

# COMMUNITY INFORM

A series of informational meetings on topics of interest to Mt. Kemble Lake residents

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## **PRIMROSE PRESERVE DEVELOPMENT - IMPACT AND OPPORTUNITY FOR THE LAKE Wednesday July 6<sup>th</sup> – 7:30 at the Clubhouse**

A 13-house subdivision has been approved for Brook Drive South. If this subdivision is built, there is a strong potential for traffic increases on access roads around the Lake as well as an increased use of Lake roads by non-Lake pedestrians.

The Harding Open Space Trust and the Harding Land Trust, working with the Trust for Public Land have negotiated an open space purchase opportunity that would forever prevent anything but recreational use of the subdivision's 122+ acres. Most of the funding for this purchase would come from NJ state and Morris County partners with only 12% (\$1,100,000) of the \$9.1 million price coming from the local dedicated open space tax we all pay.

There are several things that preservation would positively affect such as the possibility of expanding the ball fields/parking at Barrett field, creation of hiking and cross-country ski trails. Environmentally, preservation would protect groundwater resources such as Primrose Brook and the Upper Passaic River, and animal habitat.

Despite the low direct cost to Harding, the Township Committee is leaning toward disapproving the purchase of the first phase of this two-phase project. Your support is important to encouraging the town to proceed with this significant open space preservation opportunity at the next Township Committee meeting on July 13, at 7:30. Come to this *Inform* meeting to learn about the details and pose any questions you may have about its value to the Lake.

Even if you cannot attend one or both meetings your voice can be heard by signing an on-line petition at: [http://www.ipetitions.com/petition/save\\_primrose\\_farms](http://www.ipetitions.com/petition/save_primrose_farms) password: **saveprimrose** or by sending an e-mail to the Township committee at: [amacchia@hardingnj.org](mailto:amacchia@hardingnj.org). Details on the proposal are posted on the MKL website.

Representatives from the Harding Open Space Trust and the Harding Land Trust will be available to answer questions or contact John Murray at 973 425-0646 or [john@jjmurray.us](mailto:john@jjmurray.us).