



EWING TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

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Ms. Christen M. Craig
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Re: Trenton- Mercer Airport, NEPA Environmental Assessment for Runway Protection
File: 280.008.002

Dear Ms. Craig,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on your project, and for having given us a later deadline of approximately August 28, 2015 to do so. Please send any further correspondence to me.

"I think that I shall never see
a poem lovely as a tree..."

When Joyce Kilmer wrote those lines in 1913, he wasn't thinking of Ewing Township, NJ, where our tree canopy has been measured at 27.1%, in a state where the goal is 40%. Also, he might not have heard of the approaching Emerald Ash Borer pest which kills Ash trees, and, in a survey of Ewing's public property soon to be released, identified more than 800 Ash trees on public property. The trees in Ewing Township, a precious resource, are under siege.

While the letter states that the areas and individual trees (more than 100) that could be affected is a "worst-case scenario," we would urge any plans proposed to include provisions for replacing trees that are lost, and that the carbon fixing (or carbon sequestration) ability of the replacements are equal to or greater than what they're replacing.

The Ewing Environmental Commission will be happy to work with you, and others, to that end.

Please keep us on the circulation list for anything to do with this project.

Sincerely,

Lee Farnham

Lee H. Farnham, Chair
Ewing Environmental Commission