

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION  
DIVISION OF WATERSHED MANAGEMENT

ADOPTED AMENDMENT TO THE NORTHEAST WATER QUALITY  
MANAGEMENT PLAN

Public Notice

Take notice that on July 20, 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 Northeast Water Quality Management Plan was adopted by the Department of Environmental Protection (Department). This amendment, submitted on behalf of the St. Hubert's Animal Welfare Center, amends the Chatham Township Wastewater Management Plan (WMP), as well as the Northeast WQM Plan.

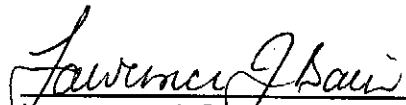
This amendment provides for a new discharge to groundwater to serve an expansion of the existing St. Hubert's Animal Welfare Center on Lot 4.01 of Block 142 which is located on 15 acres in Chatham Township, Morris County. The existing Center has 25 full-time employees, 11 part-time employees and 23 kennel runs that are washed daily. The existing Center presently discharges 1,130 gallons per day (gpd) to groundwater. The expansion will allow for 32 full-time employees, 34 part-time employees and 75 kennel runs.

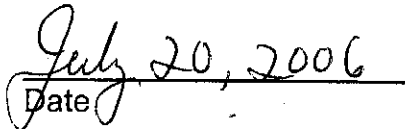
The projected wastewater flow to the new septic system is 5,513 gpd, which is based on the existing water data and has been approved by the Department's Division of Water Quality (DWQ), Bureau of Financing and Construction Permits. The St. Hubert's Animal Welfare Center will remain within the future sewer service area of the Chatham Township Water Pollution Control Plant Number 1 (WPCP No.1) until sewers are available. Once sewers are available, the septic system will be abandoned and the facility will be connected to the WPCP No. 1.

The Department has determined that no environmental analyses are required since the project generates less than 20,000 gpd and will disturb less than 100 acres.

This amendment proposal was noticed in the New Jersey Register on May 15, 2006 at N.J.R. 38 N.J.R. 2217(b) 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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