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MORRIS COUNTY GREEN TABLE

Wednesday, September 30, 2009 – 8:00 a.m.

Haggerty Education Center, The Frelinghuysen Arboretum
53 East Hanover Avenue, Morris Township

OPEN SPACE FUNDING: TIME TO RENEW

State funding for Green Acres, farmland and historic preservation has run out for the second time in two years. The source of these funds, the Garden State Preservation Trust (GSPT), ran dry in 2007 when a \$200 million bonding authorization was approved by NJ voters to extend GSPT funding for one year. Now, two years later, GSPT funds are again exhausted. Earlier this year, the NJ Keep it Green coalition of 132 groups worked with legislative leaders to have a \$400 million state bond authorization placed on the November 3rd ballot for voter consideration. Come listen and ask questions on how the GSPT benefits the State and County and your town! Learn about the plans of NJ Keep it Green to promote passage of this important ballot measure, and what you can do to help.

Mayor William A. Cogger (moderator), Mayor Chester Township

Tom Wells, Director of Government Relations, The Nature Conservancy in NJ

David J. Epstein, President, The Land Conservancy of New Jersey

Who Should Attend? Municipal leaders, administrators, open space committee members, and environmental advocates

Join us for a continental breakfast at 7:45 a.m. Program begins at 8:00 a.m.

Mission Statement: To create a venue for land conservation leaders in Morris County to enhance their projects by developing partnerships, identifying resources, and broadening awareness of conservation efforts being made throughout the County.

Green Table Steering Committee:

Morris County Park Commission; The Land Conservancy of New Jersey; Morris Trails Partnership; Morris County Department of Planning and Development; Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority; New Jersey Conservation Foundation; Achenbach and Associates LLC; Whippany River Watershed Action Committee; Protect our Wetlands Water Woods; Rutgers Cooperative Extension

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