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DEPARTMENT OF INFRASTRUCTURE MANAGEMENT
Office of Parks & Recreation

LEGAL NOTICE

TAKE NOTICE that Middlesex County is proposing to change the purpose or use of up to 11 acres of Thomas A. Edison Park in Edison Township from woodland to active park facilities. In addition, a field house is being proposed to support the outdoor recreation occurring at the park. The use of the proposed fieldhouse will take up no more than 25% of its square footage for indoor recreation. The project will enhance athletic facilities at the Park for the use and enjoyment of residents of Middlesex County and beyond. To offset woodland removal, the County is proposing to conduct extensive tree and shrub planting throughout other portions of the Park.

Pursuant to **N.J.A.C. 7:36-25.6(a)1**, a hearing to obtain public comment on this proposed change of purpose or use will be held:

Virtual Hearing on March 29, 2023 at 7 pm.

Information on accessing the hearing by computer or telephone can be found at:

<https://www.middlesexcountynj.gov/government/departments/department-of-infrastructure-management/office-of-parks-and-recreation>.

Click on the link titled "Public Hearing Notice" and select "Thomas A. Edison Park". Alternatively, contact Mr. Richard Lear at richard.lear@co.middlesex.nj.us or 732-745-3900 to obtain information on access to the virtual hearing using a telephone.

All information regarding the proposed change in use is available for public inspection at <https://www.middlesexcountynj.gov/government/departments/department-of-infrastructure-management/office-of-parks-and-recreation> or by contacting Mr. Richard Lear, Middlesex County Director of Parks and Recreation at richard.lear@co.middlesex.nj.us or 732-745-3900. If using the website, click on the link titled "Public Hearing Notice" and select "Thomas A. Edison Park". Mr. Lear can also answer any questions regarding the proposed change in use.

Written comments on the proposed change in use may be directed to Mr. Lear using the contact information given above. Please send a copy of any comments submitted on this request to New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, Office of Transactions and Public Land Administration, Public Land Compliance Section, 401 East State Street, 7th Floor, Mail Code 401-07, P.O. Box 420, Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0420.

Public comment on this proposed change in purpose or use will be accepted during the public hearing or until April 12, 2023. On or after June 29, 2023, Middlesex County may take formal action to approve the proposed change in purpose or use.

