

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION  
DIVISION OF WATERSHED MANAGEMENT

ADOPTED AMENDMENT TO THE ATLANTIC COUNTY WATER QUALITY  
MANAGEMENT PLAN

Public Notice

**Take notice** that on October 3, 2006, pursuant to the provisions of the New Jersey 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. 7:15-3.4), an amendment to the Atlantic County Water Quality Management Plan was adopted by the Department of Environmental Protection (Department). This amendment modifies the Atlantic County Water Quality Management Plan to allow expansion of the St. Augustine Preparatory School located on Block 4303/Lot 1, Block 4304/Lot 1, and Block 4305/Lot 1 within the Township of Buena Vista, Atlantic County. The property on which the proposed project is located is comprised of a total of 96.04 acres. The project location is bordered to the south by Railroad Boulevard, to the east by Cedar Avenue, to the north by Erwood Avenue and to the west by Rosemont Avenue. The existing school is currently served by a discharge to groundwater treatment system and serves 470 students and 58 faculty. The existing system is permitted under New Jersey Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NJPDES) permit number NJ0132942. The existing permit is a flow only permit for discharge of less than 2,000 gallons per day (gpd). This amendment will provide for wastewater treatment facilities for the proposed construction of a 65,418 square foot fieldhouse that will include 7 classrooms and a cafeteria, as well as an 11,699 square foot chapel. In addition, a football field, baseball field, and associated access roads and parking areas are proposed. The total projected wastewater flow from the existing and proposed development, as calculated in accordance with N.J.A.C. 7:14A-23.3, is 17,325 gpd based on 635 students and 58 faculty. Generated wastewater from this project will be treated by a proposed on-site Discharge to Groundwater (DGW) sewage treatment system. The proposed project site is currently identified in the Atlantic County Water Quality Management Plan as an Individual Subsurface Sewage Disposal System Area of Less than 2,000 gpd. This amendment will

designate the portion of the project site that includes Block 4305/Lot 1 and the areas of Block 4303/Lot 1 and Block 4304/Lot 1 that lie south of the proposed school driveway and fronting on Railroad Avenue as "St. Augustine Preparatory School, On-Site Treatment Facility with ground water disposal". The remaining portions of the site will continue to be designated as General Service Area for Wastewater Facilities with Planning Flows of Less than 2,000 gpd Which Discharge to Ground Water.

This proposed amendment has been reviewed in accordance with Executive Order 109 (2000) and N.J.A.C. 7:15-5.18. This evaluation determined that the threshold for Executive Order 109 (2000) (EO109) was not triggered, therefore alternative and environmental impact analyses were not required. While alternative and environmental impact analyses were not required, this proposal will include a 300 foot wetlands buffer as provided for in the applicant's Certificate of Filing with the Pinelands Commission. This buffer is depicted on the site plan entitled "St. Augustine Preparatory School," prepared by Joseph Federici Jr. dated May 14, 2004 last revised April 6, 2005 as "Wetlands line as established by Federici and Akin, P.A. and verified by the Pinelands Commission on October 6, 2004".

This amendment proposal was noticed in the New Jersey Register on May 15, 2006 at 38 N.J.R. 2217(a) and no comments were received during the comment period.

This amendment represents only one part of the permit process and other issues may need to be addressed prior to final permit issuance. Additional issues which may need to be addressed may include, but are not limited to, the following: compliance with stormwater regulations; antidegradation; effluent limitations; water quality analysis; exact locations and designs of future treatment works (pump stations, interceptors, sewers, outfalls, wastewater treatment plants); and

development in wetlands, flood prone areas, designated Wild and Scenic River areas, or other environmentally sensitive areas which are subject to regulation under Federal or State statutes or rules.



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Date