



OPRA Request Flooding

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To Angela Lazzari <aLazzari@bhtwp.com> <aLazzari@bhtwp.com>

Hi Angela -

Pursuant to the Open Public Records Act (N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1 et seq.), I request access to the following records:

1. All applications, permits, certifications, or correspondence submitted to or received from the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) related to **stream, brook, or river clearing/de-snagging** (including debris removal, sediment removal, or channel cleaning) under the Stream Cleaning Act, Flood Hazard Area General Permit 1, or Permit-by-Rule, from January 1, 2015 through the present.
2. Any Township plans, engineering reports, or communications (internal or external) referencing **de-snagging, de-silting, dredging, or clearing of rivers, brooks, or streams** in Berkeley Heights during the same period.
3. Any correspondence between the Township and Union County, NJDEP, or the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers regarding **flood mitigation work in waterways** located within Berkeley Heights.

If these records are available digitally, I request them in electronic form via email.

Given the statement made in the unattributed and unsigned press release published by the Township that stated:

"Municipalities cannot undertake flood mitigation projects on private property, and no work can be conducted in waterways without appropriate NJDEP permits. Additionally, the State retains ownership and regulatory authority over most waterways, which means municipal actions are often dependent on coordination with State and County partners."

The Berkeley Heights community has a strong interest in knowing what efforts have been made on the part of the township in this area.

I certify the following: I HAVE NOT been convicted of any indictable offense under the laws of New Jersey, any other state, or the United States. I, or another person, WILL NOT use the requested government records for a commercial purpose. I AM NOT seeking records in connection with a legal proceeding

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