

Dear Open Space Supporter,

I am pleased to inform you of the approval given by the Frelinghuysen Township Committee to include a question on the November election ballot. The question will ask residents if they would support a \$.02 tax increase for the Open Space/Farmland Preservation Trust.

We are at a crossroads in taking an important step toward securing the goals stated clearly in the Frelinghuysen Master Plan and its two elements. Outreach to county, state, and non-profit funding will continue with the guidance of Morris Land Conservancy. Frelinghuysen needs to stand in good faith by providing a sufficient funding commitment to match the support we receive. The current shortfall, along with planned future preservation, acquisition and maintenance, needs to be planned responsibly. Maintaining a rural way of life is our mission. A \$.02 tax increase will enable the Township to move toward the vision and mission our resident's support. The Open Space Commission is hosting an educational forum in September. Presenters from Morris Land Conservancy and ANJEC (Association of New Jersey Environmental Commissions) will provide important facts about the benefits of open space/farmland preservation. We will post the date for this forum soon.

Regards,

Robin Randolph