

PUBLIC NOTICE REGARDING POSSIBLE PURCHASE OF PROPERTY UTILIZING THE GLOUCESTER COUNTY OPEN SPACE TRUST FUND

Through a County Public Question in November 1993, the voters of Gloucester County approved the establishment of an Open Space Trust Fund to be used for the preservation of open space and farmland. The Board of County Commissioners of the County of Gloucester, adopted the Open Space Preservation Trust Fund Tax in April 1997. In part, NJSA 40:12-15.3b requires that a county shall not expend more than \$100,000.00 for the acquisition of open space unless the governing body of the county first conducts a public hearing.

The County is contemplating the acquisition of the following lands with the use of these funds, for conservation purposes that are consistent with the use of County's Open Space Preservation Trust Fund.

- Owner: Gail Stadtler
- Municipality: Township of Monroe, Block 12701, Part of Lot 19
- Township of Franklin, Block 104, Part of Lot 42
- Total Purchase Costs: \$1,200,000.00 plus the cost of appraisal, legal, environmental engineering and survey work (estimated at \$60,000.00).

The Stadtler property is approximately 36 acres in size and is intended to be used by Gloucester County for conservation purposes. The property is adjacent to the Gloucester County Veterans Cemetery and by purchasing the subject property it will create a buffer for the cemetery. The County is eligible to receive fifty percent (50%) of the acquisition cost of the property in matching funds from the NJ Green Acres program.

A public hearing as required by law has been scheduled for **April 16, 2025** to be held at 6:00 PM in the Ceremonial Courtroom, Old County Courthouse, 1 North Broad Street and Delaware Street, Woodbury, NJ. Copies of this notice have been provided to be posted in the offices of the Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners, the County Clerk, and the Clerk of the Township of Monroe and the Clerk of the Township of Franklin. The public is invited to submit written comments or requests for additional information on or before **April 14, 2025**. Any such written comments or requests for additional information should be directed to Eric Agren, Office of Land Preservation, 254 County House Road, Clarksboro, NJ 08020, by phone at 856-224-8045 or by email at eagren@co.glocester.nj.us; or Eric M. Campo, County Counsel, at 856-384-6943 or by email ecampo@co.glocester.nj.us.