

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
DIVISION OF WATERSHED MANAGEMENT

REVISION TO THE LOWER RARITAN-MIDDLESEX COUNTY WATER
QUALITY MANAGEMENT PLAN

TAKE NOTICE that on **JAN 27 2005**, 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 Lower Raritan-Middlesex County Water Quality Management Plan was adopted by the Department. This revision modifies the Middlesex County-Lower Raritan Wastewater Management Plan (WMP) Map Set 3, "Future Wastewater Facilities and Service Areas" Map, Monmouth Junction Quadrangle to identify Block 11.01, Lots 59 & 60 and 256 through 276, within the Township of Franklin, Somerset County as sewer service area of the Middlesex County Utilities Authority (MCUA). The inclusion of the identified Block and Lots will allow the partially constructed Princeton Highlands Estates II to proceed with Phase 6A of the development which includes 23 single family, 4 bedroom dwellings on the 19 acre project site. This revision will identify only the 23 single family parcels totaling approximately 10 acres of the project property as sewer service area of the MCUA. In accordance with the approved Preliminary and Final Major Subdivision site plans, the remaining 9 acres will be dedicated to the Township of Franklin for open space use and utility easements. In addition, as part of this revision, the portions of Block 11.01, Lot 9.01 and Lot 9.02, approximately 9 acres of the Township of Franklin Preservation Area bordering the project property that are currently delineated as sewer service area of the MCUA will be removed. The projected wastewater flow for the proposed new development, calculated in accordance with N.J.A.C. 7:14A-23.3 is 6,900 gallons per day (gpd). No expansion of the MCUA Sewage Treatment Plant is proposed to accommodate this development.

As provided under N.J.A.C. 7:15-3.5(b)4, the Department has determined that the proposed project activity qualifies as a revision for the expansion of a future sewer service area to contiguous lots where the expansion involves less than 100 areas and contributes less than 8,000 gpd of additional wastewater and that a significantly new pattern of sewered development or incentive for additional revisions or amendments to open new areas to sewered development will not be created. The Department has concluded that, whereas a substantial portion of the 9 acres proposed to be dedicated to the Township of Franklin is to be maintained as open space and as conservation area to the on site state open waters and

adjacent wetlands, no significant impacts will occur to environmentally sensitive areas as a result of this revision.

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