6. Cranbury Brook Preserve (3 Sections)

Section 1

LOCATION: Cranbury Brook and

Wynnewood Drive (see Figure 12)

BLOCK: 23
LOT(S): 95
ACREAGE: 15.40
FUNDED/UNFUNDED: Funded

Section 2

LOCATION: Cranbury Brook

(see Figure 12)

BLOCK: 23
LOT(S): 70.02
ACREAGE: 20.3
FUNDED/UNFUNDED: Funded

Section 3

LOCATION: West property (see Figure 12)

 BLOCK:
 23

 LOT(S):
 70.02

 ACREAGE:
 14.31

 FUNDED/UNFUNDED:
 Unfunded

FACILITIES: Partially developed

open space

Natural vegetation and wildlife Trails along Cranbury Brook

FUNCTION:

Cranbury Brook Preserve is located on either side of Cranbury Brook, starting at the West property adjacent to Cranbury School, and extending westward. The preserve actually consists of three sections: two of the sections are located north of the Cranbury Brook (Block 23, Lot 70.02), and one section is located to the south of the Cranbury Brook (Block 23, Lot 95). The major purpose of this park is to preserve and protect the Cranbury Brook stream corridor.

All three parcels are heavily wooded and have been retained in their naturally-vegetated state. However, some walking trails have been cut through a portion of the stream corridor.

Block 23. Lot 70.02 consists of a 14-acre portion of the West property. This portion of the West property was set aside for passive recreation and the preservation of natural lands on the north side of the Cranbury Brook. The West Property conservation area was acquired by the Township using Green Acres funding. The parcel was acquired with the intention that it be the first piece of an

extended Greenway system planned along the entirety of Cranbury Brook, to be used for passive recreation uses, and to protect water quality. In 2004, the Township Committee (Ordinance # 11-04-28) designated this lot for passive recreation and conservation uses. This area is joined by preserved Green Acres lands along the brook, as well as a restricted portion of the Barclay South property bordering the brook.

There are nature trails for walking and jogging on Block 23, Lot 70.02 created by the Boy Scouts. The preserve is used



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for walking, jogging, bird watching, fishing and the enjoyment of nature. The preserve is closed to motorized vehicles. Access to the Cranbury Brook Preserve is provided by means of a gravel driveway which starts on North

Main Street across from Brainerd Lake and extends westward along the school property boundary and ends in a parking lot located just south of the two soccer fields on the West property. A pedestrian entrance to the preserve is to the left of the driveway, just before it enters the parking lot. Access to the south side of the Cranbury Brook is via Unami Woods Park located on Wynnewood Drive at the end of Woodview Drive.