

MERCER COUNTY WASTEWATER MANAGEMENT PLAN UPDATE

OCTOBER 1, 2009

Mercer County began developing a county-wide Wastewater Management Plan in early 2009 and continues to follow the original CDM project work plan of February 2009.

Deadline Extension

DEP granted Mercer County an extension of the deadline to submit a draft WMP to September 30, 2009. The county requested a second deadline extension to December 31, 2009 for the submission of draft report tables and mapping, including sewer service area. Submission of the draft WMP is expected to follow shortly thereafter in early 2010. By December 2009 there should be sufficient municipal review of the sewer service area to have a static boundary to use for build-out and capacity analyses. Completion of the plan is highly dependent on input the county receives from the public on the data portion of the Plan, the tables and mapping. Therefore, it is likely that another extension request will be made for final submission of the Plan in early 2010.

Coordination of SSA Mapping

Coordination of work on the county's sewer service area data with that of the draft NJDEP sewer service area map is a time-consuming process which is progressing beyond the anticipated schedule. This process however is critical so that a sewer service area boundary can be substantiated and used for the build-out analysis. The coordination of these two data sets requires detailed review by a number of agencies and the public and has therefore created a need to extend the project schedule for the data collection and analysis tasks as specified in the attached work plan prepared by CDM.

Project Status

The project work plan is comprised of four broad tasks—Data Collection, GIS/Analysis, Wastewater Management Plan Development, and Stakeholder Liaison. Mercer County has been receiving public comments on the DEP draft sewer service area map (October 2008) throughout the project to-date. Status of the project to-date is as follows:

February—May 2009

Award contract to CDM

CDM Project Work Plan

Data Collection – 16% complete

GIS/Analysis – 2% complete

Zoning Map Update – 4% complete

Deliverables

Draft GIS Parcel Map Received

Meetings

Mercer County/DEP WMP Meeting

Mercer County w/property owners on draft SSA

1st Working Meeting with MUAs, municipalities, private campuses

Landscape Project Presentation

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May—July 2009

CDM Project Work Plan

Data Collection – 30% complete

GIS/Analysis – 16% complete

Wastewater Management Plan – 2% complete

Zoning Map Update – 55% complete

Deliverables

Memo to DEP specifying urban/non-urban municipalities

Draft GIS zoning map received

Submit public comments on Draft SSA to DEP

Receive DEP Comments on Draft SSA

Meetings

Mercer County/DEP WMP Meeting on draft SSA

Mercer County w/property owners on draft SSA

July—September 2009

CDM Project Work Plan

Data Collection – 52% complete

GIS/Analysis – 32% complete

Wastewater Management Plan – <5% complete

Zoning Map Update – 90% complete

Deliverables

Receive Working SSA from CDM

Receive Buildout Pilot Area from CDM

Receive DEP Comments on Draft SSA

Meetings

County/DEP negotiation on draft SSA comments

Mercer County w/property owners on draft SSA

County Planners coordination meetings w/DEP

October 2009

Comments from DEP on the draft SSA will be available for public review (posted on the county website).

A preliminary draft sewer service area map will be distributed to municipalities and MUAs for comment.