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July 5, 1972

DOUGLAS S. POWELL DIRECTOR OF COUNTY PLANNING

MRS. JOAN A. RIHA

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Re: PNRS NJ-204 410

Re: PNRS NJ-394, 410, 411, 412, 413 HUD Open Space Land Acquisition.

Dear Mayor Light:

Mayor Theordore Light

The Middlesex County Planning Board conducted a project review of the proposed land aquisition for open space to be made by Piscataway Township for Columbus Park, Bakelite Park, Metlars Lane Water Area, Orchard Tract, and Newman's Woods with federal assistance through the Legacy of Parks Program of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. The review, dated June 13, 1972, was made according to the guidelines issued by HUD for the review of all water, sewer, and open space grants made by that agency.

As directed by the guidelines, the Planning Board examined the consistency between the pattern and density of land uses designated by the Township Master Plan and the County's adopted Interim Master Plan. It was determined by the Planning Board that a conflict exists between the Township's Plan and the County's Plan in their respective forecast of housing units at a year of development capacity. Basically the County's Plan calls for 4,000 more multi-family units and 3,500 less single family units in the Township by the year 2000. (See the enclosed copies of the project reviews for details.)

The County Planning Board has directed the staff to schedule a meeting with appropriate municipal officials to agree on steps to resolve the conflicts identified in this project review. As a means of setting the framework for this meeting, the Board has accepted and approved a memorandum from the staff which discusses (1) the purpose of the project review system, (2) the HUD guidelines for conducting a review, (3) the nature of the conflicts determined to date, and (4) guidelines for the resolution of these conflicts. The goal of such a meeting will be an agreement between the parties as to the steps to be taken to resolve the conflict and thus open the way for the clearance of your municipality's applications for open

space funds.

I will call you with in the coming few days to arrange a convenient time and place for a meeting. Key persons on the County Planning Board Staff will attend. Such key municipal staff or consultants as you deem appropriate within the context of the goal of the meeting are also welcome to attend. We are seeking a working session at which conflict resolution can be achieved.

Sincerely yours,

MIDDLESEX COUNTY PLANNING BOARD

Douglas S. Powell

Director of County Planning

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cc: Mr. Charles Garrod, Jr. (without enclosure)
Gerhart Dunkel (without enclosure)