COUNTY	0.27	15C	County WashingtonValley
3202	1	MORRIS COUNTY PARK COMM	0.89	15C	County WashingtonValley
			759.24		

TOTAL:

1395.063

Class 15C - Federal Parkland - Township of Morris

Block	Lot	Owner name	Acreage	Class	Property Notes
4501	1	MORRISTOWN NATL HISTORIC PARK	20.38	15C	Federal Parkland
4502	2	MORRISTOWN NATL HISTORIC PARK	0.5	15C	Federal Parkland
4901	1	MORRISTOWN NATL HISTORIC PARK	46.3	15C	Federal Parkland
4901	30.01	MORRISTOWN NATL HISTORIC PARK	ADDL TO LT 1	15C	Federal Parkland
4901	30.02	MORRISTOWN NATL HISTORIC PARK	ADDL TO LT 1	15C	Federal Parkland
5506	24	MORRISTOWN NATL HISTORIC PARK	6.5	15C	Federal Parkland
TOTAL:			73.68		

Recreation and Open Space Inventory

EXHIBIT 1 to DECLARATION
RECREATION AND OPEN SPACE INVENTORY

A Local Unit which receives a loan or grant from the State of New Jersey, Office of Green Acres shall not dispose of, or divert to a use for other than recreation and conservation purposes, any lands (1) acquired or developed with Green Acres or Federal Land and Water Conservation Fund assistance or (2) held by the Local Unit for recreation and conservation purposes at the "time of receipt of Green Acres funds" (the restricted lands) N.J.S.A. 13:8A-47. The primary purposes of this recreation and open space inventory (ROSI) are to document all restricted lands and to provide notice of the restrictions to title searchers.

Instructions

All restricted lands must be described on the completed ROSI by their block and lot identification numbers as shown on the current, official tax map and specify whether or not each parcel is funded or unfunded parkland. The Local Unit shall submit a tax map current as of the date of Green Acres application showing each parcel of parkland listed on the ROSI, with the approximate boundaries of each such parcel clearly marked in colored ink. Staff knowledgeable of the Local Unit's land use regulations and the uses of its land holdings must complete this ROSI. If only a portion of a current tax lot is to be restricted, the phrase *part of* or *portion of* shall be used on the ROSI. Deletion or omission of lands listed on previously submitted ROSI's is prohibited without prior written approval of the Office of Green Acres (See N.J.A.C. 7:36-20.3).

The completed ROSI must be duly executed and certified by the Local Unit's Chief Executive Officer and planning board chairperson (or equivalent). The page number and the total number of pages in the completed ROSI must be entered at the top right corner of each page.

All pages, including this Page 1 and the following Page 2, of the ROSI must be submitted.

Notes

Lands held by school boards, parking authorities, housing authorities, and similar public agencies without primary recreation or conservation responsibilities should not be inventoried unless they are also held for recreation and conservation purposes by the Local Unit.

If lands held by the Local Unit for recreation and conservation purposes are omitted from this ROSI by mistake, inadvertence, or otherwise, such lands shall be subject to the same terms and conditions, covenants, and restrictions as they would be if they were included. This ROSI, as completed and duly executed, shall be incorporated into, and be a part of, both (1) the Green Acres Project Agreement and (2) the Declaration of Encumbrance.

Recommendations

The Local Unit's planning board, and other boards or commissions, are encouraged to participate in the preparation and review of this ROSI. When preparing the ROSI, the listed parcels of parkland should be confirmed by reference to the tax maps that are required to be submitted as part of the Green Acres application (See N.J.A.C. 7:36-6.4(a)3ii or 12.4(a)4ii).

The Local Unit's governing body and planning board should designate, with appropriate descriptive labels, all lands listed on this ROSI in any revision or update of the following master plan elements: recreation plan, conservation plan, and land use plan.

The Local Unit's governing body should officially and permanently dedicate all lands held for recreation and conservation purposes. However, failure to do so shall have no effect on the validity of the Declaration.

EXHIBIT 1 to DECLARATION
RECREATION AND OPEN SPACE INVENTORY

Definitions

For the purposes of this ROSI, the following definitions shall apply whenever the quoted words, or a form of the word are used:

“Declaration” means the recordable, written instrument executed by the Local Unit which declares that all of the Local Unit’s funded and unfunded parklands are subject to Green Acres restrictions.

“Development” means any improvement or physical alteration designed to expand or enhance the use of parkland for recreation and conservation purposes.

“Funded parkland” means parkland that a Local Unit has acquired or that a Local Unit has developed with Green Acres funding.

“Held” means owned, leased, or otherwise controlled (by the Local Unit for recreation and conservation purposes).

“Lands” means real property, including improvements, rights-of-way, riparian and other rights, easements, privileges, and any other rights or interests in, relating to, or connected with real property.

“Local Unit” means a municipality or county, or other local political subdivision of this State, or any agency thereof whose primary purpose is to acquire, administer, protect, develop, and maintain lands for recreation and conservation purposes.

“Parkland” means land acquired, developed, and/or used for recreation and conservation purposes.

“Recreation and conservation purposes” means the use of lands for parks, natural areas, forests, camping, fishing, reservoirs, water reserves, wildlife preserves, hunting, boating, winter sports and similar uses for either public outdoor recreation or conservation of natural resources, or both, pursuant to the Green Acres Bond Acts. This term also includes the use of historic areas pursuant to P.L. 1974, c.102; P.L. 1978, c.118; P.L. 1983, c.354; P.L. 1987, c.265; P.L. 1989, c.183; P.L. 1992, c.88; and P.L. 1995, c.204; and the use of historic buildings and structures pursuant to P.L. 1992, c.88 and P.L. 1995, c.204; and the use of ecological and biological study areas pursuant to P.L. 1989, c.183; P.L. 1992, c.88; and P.L. 1995, c.204.

“ROSI” mean the listing of all parcels of land held by a Local Unit for recreation and conservation purposes at the time of receipt of Green Acres funds, including a description sufficient to identify each such parcel.

“Time of receipt of Green Acres funds” means at all times beginning on the date of the letter from the Department under N.J.A.C. 7:36-6.7 or 12.5 notifying the Local Unit of the amount of the Green Acres funding award and ending on the date of receipt of the first transmittal of Green Acres funds.

“Unfunded parkland” means parkland, other than funded parkland, that is held by the Local Unit for recreation and conservation purposes at the time of receipt of Green Acres funds.

Legislative References

N.J.S.A. 13:8A-1 et seq.; N.J.S.A. 13:8A-19 et seq.; N.J.S.A. 8:A-35 et seq. (as amended and supplemented); N.J.A.C. 7:36-1 et seq.; 16 U.S.C. 460 s.1 et seq.

**EXHIBIT 1 to DECLARATION
RECREATION AND OPEN SPACE INVENTORY**

Local Unit: Township of Morris

County: Morris

NOTE: All lands held for recreation and conservation purposes (1) must be described by their block and lot identification numbers as shown on the current, official tax map and (2) keyed to a current, legible, official map of the Local Unit and current tax map of Local Unit. The official map used for this ROSI is named Morris Township Recreation & Open Space Inventory Map and is dated August 15, 2001.

Developed and Partially Developed Lands Held for Recreation and Conservation Purposes
(*If necessary, use the first page following & after Page 4 for additional developed and partially developed lands)

<u>Key</u>	<u>Municipal Location</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Block</u>	<u>Lot</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Funded/Unfunded</u>
1.	Morris	Kiwanis Field	203	14	1.65	Unfunded
			204	59	8.00	
			204	64	<u>0.26</u>	
				SUBTOTAL	9.91	
2.	Morris	Veteran's Field	207	<i>part of</i> - 21	3.90	Unfunded
3.	Morris	Streeter Park	601	19	6.65	Unfunded
4.	Morris	La Rue Field	804	31	6.74	Unfunded
5.	Morris	Cornine Field	1201	1	8.83	Unfunded
6.	Morris	Ketch-Detention Basin	1806	1	1.14	Unfunded
7.	Morris	Butterworth Field	2203	1	13.01	Unfunded
8.	Morris	Children's Park	2907	4	1.84	Unfunded
9.	Morris	Sussex-Detention Basin	3003	17	0.54	Unfunded
10.	Morris	Deborah-Detention Basin	3004	2	0.76	Unfunded
11.	Morris	Elmer Saunders Park	4801	30	6.35	Unfunded
			4807	15	<u>2.90</u>	Unfunded
				SUBTOTAL	9.25	
12.	Morris	Western Ave.	5301	14	13.50	Unfunded

Subtotal of Acres on this page..... 76.07

Total Acres of developed and partially developed lands from all pages of this ROSI... 128.02

**EXHIBIT I to DECLARATION
RECREATION AND OPEN SPACE INVENTORY**

Local Unit: Township of Morris

County: Morris

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Wholly Undeveloped Lands Held for Recreation and Conservation Purposes

(*If necessary, use the second page following & after Page 4 for additional wholly undeveloped lands)

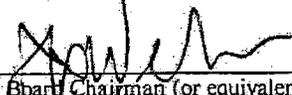
<u>Key</u>	<u>Municipal Location</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Block</u>	<u>Lot</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Funded/Unfunded</u>
A.	Morris	Richlyn Court	501	41	5.15	Unfunded
B.	Morris	School House Woods	901	<i>part of - 1</i>	11.42	Unfunded
C.	Morris	School House Woods	901	8	15.70	Unfunded
D.	Morris	Lake Road	1008	1	3.35	Unfunded
E.	Morris	Lake Manor	1201	8	53.41	Unfunded
F.	Morris	Mark Twain Trail	1601	1	10.27	Unfunded
G.	Morris	Tall Timbers	1704	10	9.41	Unfunded
H.	Morris	Morris Meadows	1803	<i>part of - 13</i>	25.09	Unfunded
I.	Morris	Butterworth Field	2202	23	3.46	Unfunded
J.	Morris	Bradford Pond	2506	11	7.84	Unfunded
K.	Morris	Baer Court	2601	20	3.03	Unfunded

Subtotal of Acres on this page..... **148.13**

Total Acres of wholly undeveloped lands from all pages of this ROSI..... **300.77**

CERTIFICATION: I HEREBY CERTIFY that this Exhibit I to Declaration, comprising 6 total pages, is a complete and accurate listing of all lands held by the Local Unit, as of this 15th day of August, 2001, for recreation and conservation purposes during the time of receipt of Green Acres funding. This ROSI is being submitted to Green Acres as part of the project entitled Morris Township Open Space Acquisition.


 Chief Executive Officer of Local Unit
 Date: 8/15/01


 Planning Board Chairman (or equivalent)
 Date: 8/15/01

This Certification is to be signed only on this page, Page 4, of EXHIBIT I to DECLARATION.

**EXHIBIT 1 to DECLARATION
RECREATION AND OPEN SPACE INVENTORY
(Continued)**

**Developed and Partially Developed Lands Held for Recreation and Conservation Purposes
(*Numerical Key)**

<u>*Key</u>	<u>Municipal Location</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Block</u>	<u>Lot</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Funded/Unfunded</u>
13.	Morris	Edward Hayward Park	5503	<i>part of - 26</i>	0.94	Unfunded
14.	Morris	Donald Delpho Park	6503	1	13.22	Funded*
15.	Morris	Ginty Field	7303	<i>part of - 15</i>	5.84	Unfunded
16.	Morris	Ginty Pool/Recreation Area	7309	<i>part of - 14</i>	8.16	Unfunded
17.	Morris	Blekicki Field	8503	<i>part of - 2</i>	2.80	Unfunded
18.	Morris	Frelinghuysen Park	8908	9	12.78	Unfunded
19.	Morris	Harlan Green Park	9604	1	3.80	Unfunded
20.	Morris	Beatrice Tucker Park	10304	17	2.27	Unfunded
21.	Morris	Collinsville Park	10305	1	2.14	Unfunded

*8 acres of Donald Delpho Park were originally purchased in 1963 through New Jersey Green Acres, these 8 acres have since been incorporated as part of this Township Park of Block 6503/Lot 1.

Subtotal of Acres on this page..... 51.95

**EXHIBIT 1 to DECLARATION
RECREATION AND OPEN SPACE INVENTORY**

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**Wholly Undeveloped Lands Held for Recreation and Conservation Purposes
(*Alphabetical Key)**

<u>*Key</u>	<u>Municipal Location</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Block</u>	<u>Lot</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Funded/Unfunded</u>
L.	Morris	Sussex Woods	2601	49	2.84	Unfunded
M.	Morris	Burnham	3804	1	6.00	Unfunded
N.	Morris	Jones Woods	4101	3.01	10.00	Unfunded
			4101	7	<u>7.40</u>	Unfunded
				SUBTOTAL	17.40	
O.	Morris	Jockey Hollow Top	5101	1	58.21	Unfunded
P.	Morris	Norwood Ct.(Harter Rd.)	6505	11	1.25	Unfunded
Q.	Morris	Ironwood Rd.	6603	6	7.15	Unfunded
R.	Morris	Norwood Ct.	6605	7	9.14	Unfunded
S.	Morris	Applewood Road	6904	9	5.67	Unfunded
			6903	12	<u>1.31</u>	Unfunded
				SUBTOTAL	6.98	
T.	Morris	Laura Lane	7201	1	12.76	Unfunded
U.	Morris	Rolling Hill-Blackberry	7201	8	18.63	Unfunded
V.	Morris	Fanok Road	7304	2	2.41	Unfunded
W.	Morris	Fanok Rd	7304	18	0.34	Unfunded
				19	0.34	Unfunded
				20	<u>0.34</u>	Unfunded
				SUBTOTAL	1.02	
X.	Morris	Fanok Road West	7708	<i>part of</i> - 1	3.90	Unfunded
Y.	Morris	Terry Drive	9801	1	3.80	Unfunded
Z.	Morris	Sylvan Way-open space	9805	15	1.15	Unfunded

Subtotal of Acres on this page..... 152.64

Total of all lands for park and recreation areas..... 428.79