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Land Acquisition Protects Township Property from Future Development

July 23, 2012 -- WEST ORANGE, NJ - Mayor Robert D. Parisi announced that West Orange, through its Open Space Trust Fund and the New Jersey Green Acres Program, has secured two parcels of land that will be protected from being developed and preserved as open space.

One of the land acquisitions is a 10,000 square-foot lot, located at 7 Belgrade Terrace. The town also owns two nearby parcels of property which are also deed restricted for open space. Collectively, the preservation of these lots ensures that the land will never be developed and the homeowners in the neighborhood will be protected from any adverse impacts of construction.

Last year, the Township's Open Space Trust Fund and the New Jersey Green Acres Program helped West Orange acquire a 6.4 acre parcel of land at 577 Mt. Pleasant Avenue. The lot is located on an uphill section of the road and would have had an adverse impact on the safety of any vehicle trying to use the property. The Township acquired the land for open space which permanently prevents any development.

"West Orange has long supported open space preservation for our growing conservation and recreation needs," said Parisi. "A permanent deed restriction on land helps preserve historic, scenic and recreational areas of our Township."

Land acquisitions from the Township's Open Space Fund and the New Jersey Green Acres Program have preserved approximately 80 acres of open space in West Orange.

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