Township of West Caldwell

November, 2013

YARD WASTE DISPOSAL ALONG STREAM BANKS AND THE UPCOMING SPRING CLEAN-UP SEASON

Dear Resident,

You have received this notice because your property has been identified as having direct access to one of the many streams, brooks and other open water channels within the Township.

The condition of these waterways is critical to the effective conveyance of storm water runoff from the roadways and properties of the Township. The Township, as part of our State issued storm water management permit, has adopted a mandated ordinance meant to protect these resources by preventing the dumping and/or disposal of anything other than storm water into these open waters.

It is the homeowners' responsibility to keep clean and maintain stream banks and to remove and dispose of the debris that has been deposited into these open waters. We ask that you collect and bag any yard waste that has been deposited along the tops or banks of the streams and any debris that has collected in the stream and place it at the curb in conjunction with your regular garbage pickup schedule. We also ask that you or your landscaper discontinue the deposit of yard waste in these areas or within any roadway inlets, as this is a code violation.

The full restoration of the open waters within the Township carries significant regulatory and financial burdens that may be under consideration at some future date. Your participation in this course of action will have far reaching impacts on the ability of these waterways to function until it is feasible to undertake the full restoration of open waters within the Township.

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6-3.2 Prohibited Acts.

No person shall sweep, throw, drop, place, discard, deposit or dump litter in or on any property, whether occupied, open or vacant and whether owned by that person or any other person, or in a public place or pond, lake or **stream** or other body of water within the township, except in a public litter receptacle or in an authorized private litter receptacle for collection, or having done so, to allow such litter to remain. (1993 Code § 129-2; Ord. No. 1573 § I)

19-9.8 Lots.

a. All lots shall abut an approved street for their entire frontage. Side lot lines shall be substantially at right angles to straight street lines or radial to curved street lines. Where additional width has been dedicated for widening of existing streets, lots shall begin at such additional width line, and all setbacks shall be measured from such line.

b. Lot dimensions and area shall not be less than the requirements of the Zoning Ordinance for the zone district in which the lot is located.

c. All lots shown on a subdivision plat shall be suitable for permitted purposes pursuant to the Zoning Ordinance, particularly without danger to health or peril from flood, fire, erosion or other menace. No lots shall be platted for residential occupancy within flood hazard areas, nor for such other uses as may increase danger to health, life or property pursuant to Chapter XXI of the Revised General Ordinances of the Township of West Caldwell. Such land within the plat shall be set aside for such uses as shall not be endangered by periodic or occasional inundation or as shall not produce unsatisfactory living conditions.

d. Where a proposed subdivision is traversed by a water-course, there shall be provided a conservation easement conforming to the **stream** encroachment line as determined by the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection or the limit of the floodway as defined in the above referenced Chapter XXI. Unless otherwise provided, it shall be the property owner's responsibility to maintain the watercourse within the conservation easement and to the line and grade established by the approved subdivision plan.

15-12 REMOVAL BY TOWNSHIP; COSTS ESTABLISHED AS A LIEN.

a. If the owner, tenant or operator shall fail to cut, remove or otherwise abate brush, weeds or other plant life, obnoxious growths, filth, garbage, trash, refuse or debris within ten (10) days after the giving of notice, the cutting, removal or abatement shall be done by the Department of Public Works or a private service hired by the Township.