

## Raritan Township Open Space Advisory Committee Agenda.

**Wednesday June 13, 2018 5:30 PM Raritan Township Municipal Bldg. One Municipal Drive**

Members: Tony Hajjar Township Engineer, Chair - Amy Greene, Joel Throne, Timothy McCarthy, Ryan Edge, James Miller, Steve Farslou, Committeewoman and Deputy Mayor Karen Gilbert, Committeeman Craig O'Brien

### Open Session Agenda:

1. Open Space Plan – Jessica Caldwell, our planner, is compiling the draft plan and public comments and the plan will be submitted to the Raritan Township Planning Board for review and adoption as the Open Space Element of the Township Master Plan. The adopted plan will then be submitted to NJDEP Green Acres. The plan is a requirement for continued Green Acres Planning Incentive Grant funding for Land Acquisition.
2. Farmland Preservation Plan – The plan is nearing finalization by representatives from the Open Space Committee and the Agricultural Committee and will be provided to the Planning Board to be adopted as the Agricultural Preservation Element of the Master Plan. The Target Farms map will be revised in GIS by the Township's Sr. Engineering Aid Tom Tully.
3. Tony Hajjar and Amy Greene updated the Green Acres Recreation and Open Space Inventory. This will be submitted to NJDEP Green Acres. There is a public hearing on July 9, 2018 regarding a requested amendment to the ROSI to make a correction regarding Block 63.14 Lot 23 on Dayton Road. The entire 20-acre lot was included in the 2011 version of the ROSI submitted to Green Acres. The Township is clarifying that a 8.9 acre portion of the lot is to be used for affordable housing and that only the remaining portion, that is under conservation easement, should instead be on the ROSI instead of the entire parcel. The ROSI update is required for Green Acres funding. [http://www.state.nj.us/dep/greenacres/pdf/osrpg\\_2017.pdf](http://www.state.nj.us/dep/greenacres/pdf/osrpg_2017.pdf).
4. Walnut Brook Preserve, Levico Tract - Tree planting was a big success. Check out the blue forest when you drive up Thatchers Hill Rd and envision a rejuvenated forest. Thanks to Raritan Headwaters Association, a grant from The Nature Conservancy and many volunteers from the township and beyond we planted 125 trees on Friday April 27 and Saturday April 28. Volunteers represented Environmental Commission, Open Space Committee, Flemington-Raritan Parks and Rec, Amy S. Greene Environmental Consultants, Morales Park Volunteer, and neighbors. Raritan Headwaters would like to apply for additional trees at the preserve in the fall.
5. Toll Brothers is paying for planting of 100 trees at Walnut Brook Preserve. Amy Greene and Ryan Edge will prepare a plan to provide to Tony Hajjar for submission to Toll Brothers. Schedule field visit. Planting locations may include Walnut Brook Preserve and/or Urbach Farm.
6. Resolution to close the public portion of the meeting to go into closed session to review property acquisitions.

**Next meeting 5:30 PM second Wednesday of the month:** July 11, August 8, September 12, October 10, November 14, December 12, 2018