Township of North Bergen, New Jersey
2017 New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection
Green Acres Program
Park Development Project: 64th Street Field
LOCAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM APPLICATION FORM

Complete and submit with all required attachments to:
NJDEP Green Acres Program
Mail Code 501-01
P.O. Box 420
Trenton, NJ 08625-0420
Contact: (609) 984-0500

APPLICATION MATERIALS SHOULD BE SUBMITTED ON PAPER (ONE COPY) AND ELECTRONICALLY
(VIA EMAIL IF FILE SIZE IS SMALLER THAN 25 MB, OR VIA DISK, IF LARGER THAN 25 MB.)

PROJECT INFORMATION

Project Title: 2017 Township of North Bergen 64th Softball Field Improvement

Project

Location of site 1401 64th St, North Bergen, NJ
07047

Municipality(ies) North Bergen County Hudson

Street(s) 1401 64th St, North Bergen, NJ
07047

Block(s) and Lot(s) (attach additional pages, if necessary) Block: 205, Lot: 1, 22, 30, 622.07

Size of site to be acquired or developed: 5.021 acres (Please provide breakdown by property if application covers multiple properties.)

Type of Application:

Acquisition: Standard _____ or Site-Specific _____ or Urban Aid _____
Will land be acquired _____ in fee simple or _____ easement?

Development: Standard _____ or Highly/Densely Populated _____ or Urban Aid _____
Is land owned by _____ or leased to* _____ X Local Unit

(*Minimum 25-year lease must be provided upon project approval. Letter from landowner agreeing to do so must be submitted with application. Lease is subject to Green Acres’ approval.)

State Legislative District (of project site) 32 Congressional District (of project site) 8

Total Estimated Cost of Project:

Land Acquisition:
Land
Survey
Appraisal
Preliminary assessment
Title
Demolition*
Other related costs (itemized)

Park Development:
Construction
Professional services (up to 13% of construction)
Preliminary assessment
Other related costs (itemized)

$1,268,310.00
$212,500.00-design/engineer
$126,831.00-contingencies
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<th>Estimated yearly operating/maintenance expenses after acquisition or development</th>
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Have there been previous loans/grants related to this property?  
Yes  No  If yes, explain:  

Is the property listed on the New Jersey Register of Historic Places?  
Yes  No  
(If yes, additional coordination with the NJDEP's Office of Historic Preservation will be required, depending on the potential impact to the listed property. Please see [www.nj.gov/dep/hpo/2protection/njreview.htm](http://www.nj.gov/dep/hpo/2protection/njreview.htm) for more details.)

Is the project site a current or former landfill site, known or suspected hazardous waste site, or adjacent to (or affected by) such sites?  
Yes  No  If yes, explain:  

For acquisition projects, has the project site been identified by a municipality or otherwise designated for use in meeting municipal fair share low and moderate income housing obligations under the Fair Housing Act of 1985 (N.J.S.A. 52:27D-301)?  
Yes  No  If yes, please describe the alternative to meeting such obligations:  

For municipal projects, has the municipality achieved an approved petition for plan endorsement or, for a municipality in the Pinelands, received certification from the Pinelands Commission that its master plan and land use ordinances or regulations are consistent with the minimum standards of the Pinelands Comprehensive Management Plan, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 7:50-3 Part II or IV, as applicable?  
Yes  No  If yes, please submit verification.

Current Community Profile:  
Population 60,773  Year 2010  Population per square mile 11,838

Project description (Please describe, in detail, the scope of project, existing land use, physical characteristics, short and long term plans for site, etc. This description will enable us to determine if your proposed project is eligible for funding. Attach additional sheets, if necessary.)

The Township of North Bergen respectfully requests support from the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection Green Acres Program for a park development project at the popular 64th Street Field. Presently, the field is used for a variety of sporting events and recreational activities, including the Township’s summer youth programs, which serve nearly 750 kids annually, including approximately 100 children with special needs. The site also includes a dog run and playground area. Conditions at this recreational facility have deteriorated greatly over time, and the field is long overdue for a full renovation. The proposed project will provide residents and guests with a new softball/little league field, new ADA compliant bleachers, upgraded press box, snack stand, and storage area, new playground equipment, dog run improvements, and other repairs (e.g., new stairs leading to playground area) that will make the facility safer and more user-friendly. The 64th Street Field is set in a densely-populated urban neighborhood and is in close proximity to the Lincoln Public School, the North Bergen Recreation Center, low-income housing, a daycare center, senior center, and area businesses. The park is in close proximity to a New Jersey Transit bus stop, and parking is available onsite. Short-term plans are to improve conditions at the field, so as to increase safety and make the site more usable. Long-term plans include proper maintenance and additional upgrades, as required, that will ensure the longevity of this project. As a densely-populated community, North Bergen strives to ensure that all Township neighborhoods have easy...
access to quality recreational facilities that promote active living and build a strong sense of community. This project aligns with this goal, and we are confident that it will greatly enhance the quality of life of area residents and guests.
DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION
ATTACHMENTS CHECK LIST

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NOTE: This checklist should be returned with your completed application. If any items are not applicable, please indicate with ‘N/A’ next to that item.

1. X Application Form: Are all questions answered? Is form signed?
2. X Governing Body Resolution (the enclosed form must be used)
3. X Units and quantities cost estimate, prepared and signed by an authorized, licensed professional
4. X Project schedule. Please see attached Things To Be Done list and state when you anticipate addressing/completing each item.
5. X Recreation & Open Space Inventory (ROSI) submissions:
   a. ROSI form (Link found on Page 24.)
   b. Official map of local unit, key to ROSI
   c. Current tax maps that show each parcel of parkland listed on local unit's ROSI. Each such parcel must be clearly outlined in distinctively colored ink. (**If these maps were previously submitted and remain unchanged, please contact your Green Acres representative regarding a waiver.)
6. X Narrative description of proposal (must address, in order, each applicable factor contained in the enclosed Local Project Priority System.)
7. X Site specific mapping:
   a. Site location on legible street map
   X b. Tax map outlining boundaries of site to be developed
   c. Existing property survey (if available)
8. X Environmental Assessment (instructions enclosed)
9. X Conceptual Site Plan. Plans should be prepared by an authorized, licensed professional. Site plans should clearly identify all proposed facilities, any existing facilities and improvements, and any areas of proposed tree clearing.
10. X Copy of irrevocable property lease or use agreement (if applicable). Lease term must be 25 years from anticipated date of project commencement to ensure term of public use of facilities.
11. X Proof of publication for the public hearing advertisement. Green Acres application must be mentioned in the advertisement. (See Application Requirements for more details.)
12. X Minutes from public hearing
13. X Photographs of the site (digital images and/or prints)
14. X Letters of support (see Priority System Factor #5)
15. X Letters from municipal and county planning boards describing how project is specifically consistent with appropriate Master Plan (see Priority System Factor #5).
16. X List of all applicable permits that may be required for the project. Applicants with projects requiring permits, grants, or other approvals must contact all applicable permitting agencies to secure permit information and application materials prior to the submission of a Green Acres application. Evidence of having met this requirement must be provided with the application. Technical assistance from Green Acres is available upon request.
17. N/A Letter verifying pre-application conference with the Highlands Council, Meadowlands Commission, or Pinelands Commission, if applicable, including the Council/Commission's comments on the proposed development project.
18. X Breakdown of annual operating/maintenance expenses after development of site
19. X Conceptual floor plan that indicates the proposed use of any structure to be developed. All structures must be used in support of outdoor recreation and conservation purposes.
APPLICANT INFORMATION

Project Sponsor:

Name of Local Unit: Township of North Bergen
Address: 4233 Kennedy Blvd.
City: North Bergen State: NJ Zip: 07047

Chief Executive Officer: Nicholas Sacco, Mayor
Telephone: (201) 392-2005

Applicant's federal identification number as assigned by IRS: 22-6002151

Person having day-to-day responsibility for this application:
Name: Christopher Pianese Title: Town Administrator
Address: 4233 Kennedy Blvd
City: North Bergen State: NJ Zip: 07047
Telephone: (201) 392-2027 extension n/a Fax Number: (201) 865-0107
E-mail address: epianese@northbergen.org

Signature: [Signature] Date: February 14, 2017

I, Nicholas J. Sacco (name of authorized official), hereby certify that the information provided within this Green Acres Program Application Form is complete and true.

February 14, 2017
Date

Signature of official authorized to submit application as per attached Governing Body Enabling Resolution
STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
GREEN ACRES ENABLING RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, Green Acres ("State") provides loans and/or grants to municipal and county governments and grants to non-profit organizations for assistance in the acquisition and development of lands for outdoor recreation and conservation purposes; and

WHEREAS, the Township of North Bergen desires to further the public interest by obtaining funding in the amount of $1,205,731 from the State to fund the following project(s): the 2017 Township of North Bergen 64th Street Softball Field Improvement Project, at a cost of $1,607,641;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Commissioners resolves that Christopher Pianese or the successor to the office of Township Administrator is hereby authorized to:

a) make application for such a loan and/or such a grant,
b) provide additional application information and furnish such documents as may be required, and
c) act as the authorized correspondent of the above named applicant; and

WHEREAS, the State shall determine if application is complete and in conformance with the scope and intent of the Green Acres Program, and notify the applicant of the amount of the funding award; and

WHEREAS, the applicant is willing to use the State's fund in accordance with such rules, regulations and applicable statutes, and is willing to enter into an agreement with the State for the above named project;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of the Township of North Bergen:

1. That the Township Administrator of the above named Board is hereby authorized to execute an agreement and any amendment thereto with the State known as the 2017 Township of North Bergen 64th Street Girls Softball Field Improvement Project;

2. That the applicant has its matching share of the project, if a match is required, in the amount of $401,910.

3. That, in the event State’s funds are less than the total project cost specified above, the applicant has the balance of funding necessary to complete the project;

4. The applicant agrees to comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws, rules, and regulations in its performance of the project; and

5. That this resolution shall take effect immediately.

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I HEREBY CERTIFY the foregoing to be a True and Correct copy of Resolution passed and adopted by the Board of Commissioners of the Township of North Bergen in the County of Hudson, in the State of New Jersey, at a meeting held on the above date.

[Signature]

Township Clerk
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January 10, 2017
**PROJECT NAME:**
64TH STREET SOFTBALL FIELD IMPROVEMENTS - BUDGETARY ESTIMATE

**PROJECT NUMBER:**
TBD

**CLIENT:**
NORTH BERGEN TOWNSHIP

January 10, 2017

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**SUBTOTAL:** $1,268,310.00  
CONSTRUCTION CONTINGENCIES (+/- 10%)  
$126,831.00

**ESTIMATED CONSTRUCTION COST:** $1,395,141.00

- Topography & Boundary Survey  
  $17,500.00
- Soil & Subsurface Investigation  
  $15,000.00
- Engineering Design Fee  
  $105,000.00

Total Design Phase Engineering Fees $137,500.00

Estimated Construction Phase Engineering Fees $75,000.00

**TOTAL PROJECT COST:** $1,607,641.00
**Things to Be Done**

Please assume a hypothetical May 1, 2017 project commencement date (subject to change).

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<td>4. Sign purchase contract with owner</td>
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<td>5. Obtain and submit survey</td>
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Comments: The Township of North Bergen is deeply committed to the timely and successful completion of this project. As such, the Township will ensure that work moves forward in accordance with all NJ DEP Green Acres' guidelines as they relate to the quality, conditions, and recommended timeframe for the completion of the project.
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The above information is the Recreation and Open Space Inventory (ROSI) on file with Green Acres. Please note that Green Acres relies on the accuracy of the information provided to us by the Local Unit(s) in maintaining the accuracy of our database. Since it is the responsibility of the Local Unit(s) to ensure compliance with Green Acres rules, it is strongly recommended that you confirm this information with the Local Unit(s).
Township of North Bergen, New Jersey
2017 Green Acres Park Development Application: 64th Street Field Improvement Project

Project Description:

The Township of North Bergen respectfully requests support from the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection Green Acres Program for a park redevelopment project at the popular 64th Street Field. Presently, the field is used for a variety of sporting events and recreational activities, including the Township’s summer youth programs, which serve nearly 750 kids annually, including approximately 100 children with special needs. The site also includes a dog run and playground area. Conditions at this recreational facility have deteriorated greatly over time, and the field is long overdue for a full renovation.

The proposed project will provide residents and guests with a new softball/little league field, new ADA compliant bleachers, upgraded press box, snack stand, and storage area, new playground equipment, dog run improvements, and other repairs that will make the facility safer and more user-friendly. The 64th Street Field is set in a densely-populated urban neighborhood and is in close proximity to the Lincoln Public School, the North Bergen Recreation Center, low-income housing, a daycare center, senior center, and businesses. The park is in close proximity to a New Jersey Transit bus stop, and parking is available onsite. Short term plans are to improve conditions at the field, so as to increase safety and make the site more usable. Long term plans include proper maintenance and additional upgrades, as required, that will ensure the longevity of this project.

Factor # 2: Service Area Facility Needs:
The Township of North Bergen is requesting support from the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection’s Green Acres Park Development Program to improve the Township’s
The popular 64th Street Field, which is located in the downtown area, adjacent to the offices of the North Bergen Recreation Department. This comprehensive project includes conversion of a softball field to a softball/little league field, playground upgrades, and dog run repairs.

There are no other public softball/little league fields in this neighborhood, and the field is centrally located in close proximity to densely populated residential areas (including low-income housing), the North Bergen Lincoln Public School, public transportation, a day care center, senior center, and, as mentioned above, the Township’s recreation center. Current census tract data indicates that this is a low-income neighborhood, with an estimated median family income of only $22,959, which is well below the state average of $87,389. The majority of properties in the area are “renter occupied,” and over 75% of residents are minorities.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, “some minorities experience a disproportionate burden of preventable disease, death, and disability compared with non-minorities.” Additionally, research indicates that an undeniable connection exists between high poverty levels and poor health outcomes. The Institute for Research on Poverty at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, for instance, notes that “health in the United States is very strongly correlated with income. Poor people are less healthy than those who are better off, whether the benchmark is mortality, the prevalence of acute or chronic diseases, or mental health.” Given these circumstances, the Township of North Bergen maintains a strong commitment to promoting a healthy, active lifestyle among all residents, and we firmly believe that providing access to quality, centrally-located recreational facilities will go a long way towards helping us attain this goal.

This priority is consistent with the Partnering for a Healthy New Jersey: New Jersey Chronic Disease and Health Promotion Plan, which specifically encourages shared use of public recreation space through joint use agreements between municipalities and school districts. These kinds of opportunities maximize the use of fields, playgrounds, and other recreational spaces/amenities, and they are particularly advantageous in densely-populated communities like ours. According to the Institute of Medicine, increasing access to recreation facilities is a necessary first step to solving the problem of childhood obesity and of addressing its associated health risks. However, the
challenge of meeting these important goals in a town like North Bergen is that we have very limited open space available.

In fact, North Bergen is one of the most densely-populated municipalities in the nation. The Township has a total land area of 5.575 square miles, with approximately 11,838 individuals per square mile. In contrast to other Hudson County communities, in the latter half of the 20th Century, North Bergen’s population swelled, particularly as a wave of Cuban immigrants settled in the Township. While this rate of growth has subsided, the Township’s population is still on the rise, creating concerns over how to ensure adequate availability of quality public recreational spaces for all residents. The majority of properties in North Bergen consist of multi-unit homes, with denser residential developments located mainly along the edge of the Palisades and at the Hudson River waterfront.

Compounding this issue is the fact that North Bergen has diverse geological features that impact transportation and limit the level of connectivity between the Township’s distinct neighborhoods. Shaped roughly like an inverted “L,” The Township is located on the northern border of Hudson County, with frontage on both the Hackensack and Hudson Rivers. Most of North Bergen’s eastern section lies apart from a mile-long stretch on the Hudson River. The Hudson Palisades rise from the waterfront, while the northern part of the Township sits atop the plateau. The lower-lying western portion extends farther to the south and slopes west towards the Hackensack River and the Hackensack Meadowlands. The slope on North Bergen’s west side gives it the distinction of being the US town with the second most hills per square mile, with San Francisco being the first.

Some of these hills are extremely steep, and there is a rock formation along the slope composed of unusual serpentinite rocks that create small, precarious cliffs. This particular area is one of the few undeveloped parts of North Bergen. The unique shape and diverse topography of the Township as a whole have, over time, resulted in the settlement of diverse neighborhoods and enclaves, each with its own distinct character. The Township’s layout thereby reduces opportunities for community-wide interaction and social engagement, which is why gathering places, like our local parks, remain so important.
With so few open space options, North Bergen has taken a proactive approach to maintaining its parks and preserving the limited recreational space that is available. Over time, this reduces the number of costly repairs, ensures that fields are usable for a range of sporting events and other activities, and ultimately protects the safety of the youth who regularly enjoy our playgrounds. Presently, the 64th Field is in need of development, as conditions have deteriorated considerably over the years, raising concerns about escalating repair costs and safety. Excessive puddling after rainstorms often require that games be canceled. Unsatisfactory conditions also include an overall reduction in the quality of the clay surface, which has resulted in the development of bumps along the field. The completion of the project will be a great benefit to the community, as it will result in the full redevelopment of this treasured local resource.

Factor #5: Public Participation/Support/Planning

Support: Public input and participation are the cornerstone of all communities. In a town like ours, where many residents live below the poverty line, ensuring that all citizens feel heard and welcomed is particularly important. As such, the Township of North Bergen has attained strong public support for this project. In fact, the project was developed, in part, based on the growing number of complaints that we have received from local residents regarding the conditions at the 64th Street Field. This field has wide public appeal, especially since the recreation center is located in close proximity to it and because so many recreational initiatives—such as sporting events, the Township’s annual health fair, and our popular Summer Fun Program—all take place at the 64th Street Field.

Furthermore, given the field’s proximity to North Bergen’s Lincoln School, we have wide support from the school community—i.e., administrators, staff, and families. The North Bergen School District serves a total of 7,866 students, and it is safe to say that the majority of those students use the field for a variety of recreational purposes. The field is also ADA compliant, and the playground features design elements that enhance the experience of our special-needs youth. This inclusive approach ensures that all residents have equal access to the facility and can participate in the wide range of activities provided therein.
**Planning:** The Township of North Bergen’s Master Plan, the Hudson County Open Space Plan, and the State Development and Redevelopment Plan all provide a strong foundation for the work proposed in this project. In accordance with Municipal Land Use Law and the Local Redevelopment and Housing Law, the Township of North Bergen’s Periodic Re-examination Report of the Master Plan indicates an ongoing commitment to “maintain existing parks and open space and expand the system through development and additional efforts.”

The Hudson County Open Space Plan analyzes residents’ need for open space specifically in the context of “environmental justice,” stating that “improving the quality of life for Hudson County residents is a unique challenge due to its urbanized form and should be treated as a social justice issue.” Thereby, the plan calls for ensuring “access to quality open space and recreation facilities for all residents and age groups regardless of where they live.” Furthermore, the plan underscores the fact that residents need “equitable access to passive and active recreation facilities and parkland for their physical and mental health.”

The State Development and Redevelopment Plan also highlights the value of preserving open space, as evidenced under Goal # 7: i.e., to “Preserve and Enhance Areas with Historic, Cultural, Scenic, Open Space and Recreational Value.” Finally, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection Green Acres’ Statewide Comprehensive Recreation Plan echoes the commitment of each of these plans. In particular, as it relates to North Bergen’s project, the SCORP indicates that “New Jersey’s increasing population and urbanization show that demand for open space is likely to increase,” and it goes on to state the need for sufficient recreational space in densely populated urban communities like ours.

**Factor #6: Project Quality**

The following characteristics impact the overall quality of this project: accessibility, project quality (i.e., multi-purpose use, effective landscaping w/ native species, opportunities for active and passive recreation, etc.), and cost effectiveness.

**Accessibility:** In part, the 64th Street Field has been selected for this project due to its accessibility. The Field stands in close proximity to many key local amenities: schools, homes, businesses, and
the Township’s recreation center. The recreation center utilizes the field for many programs and activities, including sports and the Township’s 8-week summer program for children ages 6-12. The summer program costs only $50 per child and is offered daily from 9-3. It serves approximately 650 children annually. The Township offers a concurrent summer program for children with special needs, which also utilizes the 64th Street Field regularly for games and activities and serves approximately 100 children annually. Furthermore, the field is within walking distance to several North Bergen Housing Authority buildings that are home to many low-income residents.

North Bergen has 20 municipal parks and recreational areas, in addition to the County-owned James J. Braddock Park and one private park. The majority of these recreational spaces are mini-parks of less than 2 acres. Though small, these spaces afford residents access to open space, typically within a 10-minute walk from their homes. Seven of these parks have playground equipment. A few have additional amenities, such as basketball courts and seating areas for passive recreation. However, the 64th Field is one of the most active parks, given its location, scope of amenities, and programs available onsite. There is a parking lot on the premises, and the field is located in close proximity to an NJ Transit bus route, making access by public transportation extremely convenient. This type of accessibility is important, especially given that Hudson County has some of the lowest car ownership rates in the country.

Furthermore, this level of convenient access is particularly critical given that North Hudson is an urbanized community with such limited recreational space. Studies show that children with more access to parks and recreational facilities are more active than children with less access (Diez Roux et al, 2007; Salmon, Telford & Crawford, 2005). As it is, children today spend less time playing outdoors. A recent Nielson Company Report indicates that children ages two to five now spend more than 32 hours a week on average in front of a television screen. Additionally, according to the Keiser Family Foundation, the amount of screen time only increases with age, with children spending up to 7.5 hours a day on electronic media. Lack of outdoor recreation has been linked to higher rates of obesity, higher stress levels, a reduction in social skills, lack of creativity, a lack of vitamin D, and higher rates of attention deficit disorder and hyperactivity in children. These
concerns are obviously compounded in densely-populated areas, where residents have much less access to open space.

**Water Access:** This project does not enhance access to water.

**Design Quality:** This park development project will meet multiple recreational purposes, both active and passive. The scope of work includes the enhancement of a multiuse field (softball/little league), new bleachers, playground area, equipment storage building, press box and snack stand, and dog run improvements. Combined, these improvements will be a great benefit to all residents of North Bergen. Intrinsic to the design will be an awareness of any environmental factors that need to be addressed to ensure the overall safety of parkgoers. Impervious surfaces will only be used for those areas where safety factors indicate a priority and where the longevity of the project may be impacted. Landscaping to address the area surrounding the project site will be carried out as necessary. Ultimately, our goal is to incorporate a full renovation of the facility that will increase the field’s usability, enhance the neighborhood’s aesthetics, and improve the level of safety for all of our guests.

The Township of North Bergen has a strong track record of completing projects that enhance the quality of life of its residents, including opportunities made available through grants. Programs like Green Acres enable the Township to forward its mission and achieve important goals, specifically as they relate to maintaining the highest quality standards.

**Cost Effectiveness:** Open space can easily be taken for granted, especially when municipalities struggle to attend to other priorities, like roadwork, water and sewer system repairs, and the growing needs of individual departments. This is how parks fall into disrepair. Work is deferred, as a town seeks to address what may be perceived as more pressing concerns. However, when we examine the value of open space, by, for instance, taking into account long-term health benefits, and when we also factor in the general costs of maintenance, it quickly becomes apparent that projects like the one that we are proposing should be addressed sooner rather than later.
The costs associated with increased maintenance may quickly reach a point where they actually outweigh postponing the project any longer. Maintaining fields that are in disrepair involves manpower and materials. Pumping and repairing fields alone has put a strain on North Bergen’s budget, and, given that the conditions of the 64th Street Field are only getting worse, it is likely that costs will continue to rise. In fact, presently the conditions are such that games have to be cancelled and serious safety concerns have been raised. Addressing these issues now will decrease the risk of having to contend with more extensive repairs later. Furthermore, outcomes will also have a positive impact on our local economy, such as by drawing more individuals to the field and Township.

**Factor #7: Project Priorities**

This field was specifically selected based on the level of need for repairs, the centrality of the field’s location, the level of programming and activities offered therein, and finally because it directly serves a low-income population—as determined by current census tract data. Yet another factor that contributed to this project selection is accessibility, as the Township seeks to ensure that all neighborhoods have approximately one park within walking distance to address the transportation challenges of our residents.

The proposed developments will achieve multiple recreational enhancements that impact a diverse group of parkgoers, from young children to seniors. The project is consistent with the Township of North Bergen’s Master Plan goals, specifically as it addresses the recreational priorities of the Township and meets the criteria of preserving open space. In regards to the project elements encouraged by Green Acres, North Bergen’s project meets the following priorities:

- F) Multiple uses and provides active and passive recreation opportunities
- J) Design and construction that utilizes clean and renewable energy and maximizes efficiency
- K) Rehabilitation or redevelopment of an existing recreational facility.

Ultimately, the aim of this project is to provide residents with a safe, state-of-the-art recreational facility that meets the interests of a diverse population and functions as a gathering space for a
variety of activities and events throughout the year, including games, fairs, summer programming, and more. This level of community interaction is likely to foster a deeper sense of civic responsibility and pride. Furthermore, increased levels of physical activities will have long-lasting benefits, making our residents healthier and stronger.

**Factor #8: First Time Applicant.**
This factor does not apply to this project.

**Factor #9: Facility Design Sensitivity and Site Suitability:**

**General Recreational Facilities:** All proposed work will be conducted in an environmentally-conscious manner with as little disruption as possible to the area. As the project involves park redevelopment, no additional clearing is required and no natural habitats will be disrupted in the process. All required environmental testing will be carried out, and, based on findings, all follow-up work will be conducted to ensure the highest standards of safety. As much as possible, the project will both utilize environmentally-friendly products and follow green practices and standards. We do not anticipate any negative ecological impact as a result of the work carried out in this project, and, in fact, we are confident that this project will improve the local environment in a manner that adheres to the goals set forth by the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection.

**Structures/Buildings:** The development of structures will be conducted to meet LEED specifications, and all proposed improvements will maximize environmental efficiency.
1. **Description of the Proposed Action:**

The Township of North Bergen is requesting support from the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection’s Green Acres Program for a park development project that will involve a comprehensive redevelopment of the Township’s popular 64th Field. This project will enhance both active and passive recreation.

   a. **Total development project includes the following:**

   - Conversion of a softball field into a multipurpose softball/little league field: clearing of site, earthwork, installation of synthetic turf field base with underdrain system, chain-link fencing, new dugout, installation of scoreboard with wireless remote control system, concrete sidewalks, signage, renovation of batting cage building, equipment storage building, press box and snack stand, installation of wind screen, and new ADA-compliant bleachers
   - **Playground:** installation of new rubber playground surfacing and equipment
   - **Dog Run:** general improvements
   - **Other Improvements:** installation of new stairs leading to the playground area, new sidewalks, and trash receptacles

   b. **Project Objectives** include promoting outdoor play and healthy lifestyle choices, creating more opportunities for positive social interaction, and enhancing our local neighborhood.

   c. This is not a **multiphase project**.

2. **Description of the Environment:**

The topography of North Bergen ranges from steep hills to flat lowland areas. Vegetation consists of planted lawns, trees, and shrubbery that are typical of residential and commercial areas in this region. Presently, the 64th Street Field features the following environmental characteristics:
a. **Vegetation:** The area is characterized by a grass field, grassy areas surrounding the field, and several deciduous trees (approx. 12).

b. **Wildlife:** Given that this is an open space with very little vegetation, wildlife is limited and mainly includes common-variety birds and squirrels.

c. **Geology, topography and soil:** There is historic fill in the upper north corner of the lot, adjacent to the parking area, where a salvage yard once stood and where the playground is now located. This area was leveled years ago to correct a westward slope. All other soil formation at the site is Rahway till, a reddish-brown to light-reddish-brown silty sand. The field itself features clean fill, and it is surrounded by spot outcroppings of Jurassic diabase bedrock. The area surrounding the field features cedar mulch.

d. **Historic/archeological resources:** There are no historical or archeological resources at the site.

e. **Transportation:** The 64th Field is accessible by car (parking available onsite) and public transportation (nearest bus stop within walking distance to the field). The Field is also located within walking distance to many homes in the area.

f. **Adjacent land use:** The 64th Street Field is in close proximity to the Lincoln Public School, the Township of North Bergen’s Recreation Center, multi-unit homes, a senior center, day care center, and many local businesses.

3. **Environmental Impact Analysis of Proposed Action:**

The proposed changes to the existing environment will have a positive impact on the site. No off-site impact is anticipated, such as an increase in traffic, given that the park is centrally located near many homes, the public school, and the Recreation Center, making walking the most likely form of transportation to and from the field. While there may be more noise in the area based on an anticipated increase in field use, residents are overwhelmingly supportive of this project, and the space has been in use as a field for many years. Finally, given that this is a redevelopment project, no additional clearing of trees will be required, and no natural habitats will be disturbed.

a. **Discuss affected resources and the significance of each impact:** A preliminary environmental assessment of the project zone indicates elevated levels of contaminants in the playground area, which is consistent with the fact that this was once the site of a salvage
yard. The preliminary environmental assessment of the field reveals only background elevations.

b. **Discuss short term and long term project impacts:** By addressing area contamination, the field/playground quality will be improved, which will result in both short and long-term benefits to the community. In the playground, actions will include a deed restriction. Furthermore, a 2-foot presumptive cap will be required over the entire contaminated area, and a Biennial LSRP Certification will be approved to ensure that controls are in place to protect the area over time. On the field, where levels of contamination are much lower, the area will be capped with synthetic turf and an underdrain system will be installed.

c. **Discuss anticipated increase in recreation and overall use of site over time:** A significant increase in field use is anticipated as a result of this project, given that we will transition from a single-use field to a multi-purpose one. Furthermore, improvements will greatly enhance the quality of the field and increase levels of safety, which, in turn, will result in fewer game cancellations. Finally, with a growing population and new housing developments anticipated in the neighborhood, we expect an increase in the number of local residents, which, in turn, underscores the need for this project.

d. **Identify adjacent environmental features that may be affected by the proposal:** There are no adjacent environmental features that will be affected by this proposal.

e. **List any permits required for the project:** Permit applications have been obtained for the following: construction, plumbing, electrical, and fire protection.

f. **For development that would impact an undisturbed portion of the project site:** N/A.

4. **Alternatives to the Proposed Action:**

North Bergen is a densely-populated community with a distinctly urban character. It is the second “hilliest” town in the United States, with San Francisco coming in first. Despite serious space constraints, North Bergan has a total of 20 municipal parks and recreational areas, in addition to the County-owned James J. Braddock Park and one private park. The majority of these recreational spaces are mini-parks of less than 2 acres. Seven of these parks have playground equipment. A few have additional amenities, such as basketball courts and seating areas for passive recreation.
These parks are spread out across North Bergen’s neighborhoods, with the goal of providing easily-accessible outdoor recreational opportunities in each locality.

The 64th Field is one of the Township’s most active parks, particularly given its proximity to the Lincoln School and Recreation Center. The park provides a wide scope of amenities, and various programs are available onsite, including the Township’s popular Summer Fun initiative, which serves approximately 650 kids every summer. Programming is also available for our special-needs population. Given the current condition of the field and based on the fact that numerous concerns have been reported, this is also the park that is in most need of repair. For these reasons, we cannot propose an alternative site at this time.

5. **Mitigating Measures:**

The impact of this project will be overwhelmingly positive, as it will greatly improve the condition of the field and thereby increase public use. No clearing of trees is required, and no wildlife habitat will be disturbed. Based on environmental assessment results, any environmental issues will be ameliorated to ensure the safety of all parkgoers. Throughout the process, the Township of North Bergen will comply with all rules and regulations of the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection and/or other regulatory agencies in regards to building, remediation, and environmental conservation.
Green Acres Program
Mail Code 501-01
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P.O. Box 420
Trenton, NJ 08625-0420

RE: Township of North Bergen 2017 NJ DEP- Green Acres Park Development Application

January 25, 2017

To NJ DEP Green Acres Program:

This letter certifies that the North Bergen Board of Education agrees to enter into a lease agreement with the Township of North Bergen, should the Township receive a NJ DEP Green Acres Park Development grant for the proposed improvements at the 64th Street Field, a property which is owned by the North Bergen School District.

Both parties recognize the need for and benefit of recreation facilities within North Bergen and desire to provide recreational opportunities to the citizens of the Township and to the general public. The proposed twenty-five-year agreement will adhere to all Green Acres requirements, as per NJ DEP Green Acres program guidelines.

Hugo D. Cabrera

Board Secretary
North Bergen Board of Education
Dear Sirs:

North Bergen, New Jersey 07047
7317 Kennedy Boulevard
North Bergen Board of Education

August 20, 1974

Mayor

[Signature]

Peter M. Mocco

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
NORTH BERGEN, N.J. 07047
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TOWNSHIP OF NORTH BERGEN IN THE
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TO

NORTH BERGEN BOARD OF EDUCATION

Dated August 20 1974

RALPH R. FEIGELSON
COUNCILLOR AT LAW
4800 BERGENLINE AVENUE
UNION CITY, N. J.
April Caldwell, of full age and being duly sworn according to law, on her oath deposes and says that she is the Accounting Clerk of:

THE JERSEY JOURNAL

A newspaper published in Jersey City, County and State aforesaid and that a notice, a true copy of which is annexed, was published in the said newspaper on the following date(s):

1/10/17

April Caldwell

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 10th day of January, 2017

Notary Public of New Jersey

SHAWN MILLER
NOTARY PUBLIC OF NEW JERSEY
I.D. # 50013502
My Commission Expires 5/1/2020
Minutes for Public Hearing on Green Acres Application for

64th Street Softball Field Improvement Project

The meeting was opened at 5:20 P.M. in the Council Chambers of the Township of North Bergen, NJ. In attendance were Commissioner Cabrera, Commissioner Gargiulo, Commissioner Marenco, Mayor Sacco, Christopher Pianese, Township Administrator and James Avella, Deputy Municipal Department Head.

Erin Barillas, Municipal Clerk Called the meeting to order and read the Sunshine Law statement.

The roll call was done.

Everyone stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

At 5:25 P.M. the motion to open the discussion was made.

The Commissioners discussed the merits of this project and agreed that such application to Green Acres should indeed be made.

No one from the public attended the public hearing to discuss the application being submitted for the 64th Street Softball Field Improvement Project.

With no one from the public showing up for the hearing, it was adjourned at 5:35 P.M.
TOWNSHIP OF NORTH BERGEN
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS PUBLIC HEARING
January 25, 2017
5:00 P.M.

This Hearing is in compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act. Notice of this Hearing was published in the official newspaper on January 10, 2017.

64th STREET SOFTBALL FIELD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT
MEETING AGENDA

I. Roll Call
II. Project Overview Presentation
III. Discussion
IV. Open Public Portion
V. Adjournment
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Green Acres Program
Mail Code 501-01
501 East State Street, 1st Floor
P.O. Box 420
Trenton, NJ 08625-0420

RE: Township of North Bergen 2017 NJ DEP- Green Acres Park Development Application

January 11, 2017

To NJ DEP Green Acres Program:

As the Deputy Director of the Recreation Department of the Township of North Bergen, it is a pleasure for me to write in support for the proposed development project at the Township’s popular 64th Street Field. The Township recognizes the importance of outdoor recreational play and the positive impact it has on our youth.

The Township of North Bergen is one of most densely populated municipalities in the nation, as well as one of the hilliest. These factors make identifying open space for recreational activities a challenge. The proposed multi-use field project will greatly benefit all local youth, including those with disabilities. For these reasons, I am glad to endorse the Township’s application, and I applaud their continued commitment to this important goal.

Sincerely,

James Avella
Deputy Director of Recreation
Township of North Bergen
6300 Meadowview Ave
North Bergen, NJ 07047
Green Acres Program  
Mail Code 501-01  
501 East State Street, 1st Floor  
P.O. Box 420  
Trenton, NJ 08625-0420

RE: Township of North Bergen 2017 NJ DEP- Green Acres Park Development Application  

January 11, 2017  

To NJ DEP Green Acres Program:

As the Director of the Township of North Bergen’s People of Special Needs Program, I am honored to write this letter in support of the Township’s NJ DEP Green Acres Park Development Program for improvements to the 64th Street Field. This field is regularly used by our special needs youth, and it is a significant benefit to all of the children in our community.

The North Bergen Summer Fun Program offers a wide range of activities to Township families, and many of those activities take place at the 64th Field. It has been the goal of the North Bergen’s People of Special Needs Program to ensure that our special needs kids also have opportunities for recreational play during the summer months, consistent with those offered through the Township’s Summer Fun Program. Our program serves over 100 kids with special needs annually. I am confident that the proposed project will have a significant impact on our community, and that it will particularly improve the lives of the special needs youth that we are proud to serve.

Sincerely,

Jacqueline Elwood  
[Signature]
Green Acres Program
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501 East State Street, 1st Floor
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Trenton, NJ 08625-0420

RE: Township of North Bergen 2017 NJ DEP- Green Acres Park Development Application

January 11, 2017

To NJ DEP Green Acres Program:

I am writing this letter in support of the Township of North Bergen’s 2017 NJ DEP-Green Acres Park Development Program application for improvements to the Township’s 64th Field. The 64th Field plays a central role in the community, especially given its proximity to schools, housing and the Township’s popular Community Center.

As a stakeholder in the community, I applaud the Township of North Bergen’s focus on ensuring the safety and wellbeing of all residents—particularly its youth. Public parks play an essential role in providing children places to play, explore, and learn. They are vital to building a sense of collaboration and independence. For these reasons, communities need to ensure that all residents have access to open space and quality recreational facilities.

Sincerely,

Anthony P. Vainieri, Jr.
Chairman
Board of Chosen Freeholders
567 Pavonia Avenue
Jersey City, NJ 07306
Green Acres Program  
Mail Code 501-01  
501 East State Street, 1st Floor  
P.O. Box 420  
Trenton, NJ 08625-0420  

Re: Township of North Bergen 2017 NJ DEP- Green Acres Park Development Application  
January 17, 2017  

To NJ DEP Green Acres Program:  

On behalf of the North Bergen Housing Authority (NBHA) I am pleased to submit this letter of support for the Township of North Bergen’s application for the 64th Street Field Improvement Project. I am confident that our residents will directly benefit from the proposed field improvement project. Projects such as this build a sense of trust and civic pride that can only strengthen our neighborhoods.

The NBHA provides comfortable and affordable housing in a safe stable and secure living environment for low income family, senior and disabled residents in the adjacent and surrounding area of the proposed project at 64th Street field. The NBHA aligns its philosophy with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban development (HUD), to create strong, sustainable, inclusive communities and quality affordable homes for all. The NBHA is an inclusive and sustainable community that is free from discrimination.

On behalf of the NBHA and its residents, we are thankful to the Township of North Bergen for their application, as well as for their ongoing focus on meeting the needs of our diverse community.

Sincerely,

Gerald J. Sanzari  
Executive Director

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GERALD J. SANZARI  
Executive Director  
ELAINE LaTOUR  
Chairperson  
ANTHONY FERRARO  
Vice Chairperson
Green Acres Program  
Mail Code 501-01  
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RE: Township of North Bergen 2017 NJ DEP- Green Acres Park Development Application

January 11, 2017

To NJ DEP Green Acres Program:

As the Superintendent of the North Bergen School District, it is a pleasure for me to write to you today in support of the Township’s NJ DEP—Green Acres Park Development Program application for improvements to the Township’s 64th Field. This popular site affords our youth many recreational opportunities.

The North Bergen School District is a neighborhood-based school system serving students from Pre-Kindergarten to High School. The North Bergen School System’s curriculum is aligned with the New Jersey State Core Curriculum Content Standards and State Assessment Program. Class offerings include all required academic subjects, as well as physical education, art, instrumental and vocal music, and research and study skills for our elementary students. Through this holistic approach, we seek to nurture all aspects of a child’s development. I am confident that the Township’s field improvement project will be extremely valuable to our students, as it will promote exercise and healthy habits that will benefit them for many years to come.

Yours Truly,

George Solter  
Superintendent  
North Bergen School District  
7317 Kennedy Blvd,  
North Bergen, NJ 07047
Green Acres Program  
Mail Code 501-01  
501 East State Street, 1st Floor  
P.O. Box 420  
Trenton, NJ 08625-0420

RE: Township of North Bergen 2017 NJ DEP—Green Acres Park Development Application

February 3, 2017

To NJ DEP Green Acres Program:

As the President of North Bergen Recreation Baseball, I am glad to write this letter of support on behalf of the Township of North Bergen’s grant application to the Green Acres Park Development Program for an improvement project involving the Township’s popular 64th Street Field. Our organization understands the value of team sports and the positive impact baseball has on our youth and on the community as a whole. Recreational baseball keeps kids active, builds confidence, and helps children develop lasting bonds of friendship.

I believe that the proposed development project will enable us to better serve our youth and that it will have a lasting impact on the community. I applaud the Township’s efforts and am grateful to Green Acres for their consideration of the Township of North Bergen’s park development application.

Yours Truly,
Edward Teurbe-Tolon
President North Bergen Recreation Baseball

Sincerely,
Green Acres Program  
Mail Code 501-01  
501 East State Street, 1st Floor  
P.O. Box 420  
Trenton, NJ 08625-0420  

RE: Township of North Bergen 2017 NJ DEP- Green Acres Park Development Application  

January 11, 2017  

To NJ DEP Green Acres Program:  

As the Superintendent of Parks for the Township of North Bergen, I truly understand the value of our parks and am able to witness on a daily basis the positive impact they have on all members of our community. It is for this reason that I am pleased to write this letter of support on behalf of the Township’s 2017 Green Acres Park Development Grant Program application for improvements to the 64th Street Field.  

This field is used on a regular basis for sports, summer camp, and other organized recreational activities. Regular wear-and-tear has created safety concerns that have impacted its usability. I am confident that the proposed improvements will greatly enhance the field and promote an increase in use by all members of our community. Such a project is of particular value in North Bergen, given our high population density and the fact that many residents live in apartments without access to yards.  

Many thanks for your time and consideration of our application.  

Sincerely,  

Joseph Rotondi  
Superintendent of Parks  
Township of North Bergen  
4233 Kennedy Blvd / Room 210  
North Bergen, NJ 07047
January 17, 2017

Green Acres Program
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RE: Township of North Bergen 2017 NJ DEP
Green Acres Park Development Application

To NJ DEP Green Acres Program:

The township of North Bergen is in the process of applying to NJ DEP – Green Acres Park Development Program for improvements to the Township’s 64th Street Field, which is used for a variety of recreational purposes, including softball and T-ball. The project includes: new synthetic turf, fencing, batting cage, lighting, benches and more.

The improvements to the park shall enable the Township of North Bergen to upgrade facilities, particularly rest room facilities, to reflect current building, electric and plumbing standards.

Sincerely,

Peter Hammer
Director of Community Improvements
Plumbing Sub-Code Official
Green Acres Program
Mail Code 501-01
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P.O. Box 420
Trenton, NJ 08625-0420

RE: Township of North Bergen 2017 NJ DEP- Green Acres Park Development Application

January 11, 2017

To NJ DEP Green Acres Program:

As the Superintendent of Recreation for the Township of North Bergen, I am pleased to write this letter endorsing the Township’s application for improvements at the North Bergen 64th Street Field. NJ DEP Green Acres Program’s commitment to preserving recreational resources statewide is closely aligned with the stated goals of this project.

The 64th Street Park Development Project will benefit all members of our diverse, densely-populated community. It will greatly increase the safety and usability of the field and enhance the experience of the many children who use the site regularly for a range of recreational activities. This is particularly important given that childhood obesity is a growing concern, especially for highly-populated urban communities such as ours. The proposed project will address this concern by ensuring that all children in our community have access to a high-quality recreational facility and to the variety of programs and activities offered at the site.

Many thanks for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

John Cellini
Superintendent of Recreation
Township of North Bergen
6300 Meadowview Ave
North Bergen, NJ 07047
Ms. Cathy Elliot-Shaw  
State of New Jersey  
Department of Environmental Protection  
Green Acres Program  
Mail Code 501–01  
P.O. Box 420  
Trenton, NJ 08625-0420

January 19, 2017

Dear Ms. Elliot-Shaw,

I am writing on behalf of the Hudson County Planning Board to express our support for the Township of North Bergen’s application for funding from the New Jersey Green Acres Park Development Program for the purpose of improvements to 64th Street Field. The proposed project is consistent with our Master Plan and will significantly enhance recreational and open space in our community.

The improvements to 64th Street field, including a synthetic turf field, fencing, a new dugout, batting cage equipment, an equipment storage building, as well as a full upgrade of the playground, will allow for expanded recreational use. The project aligns with the goals of the New Jersey Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan, and the 2016 Hudson County Master Plan Reexamination Report. Specifically, the project supports the following goals and objectives of the Master Plan:

- Community Facilities Goal 1: “To provide recreational, park, and waterfront facilities that are accessible to all residents of all ages and abilities and provide a variety of activities and amenities.”
- Community Facilities Goal 2: “Improve the quality of life for Hudson County residents and visitors by providing a system of high quality parks.”

The Hudson County Planning Board supports the Township of North Bergen’s efforts to acquire grant funding from the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection’s Green Acres Program for the realization of this project.

Sincerely,

Massiel Ferrara, PP, AICP  
Deputy Director, Department of Parks and Community Services  
Division Chief, Hudson County Division of Planning
cc. Thomas A. DeGise, Hudson County Executive
    David Drumeler, Deputy Hudson County Administrator
    Thomas DeLeo, Director, Department of Parks and Community Services
January 18, 2017

Green Acres Program
Mail Code 501-01
501 East State Street, 1st Floor
P.O. Box 420
Trenton, NJ 08625-0420

RE: Township of North Bergen 2017 NJ DEP—Green Acres Park Development Application

The Township of North Bergen is in the process of applying to NJ DEP—Green Acres Park Development Program for improvements to the Township’s 64th Street Field, which is used for a variety of recreational purposes, including softball and T-ball. The project includes: new synthetic turf, fencing, batting cage, lighting, benches, and more.

This project is consistent with the Township’s interest in preserving recreational spaces that benefit the community, and it aligns with both local and county land use plans. Furthermore, the project reflects the priorities of the State Planning Commission’s New Jersey State Development and Redevelopment Plan, which specifically advocates maintaining existing parks and open space, as well as expanding the system through redevelopment and additional efforts.

I truly appreciate your time and respectfully request your favorable consideration on behalf of the Township of North Bergen.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Patricia Bartoli
Chairperson
Attached, please find the applications for permits required for the completion of 64th Street Project.
CERTIFICATION IN LIEU OF OATH

I. OWNER SECTION (to be completed if the applicant is the owner in fee)

I hereby certify that I am the owner in fee of the property listed on Page 1.

Mark the following applicable boxes.

A. ( ) I further certify that a new home (private residence) will be constructed on this property for my own use and occupancy. This dwelling is to be occupied by myself and is not to be used for any purpose other than single family residential use. I attest that all construction, plumbing or electrical work will be done, in whole or in part, by me or by subcontractors under my supervision, in accordance with all applicable laws; and, I further acknowledge that said new home is not covered under the New Home Warranty and Builders Registration Act (N.J.S.A. 46:38-1 et seq.) and that such fact shall be disclosed to any person purchasing this property within ten years of the date of issuance of a certificate of occupancy.

I UNDERSTAND THAT IN MARKING BOX A, I ACKNOWLEDGE THAT I AM ASSUMING RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE WORK DONE ON SAID PROPERTY, THE CONDITION OF THE PROPERTY PRIOR TO, DURING, AND AFTER ANY WORK PERFORMED, AND FOR THE PERFORMANCE OF THE SUBCONTRACTORS I HIRE, EMPLOY, OR OTHERWISE CONTRACT WITH WHOM I MAKE AGREEMENTS TO PERFORM WORK. I AM VOLUNTARILY AND KNOWINGLY ASSUMING THIS RESPONSIBILITY.

B. ( ) I further certify the following as required by the New Jersey Uniform Construction Code, N.J.A.C. 5:23-2.15(e)1. vii:

I personally prepared the plans submitted for: 1) the new home referred to in A.; or, 2) an addition, alteration, renovation, or repair to an existing single family residence owned and occupied by myself and located on the property listed on Page 1; or, 3) a new structure that will be physically separate from, but that will be deemed part of, an existing single family residence that is owned and occupied by myself and located on the property listed on Page 1.

C. ( ) I further certify that I will perform or supervise the following work:

C.1. ( ) Building C.2. ( ) Fire Protection

C.3. ( ) Electrical C.4. ( ) Plumbing

D. ( ) I agree to advise all contractors on this project that they are required to be registered with the New Jersey Division of Taxation and to comply with all New Jersey Tax laws.

I further certify the following as required by the Uniform Construction Code, N.J.A.C. 5:23-2.15(a)5. All required State, County and local prior approvals have been given, including such certification as the construction official may require.

I understand that if any of the above statements are willfully false, I am subject to punishment.

Signature ____________________________ Date ____________________________

II. AGENT SECTION (to be completed if the applicant is not the owner in fee)

I hereby certify the following as required by the Uniform Construction Code, N.J.A.C. 5:32-2.15(d); the proposed work is authorized by the owner in fee; and I have been authorized by the owner in fee to make this application as his agent.

I further certify the following as required by the Uniform Construction Code, N.J.A.C. 5:23-2.15(a)5. All required State, County, and local prior approvals have been given, including such certification as the construction official may require.

I agree to advise all contractors on this project that they are required to be registered with the New Jersey Division of Taxation and comply with all New Jersey tax laws.

I understand that if any of the above statements are willfully false, I am subject to punishment.

( ) Check if contractor.

Agent Name ________________________________

Address ________________________________

Telephone (_______) ____________________

Signature ________________________________

III. ( ) LEAD HAZARD ABATEMENT: Include Homeowner or Building Owner Affidavit as per N.J.A.C. 5:17.
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**DEPARTMENT OF TRADES**

**LICENSED PUMPING CONTRACTOR**

- Application
- Signature/Stamp
- Seal and Signature
- D.C. License No.
- Expiry Date
- Date of Receipt
- Date of Issue

**ACCURATE WORK PERMITTED**

- Gas Pipe
- Gas Equipment
- Water Heater
- Sewer Pump
- Riser Pipe
- Vent Pipe
- Meter Box
- Fixtures

**JOB SUMMARY**

- Total Fee
- City
- District
- Zip Code
- Date

**DEPARTMENT OF WORKS**

- Permit #
- Date Issued
- Control #
- Date Requested

**TECHNICAL SECTION**

**PLUMBING SUBCODE**

- Code
- Section
- Title
- Date

**PLUMBING CHARACTERISTICS**

- Federal Agency
- Home Improvement Contract Registration No. or Exception Reason (if applicable)
- Contact Information
- Email
- Phone
- Fax
- Website

**CONTACTS**

- Owner in Fee
- Work Site Location
- Lot
- Block
- Street

**CERTIFICATION IN LIEU OF OATH**

- Applicant
- Address
- City
- State
- ZIP Code
- SSN
- Date

- Plumbing Plans Approved
- Building Plans Approved
- Final Plan Required
- No Plans Requested
- Plan Review (if any)

- false failure, approval initial inspections

**APPLYING FOR**

- Code
- Section
- Title
- Date

- False Failure, Approval Initial Inspections

**NOTICE**

- This office can only apply for a license when the application form is completed and accompanied by the required fees. The applicant must submit all necessary documents along with the application form. If any information provided is found to be false, the application will be denied and the applicant may be subject to penalties.
DEBRIS RECOVERY REPORT - FOR NORTH BERGEN ORDINANCE EFFECTIVE 01/01/2013

PERMIT WILL NOT BE ISSUED UNTIL COMPLETED PLAN SUBMITTED AND APPROVED

SUBMIT APPLICATION WITH PERMIT TO BUILDING DEPT. 4233 KENNEDY BLVD., NORTH BERGEN, NJ, 07047

Building Permit #: ____________________________

Owner Name: ________________________________

Owner Mailing Address: ____________________________________________________________

Owner Phone: (___) ________________________

Jobsite Address: ________________________________________________________________  Sq. Ft.: _______

Building Type: __________ Residential/Commercial/Industrial/ Other: __________________

Jobsite Contact: ________________________________________________________________

Company: ___________________________ Jobsite Contact Phone: (___) _______________

Brief description of project:
______________________________________________________________

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Hauler Information

Name _______________________________________

Address ______________________________________

Telephone _________________________________

Amount of Debris Removed ____________________________

Location of Disposal ______________________________

Please retain all copies of disposal information and attach with this form. By signing below, I acknowledge that I am responsible for complying with the requirements of this ordinance of North Bergen Building Standards Code.

Owner Signature: __________________________ Date ________________

DEBRIS RECOVERY REPORT REQUIRED PER NORTH BERGEN ORDINANCE 132-12
TOWNSHIP OF NORTH BERGEN
4233 KENNEDY BLVD., ROOM 208, NORTH BERGEN, NJ 07047 201-392-2051

2017- CONTRACTOR’S LICENSE APPLICATION

DATE___________________________  CLASSIFICATION__________________________

NAME OF APPLICANT________________________________________________________

COMPANY, CORP OR TRADE NAME____________________________________________

MAILING ADDRESS________________________________________________________

PHONE NO#_______________________________________________________________

APPLICANT’S HOME ADDRESS_______________________________________________

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HOME PHONE NO#__________________________________________________________

OTHER CONTRACTOR’S LICENSE (LIST)

__________________________________________________________________________

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT I HAVE READ THIS APPLICATION AND THAT IT IS
CORRECT AND AGREE TO COMPLY WITH ALL TOWNSHIP ORDINANCES
AND STATE LAWS WHICH REGULATE BUILDING CONSTRUCTION.

____________________________________
APPLICANT’S SIGNATURE
TO: Green Acres Program
FROM: Joe Rotondi
DATE: February 06, 2017
REGARDS: Annual Maintenance Estimated Cost / 2017 Green Acres Application / 64TH Street Field

If awarded from Green Acres and constructed according to the Township Specifications, all grass cuttings, weed control, seeding and fertilization shall be eliminated yearly from field maintenance. As for the playground and dog run, repairs shall be eliminated as well. All Annual Maintenance Costs after construction shall be reduced to an estimated two thousand annually as a Annual Maintenance Contract for the turf shall be added to the specifications and the township shall be responsible in paying for any repairs within the existence of the Maintenance Contract which may be estimated eight to ten years. There after the repairs may double to four thousand as the grooming of the field included in the maintenance contract shall now be the responsibility of the township as well as the repairs.

Sincerely,

Joe Rotondi
Superintendent of Parks