

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
DIVISION OF WATERSHED MANAGEMENT

Osprey Pt.

ADOPTED AMENDMENT TO THE CAPE MAY COUNTY WATER QUALITY
MANAGEMENT PLAN

Public Notice

Take notice that on **OCT 31 2000**, 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 Water Quality Management Plan was adopted by the Department of Environmental Protection (Department).

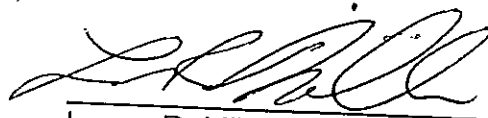
A project specific amendment has been proposed to amend the Cape May County Water Quality Management Plan (WQMP) for construction of a 149 unit age restricted planned community and onsite wastewater treatment discharging to groundwater in the Kirkwood-Cohansey formation. This project will impact 45.8 acres on Blocks 567, Lots 27 and 32, in the Township of Upper, Cape May County. The project site location is just south of Elizabeth Lane, east side of Rt.9, between Rt. 9 and the Garden State Parkway. The total flow proposed for this groundwater discharge is 25,330 gallons per day. Presently the project is proposed in an area designated for individual subsurface disposal. This amendment would designate this area as onsite treatment and disposal for 25,330 gallons per day.

Executive Order 109 requirements related to consumptive water use and stormwater runoff/water quality were satisfied by the conditions of this approval. This proposed project will address consumptive water use by having an onsite well and onsite groundwater discharge of wastewater. To further reduce water use, lawn areas will be limited and native low maintenance vegetation will be utilized in the landscaping of the project as shown on the site plan sheets 15 through 21 entitled "Proposed Adult Community, Osprey Point, Block 567, Lots 27 and 32, Township of Upper, Cape May

County, NJ, dated August 10, 2000. A drip irrigation system in conjunction with rain sensors will further minimize water use. Low-flow shower heads, faucets and toilets will also be utilized for this project.

The Project will address stormwater runoff/stormwater quality by retaining the 1 and 2 year stormwater runoff in an onsite wet detention basin. Approval of this project specific amendment is separate from the ongoing settlement negotiations between the Department of Environmental Protection and the Cape May County Board of Chosen Freeholders regarding the proposed Cape May County WQMP. However, because the proposed county WQMP plan included Osprey Village and the proposed WQMP was the subject of a public hearing on July 27, 1999 and a public comment period from June 7, 1999 to August 11, 1999, an additional public comment period or hearing will not be necessary for this individual amendment application.

This amendment represents only one part of the permit process and other issues will be addressed prior to final permit issuance. Additional issues which were not reviewed in conjunction with this amendment but which may need to be addressed may include, but are not limited to, the following: 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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