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MOUNT LAUREL COUNCIL AUTHORIZED PURCHASE OF 46 ACRES FOR OPEN SPACE

Mount Laurel, NJ --- On Monday, April 4, 2022 Township Council authorized the Township to buy 46.9 acres of land for open space. Deputy Mayor Steglik said, "The Township is always excited to purchase large parcels of land to preserve. This Council knows residents want more open space and not more traffic from development."

The property often referred to as the Back 40 to be acquired is Block 800, Lots 3 & 4, the Township is able to secure the missing link in connecting multiple areas of open space.

The Back 40 lands, which is a former tree farm, sits in the center of the area of lands previously preserved. As shown on the open space map on following page, the purchase includes the yellow block labelled Back 40 which sits between green areas 68, 69, and 70.

"This purchase demonstrates Council's promise to protect and preserve open space. The preservation of these lands add significant environmental value to the Township's open space and recreation plan, as this purchase of the Back 40 creates a large continuous piece of open space." Stated Mayor Pritchett.

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