

MORRIS NEWSBEE

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COUNTY OF MORRIS

RoseMarie Leyhan, Borough Clerk, who being
duly sworn according to law on her oath,
deposes and says that the annexed notice
was published in the Morris Newsbee,
a weekly newspaper published in Madison,
in the County of Morris, New Jersey on the
following date, to wit:

February 5, 2026

Subscribed and sworn to, before me, this

5 day of February 2026.

Witness my hand and notarial seal.

 _____, Notary

CHRISTIAN KUZEMCZAK
NOTARY PUBLIC OF NEW JERSEY
My Commission Expires 09/18/30



PUBLIC NOTICES

Morris Plains Borough

Public Hearing Announcement

PURPOSE: The Borough of Morris Plains is seeking funding through the State of NJ Green Acres Program for improvements at the Community Park Pool located at Jim Fear Drive in Morris Plains, NJ.

PROJECT SCOPE: The Borough of Morris Plains proposes renovating the following facilities: Community Park Pool. This application includes locating and repairing leaks in the pool, replacing the slide, and replacing all lifeguard chairs. A conceptual plan showing the proposed changes, a preliminary cost estimate, and an environmental impact assessment for the project can be found at: <https://morrisplainsboro.org/>.

PUBLIC HEARING INFORMATION: The public is encouraged to attend a public hearing to learn more about the proposal and to ask questions or provide comments on the proposed plan on Thursday, February 19, 2026, at 7:30 p.m. The meeting will be held as part of the regularly scheduled Council meeting. Written comments on the proposed application may be directed to RoseMarie Leyhan, Borough Clerk, rlayhan@morrisplainsboro.org, 531 Speedwell Avenue, Morris Plains, NJ 07950.

BY ORDER OF
THE BOROUGH OF MORRIS PLAINS

ROSEMARIE LEYHAN, RMC
BOROUGH CLERK
Dated: February 2, 2026
P.F. \$24.18

02/05/21

Concept Plan Checklist

The Concept Plan, which serves as a reference for Green Acres ranking and evaluation, must include the information listed below. The Concept Plan should be prepared by a licensed professional, who should complete this checklist. The plan should be generated using AutoCAD or Geographic Information System (GIS) technology; the layers required by the Green Acres Program are available from the DEP's GIS GeoWeb.

This checklist should be returned with the completed application. If any items are not applicable, please indicate with "N/A" next to that item. The following are required elements of the concept plan:

1. X Project name and location
2. X Tax parcel lot lines and road rights-of-way lines
3. X Block and lot numbers and municipality(ies) in which the project is located
4. X North arrow and scale of map
5. N/A Adjacent streets, labeled; if there are no adjacent streets, the nearest street or landmark must be included as a reference point.
6. X Existing improvements and facilities shown in approximate location on parcel and labeled
7. X Proposed improvements and facilities shown in approximate location on parcel and labeled, with approximate area delineated
8. N/A Any trees proposed to be removed, with an "X" in the location of the tree
9. N/A Location of all known existing easements, road rights-of-way, and encroachments
10. X Location of all streams, rivers, waterbodies, and associated buffers
11. N/A Location of tidelands, available from the [Department's Bureau of GIS](#), as determined from New Jersey Tidelands claims maps, conveyance overlays, and atlas sheets
12. N/A Location of floodplain, as shown on the New Jersey State Flood Hazard Area maps prepared under the Flood Hazard Area Control Act, N.J.S.A. 58:16A50 et seq. and available from [the NJDEP Bureau of Flood Engineering and Climate Resilience Design](#) website or as determined from other State or Federal mapping or from a site delineation
13. N/A Location of coastal wetlands, as shown on maps prepared by the Department under the Wetlands Act of 1970, N.J.S.A. 13:9A1 et seq. and available from the [Department's Bureau of GIS](#).
14. N/A Location of freshwater wetlands, available from the [Department's Bureau of GIS](#).
15. N/A Location of historic fill, available from the [Department's Bureau of GIS](#).

Items listed above should be superimposed on the most recent aerial image of the site (aerials available from the [Department's Bureau of GIS](#))

PROPOSED POOL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT
COMMUNITY POOL
LOT 9.02, BLOCK 185
Borough of Morris Plains
February 16, 2026



SCALE: 1" = 30'



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Engineer's Estimate of Project Costs

Park Development Application
Green Acres Program

Community Pool Improvement Project
Borough of Morris Plains
February 16, 2026

ITEM	Estimated Cost
Locate and Repair Pool Leaks	\$150,000
Replace Sliding Board	\$35,000
Replace Four (4) Lifeguard Chairs	\$15,000
Project Total	\$200,000

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Green Acres Program
New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection
Park Development Application
Environmental Impact Assessment
Borough of Morris Plains Community Pool Improvements Project

1. Description of the Proposed Project

a. Briefly describe the total development project

The Morris Plains Community Park Pool Improvement project entails the location and repair of leaks at the pool, replacement of the slide, and replacement of all lifeguard chairs.

b. State objectives of the project

The project objectives are to finally repair the leaks that are causing water to be lost daily, and to replace the ageing slide and the original lifeguard chairs installed when the pool and its addition were built.

c. Fully describe multi-phase projects

The project will be implemented in two phases. The first phase will address the leaks, and the second phase will replace the slide and lifeguard chairs.

2. Description of The Environment

Describe existing environmental features:

a. Vegetation

The only vegetation at the site of the Community Pool is the grass growing on the pervious surfaces surrounding the pool grounds. It will not be disturbed.

b. wildlife, including State and federal threatened and endangered species and critical habitats

No wildlife is located on the site.

c. geology, topography, and soils

The topography is described as a flat surface with topsoil and grass.

d. water resources/hydrology

Water used at the site is sourced from the Southeast Morris County Municipal Utility Authority (SMCMUA).

e. historic/archeological resources

There is no historic significance for the Morris Plains Community Pool site.

f. transportation/access to site

Access to the site is primarily by car, but patrons also walk or bicycle to the site. There is no public transportation directly to the site, but patrons could utilize an Uber or Lyft ride-sharing service. Also, NJ Transit bus service can take patrons within walking distance of the site.

g. adjacent land uses/description of the surrounding neighborhood

The Community Pool is located within the Morris Plains Community Park, which is an area dedicated to recreation. The Community Park contains a fishing pond, a playground, several baseball and softball fields, basketball courts, and volleyball courts. The park has single-family residential neighborhoods adjacent to it on all sides.

3. Environmental Impact Analysis of Proposed Action

Impacts are defined as direct or indirect changes to the existing environment, whether beneficial or adverse, that are anticipated to result from the proposed action or related future actions and uses. Any off-site impacts, such as increased traffic on neighborhood roads or increased noise levels in surrounding areas, should be described. Whenever possible, environmental impacts should be quantified (i.e., number of trees to be removed, cubic yards of cut/fill, etc.). Provide the information listed below for both the construction period and the operation of the site once the project is complete. Synthetic turf project EIAs must include long-term anticipated impacts, referencing the 2025 DSR review, and note the expected useful life of the facility. Proposed tree removal must be discussed in this section.

- a. Discuss all affected resources and the significance of each impact

No resources will be affected by the Community Pool Improvement project except for the reduction in water usage.

- b. Discuss short-term and long-term project impacts

The short-term and long-term impact of the project completion will be to save water that has been leaking from the pool for years.

- c. Discuss anticipated increase in recreation and overall use of the site over time

The proposed improvements implemented at the pool are anticipated to increase pool membership. As more people use the pool facility, they will also see the other recreational facilities located at Community Park that they may not have known existed.

- d. Identify adjacent environmental features that may be affected by the proposal

None.

- e. List any permits and administrative approvals required for the project and brief status (i.e., waterfront development)

None.

- f. For development that would impact an undisturbed portion of the project site, the local government must submit a [Natural Heritage Data Request Form](#) to the DEP's Office of Natural Lands Management (form available at the website or by writing to Natural Heritage Program, PO Box 404, Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0404). Please attach and discuss the results of the search.

None is required since the project will not impact an undisturbed portion of the project site.

- g. Discuss if/how the project may be impacted by sea level rise and any related design considerations.

Not Applicable.

4. Alternatives to the Proposed Action

a. Identify alternate sites

Since Community Park is the only pool site in the Borough of Morris Plains, there are no alternate sites to consider.

b. Discuss alternate levels and types of development

Not Applicable.

c. Compare the environmental impacts of each alternative

Not Applicable.

5. Mitigating Measures

Describe the measures that will be undertaken to mitigate adverse impacts

No adverse impacts are anticipated except that the pool will be closed while the leak detection and repair are conducted.

6. Author and Qualifications

The author of this Environmental Assessment is the Grant Writer, Stephen Welsh, with 10 years of grant writing experience. An Environmental Specialist was not engaged due to the nature of the project, which does not affect the environment. There is no tree removal or environmental impact. The project is simply to find and repair leaks in the pool, replace the slide at the same location, and replace all four lifeguard chairs in the same location.