

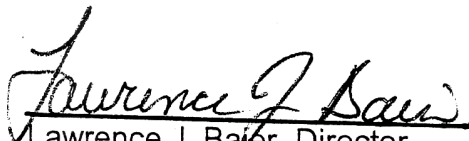
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
DIVISION OF WATERSHED MANAGEMENT

REVISION TO THE UPPER RARITAN WATER QUALITY
MANAGEMENT PLAN


TAKE NOTICE that on **JUL - 7 2008** , pursuant to the provisions of the Water Quality Planning Act, N.J.S.A. 58:11A-1 et seq., and the Statewide Water Quality Management Planning rules, N.J.A.C. 7:15-3.5, a revision to the Upper Raritan Water Quality Management Plan (WQMP) was adopted by the Department. This revision is part of settlement of litigation between Crossroads Outdoor Ministries (Crossroads) and the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (Department). In 2005, the Department found Crossroads to be Not Exempt from the provisions of the Highlands Water Protection and Planning Act (Highlands Act). Crossroads subsequently requested an adjudicatory hearing to contest this decision.

Crossroads operates the Crossroads Camping and Retreat Center located in Lebanon Township, Hunterdon County on Block 51, Lot 13. It is a 242.8 acre seasonally operated retreat. Crossroads consists of several lodges and cabins with a total overnight "sleep in" capacity of 238 bunks. There is also a dining hall with a commercial kitchen, a four bedroom director's house, and a three bedroom dwelling. The site has a current Sanitary Subsurface Sewage Disposal System General Permit (T-1 permit), NJG0128821, for all existing flows. The Department's Division of Watershed Management has entered into a settlement agreement with Crossroads Outdoor Ministries that finds that the construction of a Chapel Retreat Building including 30 beds, the removal of three existing tent platforms which presently have the capacity to accommodate 60 beds, the construction of a new director's house limited to the same number of bathrooms as the existing director's house, the conversion of the existing

director's house to office use and addition of bathrooms to the Oakwood Cabin units is exempt from the Highlands Act. The projected wastewater flows, calculated in accordance with N.J.A.C. 7:9A-7.4, to be generated from the proposed chapel retreat building is 1,200 gallons per day (gpd) and 250 gpd from the proposed office. There will be no net increase in flows however, due to the removal of the 60 beds from the tent platforms, which would decrease flows by 2,400 gpd (60 beds at 40 gpd per bed). This revision does not exempt Crossroads from meeting all applicable permit conditions and/or requirements of its existing T-1 permit or other permits or activities that may be required. This revision is being adopted in accordance with N.J.A.C.7:15-3.5(b)1, which allows for corrections clarifying and updating erroneous, unclear, or outdated statements in statewide and areawide WQMP's.



Lawrence J. Baer, Director
Division of Watershed Management
Department of Environmental Protection

 July 7, 2008
Date