

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
DIVISION OF WATERSHED MANAGEMENT

ADOPTED AMENDMENT TO THE LOWER DELAWARE WATER QUALITY MANAGEMENT PLAN

Public Notice

Take notice that on **JUL 7 2004**, 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 Lower Delaware Water Quality Management Plan (WQMP) was adopted by the Department of Environmental Protection (Department).

This amendment proposal, known as Warren Park Estates, was noticed in the New Jersey ~~Public~~ Register on May 17, 2004, at 36 N.J.R.2559(c). A comment on this amendment was received during the public comment period and is summarized below with the Department's response.

Comment

Ms. Barb Sachau, of Florham Park, NJ, submitted a comment dated May 24, 2004 in response to the preliminary public notice for the amendment request. Ms. Sachau has stated that she opposes the extension of sewer service to this property. She declined to give details.

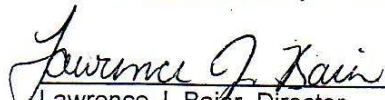
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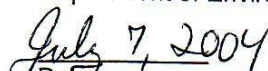
As indicated in the preliminary notice of this amendment, the amendment excludes portions of the site containing wetlands. Wastewater from the remainder of the site being developed will be sent to a Department permitted treatment facility which has approval to treat up to 1.88 million gallons per day. No expansion of the capacity of this sewage treatment plant is needed to treat the wasteflow generated by the proposed development. Because the site is surrounded by sewer service area, the Department considers this project infill, and therefore an appropriate expansion of sewer service area

This amendment has been approved for sewer service expansion to provide sewer service to an additional 29.47 acre lot that is contiguous with the approved sewer service area boundary. The development, known as Warren Park Estates, Phase 2, consists of 29.47 acres in central Pennsville Township on Block 4804, Lot 8 and a portion of Lot 1; the remaining portion of Lot 1 is excluded due to the presence of wetlands. The exact portions of the lot excluded can be found in Land Use Regulation Permit 1708-02-0001.1. The proposed development is located on the northwestern corner of the intersection of Tufts Road and Fort Mott Road. The total sewage flow for the additional area to be included in the sewer service area amounts to approximately 9,600 gallons per day (GPD) based on 32 three-bedroom units at 300 GPD/unit. The treatment facility is the Pennsville Sewerage Authority, which has a design flow and a permitted flow of 1.88 million gallons per day. The receiving water of the discharge is the Delaware River. The project will obtain all water supply for the area from the Pennsville Township Water Department from its existing water allocation.

This amendment was evaluated in accordance with Executive Order 109 (2000) and N.J.A.C. 7:15-5.18. Due to the scope of this revision, it is not subject to the analyses required under that Executive Order and rule provision.

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 addresses 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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