

# Rahway River Park Upgrades Subject of Public Hearing Sept. 15



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RAHWAY, NJ – Because proposed changes to Rahway River Park “may involve a change in recreational use,” a public hearing will be held in order to comply with New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection Green

Acres Program regulations.

A **public notice** posted on the Union County website and at the park entrances indicates the hearing will be held on Tuesday, Sept. 15, 2015 at 6 p.m. in The Rahway Public Library, 2 City Hall Plaza, Rahway, NJ 07065.

“This renovation will improve the track and field’s use for the general public, make it compliant with existing athletic practices, and provide amenities for the general public as well as spectators at inter-scholastic games,” the notice states.

The proposed joint venture between the County of Union and the City of Rahway calls for the replacement of an existing natural grass field and running track with an artificial turf field, lighting, bleachers and a building to house concession, restrooms and storage.

The County held a **public information session** in Rahway on July 1. Project engineer David Atkinson outlined the proposal, Union County Public Safety Director Andrew Moran discussed parking issues and Union County Counsel Robert Barry touched on the project development process during that meeting. Public comment was limited to hand-written questions that were deemed relevant to the evening’s presentation.

**Public opposition** to the plan has been strong, with opponents attending Union County Freeholder meetings, organizing into a Facebook group named “Coalition to Save Rahway Park” and, more recently, developing a website, [www.saverahwaypark.org](http://www.saverahwaypark.org).

Written public comments may also be submitted through Sept. 29 to:

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