

GREEN ACRES PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

TAKE NOTICE that the City of Hoboken, located at 94 Washington Street, Hoboken, NJ 07030, will hold a public hearing to obtain comments regarding its application to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) Green Acres Program, proposing the permanent underground diversion of approximately 0.429 acres of parkland in the City of Hoboken's 1600 Park (Block 256, Lot 1.01 in the City of Hoboken; Block 11, Lots 1 and 2 in the Township of Weehawken) and approximately 3.38 acres of parkland in the City of Hoboken's Harborside Park (also referred to as Cove Park located on Block 265, Lot 1 and Block 269.04, Lot 1) for permanent subsurface easements totaling approximately 3.809 acres for the Hudson Tunnel Project.

No surface work will be undertaken at these parks. Construction activities will occur near both parks, however there will be no permanent impacts to the parks' recreational function or value. Given that the parks are used for active recreation, which is generally not noise sensitive, and the relatively short duration of the construction activity, the diversion will not result in an adverse noise impact. Tunneling activities will be approximately 90 feet below the surface in this area. While minor vibration from the tunnel boring machine may be discernible for a few days as the tunnel boring machine passes these parks, this would not be disruptive.

The proposed diversions would allow for the construction and operation of the Hudson Tunnel Project. The purpose of the Hudson Tunnel Project is to preserve the current functionality of Amtrak's Northeast Corridor (NEC) service and NJ TRANSIT's commuter rail service between New Jersey and Pennsylvania Station New York (PSNY) by repairing the deteriorating North River Tunnel; and to strengthen the NEC to support reliable service by providing redundant capability under the Hudson River for Amtrak and NJ TRANSIT NEC trains between New Jersey and the existing PSNY. These improvements must be achieved while maintaining uninterrupted commuter and intercity rail service and by optimizing the use of existing infrastructure. New Jersey Transit Corporation (NJ TRANSIT) is the public transportation operator that will utilize the Hudson Tunnel Project and is managing the property acquisitions and regulatory permits in the State of New Jersey. The National Railroad Passenger Corporation (Amtrak) is the intercity rail transportation operator that will utilize the Hudson Tunnel Project and will be responsible for dispatching trains through the Hudson Tunnel Project, as part of Amtrak's Northeast Corridor. The Gateway Development Commission (GDC) is the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Project Sponsor and Federal Grant Recipient for the Hudson Tunnel Project.

As compensation for the proposed diversions of subsurface easements, the Hudson Tunnel Project will deposit a payment in the amount of \$1,887,000 (two times the \$943,500 appraised value of the subsurface easements) into the Garden State Preservation Trust Fund.

This application is subject to NJDEP Commissioner and State House Commission approval, and is available for review on the City of Hoboken's website:

<https://www.hobokennj.gov/resources/hudson-tunnel-project-diversion>. A hard copy of the application is available for public inspection at Hoboken City Clerk's Office, located at 94 Washington St, Hoboken, NJ 07030, and the Hoboken Public Library, located at 500 Park Ave, Hoboken, NJ 07030.

Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 7:36-26.11(h), a public hearing will be held in-person at Hoboken City Hall, 94 Washington St, Hoboken, NJ 07030 on:

Tuesday, September 15th, 2026
5:00pm – 6:30pm

All interested persons may attend and be heard at the public hearing. Information regarding the public hearing can be found on the City of Hoboken's website: www.hobokennj.gov/events. Any updates will be posted on the City of Hoboken's website.

In addition to oral comments presented during the public hearing, written comments may be submitted to the agencies listed below. Written comments should be submitted to the City of Hoboken with a copy to the NJDEP Office of Transactions and Public Land Administration at the following addresses. Emailed comments are preferred.

Cathleen Wolf
City of Hoboken
Department of Community Development
94 Washington Street, 2nd Floor
Hoboken, NJ 07030
cwolf@hobokennj.gov

NJ Department of Environmental Protection
Office of Transactions and Public Land Administration
401 East State Street, Seventh Floor
P.O. Box 420
Mail Code 401-07B
Trenton, NJ 08625-0420
Attention: Nancy Lawrence
Nancy.lawrence@dep.nj.gov

Public comment on this diversion request will be accepted during the public hearing and until **September 29th, 2026** which is two weeks after the public hearing. Si necesita una traducción, por favor comuníquese con cwolf@hobokennj.gov