



**Woodbridge Township**



## **Plan for Ecological Restoration & Stormwater Management Blue Acres Area**

Port Reading, Woodbridge Township, Middlesex County

### **Public Information Meeting**

March 26, 2019 ~ 5:00 – 7:00 PM

**Overview:** The Township of Woodbridge, in conjunction with the Rutgers Cooperative Extension (RCE), is formulating a plan to implement ecological restoration and stormwater management improvement(s) in the Port Reading section of Woodbridge Township.

The project area is located at the intersection of Fourth Street and East Tappan Street within the New Jersey Blue Acres zone and contains six former residential lots. Proposed improvements include the construction of three rain gardens (totaling 3,060 sq. ft.); native tree and shrub planting(s); and the establishment of 0.3 acres of meadow.

The objective of the restoration plan is to increase both the aesthetic and conservation value of the newly acquired open space and to manage stormwater runoff from an approximately 0.3 +/- acre drainage area.

Rutgers Cooperative Extension (RCE) will be conducting turf management activities within Blue Acres zones on Fourth Street and East Tappan Street to prepare the grounds for subsequent ecological restoration. Treatments will occur on three separate occasions between May and September, 2019.

Neighbors can expect to see RCE and/or Woodbridge Township personnel on-site applying a commonly used broad-spectrum herbicide. Signs will be erected in treated

area(s) indicating the date and time when it is safe for people and pets to re-enter (approximately two hours after application). Treated areas will be replanted with native warm-season grasses and wildflowers in the Fall 2019. The ecological restoration and stormwater management improvement is scheduled to be completed by June 2019.

**Public Information Meeting:** Area residents are invited to attend a Public Information Meeting at the Cypress Recreation Center, 881 West Avenue, Port Reading, on **Wed., March 26, 2019 from 5:00 - 7:00 PM.**

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Sincerely,

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Mayor  
Woodbridge Township



Example of a Rain Garden: A rain garden is a garden of native shrubs, perennials, and flowers planted in a small depression, which is generally formed on a natural slope. It is designed to temporarily hold and soak in rain water runoff that flows from roofs, driveways, patios or lawns.