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**Via Email Only**

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Dear Anonymous:

Thank you for your OPRA request dated October 30, 2019 requesting “a copy of the Pineland Commission Consistent Certificate of Filing or Letter of No Further Review relating to Jackson Trails, LLC (Lots 22-19, Block 23001). The request is overly board and would require the Ocean County Clerk’s personnel to research their records in order to obtain specific documents requested in this correspondence as the County Clerk’s offices records are not indexed by this name. .

The Ocean County Clerk’s website is free to view and obtain records at [www.oceancountyclerk.com](http://www.oceancountyclerk.com) where land records may be accessed and searched by anyone either by municipality, lot and block, name, document type, etc. Once again, the Ocean County Clerk’s land records are not indexed or separated by these title or types and would require a staff member to research specifically all the documents recorded within the County Clerk’s documents. That is not the type of request for a specific or specific document under the New Jersey Open Public Records Act N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1 et seq.

This request does not identify specific government records. As such your request is invalid and your OPRA request is denied. Please be advised that OPRA operates to make identifiable government records readily accessible for inspection, copy or examination. Pursuant to Bent v. Township of Stafford Township Police Department, 381 NJ Supra 30, 37 (App.Div. 2005), OPRA does not “authorize a party to make a blanket request for every document a public agency has on file”. As recognized by the Court, an OPRA request is not intended as a research tool litigants may use to force government officials to identify and siphon useful information” but rather as avenue for citizens to obtain specific government records. See MAG Entertainment, LLC v. Div. of Alcohol Beverage Control, 375 NJ Super 534 (App.Div. 2005).

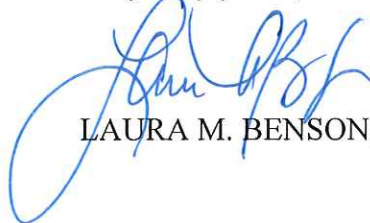
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Your request as framed does not specifically satisfy the specificity required by OPRA for documents found in the Ocean County Clerk's records. It appears from the request that your documents may be housed with the Jackson Township Planning Board office and should be directed there.

If your request for access to government records has been denied or unfulfilled within seven business days, you have a right to challenge the decision by the County Clerk to deny access. At your option, you may either institute a proceeding in the Superior Court of New Jersey or file a complaint with the Government Records Counsel (GRC) by completing the Denial of Access Complaint form. You may contact the GRC by toll free telephone at 866-850-0511; by mail at PO Box 819, Trenton, New Jersey 08625; by email at [grc@dca.state.nj.us](mailto:grc@dca.state.nj.us); or at their website at [www.state.nj.us/grc](http://www.state.nj.us/grc). The GRC can also answer other questions about the law. All questions regarding complaints filed in Superior Court should be directed to the Court Clerk in Ocean County.

Very truly yours,



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cc: Scott Colabella, County Clerk