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WATER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

DIVISION OF WATER MONITORING AND STANDARDS

Proposed Amendment to the Tri-County Water Quality Management Plan

Public Notice

Take notice that the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (Department) is seeking public comment on a proposed amendment to the Tri-County Water Quality Management (WQM) Plan in accordance with the New Jersey Water Quality Planning Act, N.J.S.A. 58:11-1 et seq., and the Water Quality Management Planning rules, N.J.A.C. 7:15. The proposed amendment, identified as the “Deptford Redevelopment Area - Proposed Warehouses ”, also known as “5 Points North and Central Redevelopment Areas”, (Program Interest No. 435433, Activity No. AMD200002) would expand the sewer service area of the Gloucester County Utilities Authority (GCUA) sewage treatment plant (STP) to serve a proposed development consisting of the construction of two warehouses, 1,200 square feet (sf) and 150,215 sf in size, and a 8,000 sf retail building. The proposed development is to be located on Block 387.01: Lots 19, 26, 31, 32, 33, 34, 36, 46, 47, 48, 49,50 & 81, in Deptford Township, Gloucester County. The project parcels total approximately 143 acres, of which approximately 92 acres are currently within the approved sewer service area (SSA) of the GCUA STP, New Jersey Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NJPDES) Permit No. NJ0024868. This proposed amendment would expand the currently adopted GCUA SSA on Block 387.01; Lots, 33, 36 & 50 by 2.8 acres to allow for the construction of the entire proposed development. The proposed project will generate a total projected wastewater flow of 19,550 gallons per day (gpd) based on flow calculated in accordance with N.J.A.C. 7:14A-23.3.

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This notice represents the Department's determination that the proposed amendment is compliant with the applicable regulatory criteria at N.J.A.C. 7:15, as described below.

In accordance with N.J.A.C. 7:15-3.3(b), site specific amendments are limited to proposed alternations to the eligible SSA needed to address a specific project or activity. N.J.A.C. 7:15-3.5(j)2 requires that site specific amendments proposing to add 100 or more acres or generating 20,000 gpd or more of wastewater flow shall include a proposed modification to the wastewater treatment capacity analysis prepared in accordance with N.J.A.C. 7:15-4.5(b) to include the proposed project or activity. The portion of the project site that is the subject of this proposed amendment, involves less than 100 acres and will generate less than 20,000 gpd of wastewater flow; therefore, update of the wastewater treatment capacity analysis is not required.

Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 7:15-4.4(d), the following are not eligible for delineation as SSA, except as otherwise provided at N.J.A.C. 7:15-4.4(i), (j), (k) and (l): environmentally sensitive areas (ESAs) identified under N.J.A.C. 7:15-4.4(e), as any contiguous area of 25 acres or larger consisting of any of the following, alone or in combination: endangered or threatened wildlife species habitat, Natural Heritage Priority Sites, riparian zones of Category One (C1) waters and their tributaries, or wetlands; coastal planning areas identified under N.J.A.C. 7:15-4.4(f), and; ESAs subject to 201 Facilities Plan grant conditions under N.J.A.C. 7:15-4.4(g). The Department conducted an evaluation of the project site using a GIS shapefile provided by the applicant compared to the Department's GIS data layers available at <http://www.nj.gov/dep/gis/listall.html> and/or other information as noted below, to determine the presence of any such areas in accordance with N.J.A.C. 7:15-4.4(e), (f) and (g) and made the following findings:

- The Department determined that the proposed SSA does not contain any areas mapped as endangered or threatened wildlife species habitat Rank 3, 4, or 5 on the Department's Landscape

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Maps of Habitat for Endangered, Threatened or other Priority Wildlife based on the “Landscape Project Data” Version 3.3 GIS data layers in accordance with N.J.A.C. 7:15-4.4(e)1.

- The Department determined that the proposed SSA does not contain any areas mapped as Natural Heritage Priority Sites based on the “Natural Heritage Priority Sites” GIS data layer in accordance with N.J.A.C. 7:15-4.4(e)2.
- The Department determined that the proposed SSA does not contain any C1 waters or 300-foot riparian zones along any C1 waters or upstream tributaries within the same HUC 14 watershed of any C1 waters based on the “Surface Water Quality Standards” GIS data layer in accordance with and N.J.A.C. 7:13-4.1(c)1 and 7:15-4.4(e)3.
- The Department determined that there are wetlands located on the project site based on the “Wetlands 2012” GIS data layer in accordance with N.J.A.C. 7:15-4.4(e)4. However, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 7:15-4.4(j)3, the applicant provided a Freshwater Wetlands Letter of Interpretation (LOI)/Line Verification File #0802-09-0004.I FWW140001 confirming that there are no wetlands within the proposed SSA.
- The Department determined that the proposed SSA does not contain any areas mapped as Fringe Planning Areas, Rural Planning Areas, or Environmentally Sensitive Planning Areas within the Coastal Area Facility Review Act (CAFRA) zone based on the “CAFRA (polygon)” GIS layer and the “State Plan Data” GIS layer, in accordance with N.J.A.C. 7:15-4.4(f).
- The Department determined that there are no 201 Facilities Plan grant conditions applicable to the project based on the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency list of New Jersey Counties with ESA grant conditions at <https://www.epa.gov/npdes-permits/environmentally-sensitive-area-esa-grant-condition-waiver-program-region-2> in accordance with N.J.A.C. 7:15-4.4(g).

Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 7:15-4.4(h)1 and 2, the Department considered the land uses allowed in adopted zoning ordinances, future land uses shown in adopted municipal and county master plans, and

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other local land use objectives. On September 9, 2020, the Deptford Township Planning Board adopted Resolution No. 2020-12, "Georgetown Advisors, LLC Planned Industrial Development Preliminary and Final Major Site Plan (Phases 1 and 2)/ Minor Subdivision Approval and Preliminary Site Plan for Phase 3 Five Points North and Central Redevelopment Area Block 387.01, Lots 19, 34, 36, 50 and 81 Hurffville Road Deptford Township, New Jersey Application NO.: PSPP00I-20".

This notice is to inform the public that a plan amendment has been proposed for the Tri-County WQM Plan. All information related to this plan and the proposed amendment is located at:

New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection
Division of Water Monitoring and Standards
Bureau of Environmental Analysis, Restoration and Standards
Water Quality Management Planning Program
PO Box 420, Mail Code 401-041
401 East State Street
Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0420

The Department's file is available for inspection between 9:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M., Monday through Friday, upon request. An appointment to inspect the file must be arranged by calling the Bureau of Environmental Analysis, Restoration and Standards at (609) 633-1441.

Interested persons may submit written comments on the proposed amendment to the Department at the address cited above or at the email: wqmp.publiccomments@dep.nj.gov. Comments should reference Program Interest No. 435433, Activity No. AMD200002 and must be submitted within 60 days of the date of this public notice.

Interested persons may request in writing that the Department hold a nonadversarial public hearing on the amendment or extend the public comment period specified in this notice. Such requests should reference Program Interest No. 435433, Activity No. AMD200002 and must demonstrate sufficient

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public interest for the public hearing or extension of the comment period, as defined at N.J.A.C. 7:1D-5.2(d). The request must be submitted within 30 days of the date of this notice to the Department address cited above. Should the Department decide to hold a public hearing, additional notice will be published in a future New Jersey Register and the comment period will be extended to 15 days after the public hearing. All comments submitted prior to the close of the comment period shall be considered by the Department before making a final decision on the proposed amendment.

Sewer service is not guaranteed should this amendment be adopted as it represents only one part of the permit process and other issues may need to be addressed. Inclusion in the SSA as a result of the approval of this amendment does not eliminate the need to obtain all necessary permits, approvals or certifications required by any Federal, State, county or municipal review agency with jurisdiction over this project/activity.

5/12/2021
Date

SIGNED
Kimberly Cenno, Bureau Chief
Bureau of Environmental Analysis, Restoration and Standards
Division of Water Monitoring and Standards