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Mr. Phil Del Turco, Business Administrator  
Township of Jackson  
Office of the Business Administrator  
95 West Veterans Highway  
Jackson, New Jersey 08527

Re: **Temporary Exempt Compost Facility**  
**Jackson Mills Vista Center**  
**Block 2201 Lot 2**  
**Jackson Township, Ocean County**

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BUREAU OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

Dear Mr. Del Turco,

This correspondence is in response to your letter dated March 10, 2009, in which you requested approval to create a temporary Exempt Compost Facility at the Township's, Green Acres ("Program") funded, Jackson Mills Vista Center (Block 2201 Lot 2). It is my understanding that the compost materials will be used to improve soil conditions at the site in an effort to address documented soil deficiencies and better support grass growth. Since the subject property is encumbered by the Program as funded parkland and composting does not represent a recreation and/or conservation use (as defined by the Program) of the property, it is necessary to obtain approval for the proposed temporary compost facility.

Per N.J.A.C. 7:36-25.14, the Program's rules allow for the temporary use, for a period of no more than two years and with prior approval from the Program, of encumbered parkland for purposes other than outdoor recreation and/or conservation. Since the proposed action does not appear to pose any significant threat to the natural resources on-site, is intended to improve the soil quality and provide a better playing surface for recreational use of the property, approval to utilize a 3-5 acre portion of Block 2201 Lot 2 for a temporary compost facility is hereby granted. The approved two year term will begin November 1, 2009 and any use of the subject property for the proposed purposes beyond the initial two year period would require approval from the

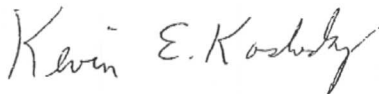
Commissioner of the Department of Environmental Protection and the State House  
Commission, per N.J.A.C. 7:36-25.2(a).

The Program urges you to consider areas of the property that have already been cleared when choosing a location within the Jackson Mills Vista Center property for the compost facility. I would like to take this opportunity to reference N.J.A.C. 7:36-25.14(b)8 of the Program's rules to make you aware that the area used for composting is required to be restored to a condition that is equal to or better than it was in before the proposed use occurred. Therefore, any removal or disturbance of established vegetation to accommodate this use will have to be accounted for and replaced after the two year term has expired.

Please note: this approval fulfills the Township's requirement to obtain Green Acres approval for the temporary use of a 3-5 acre portion of the Jackson Mills Vista Center property for composting and does not represent approval or permitting required by any other State, Federal or local entity. Also, if there are any material changes to the representations submitted to the Program, please contact us to discuss whether they alter our approval.

If you have any questions regarding this correspondence, please do not hesitate to contact me at (609) 292-6579

Sincerely,



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NJDEP-Green Acres Program