

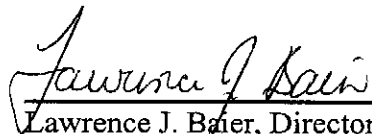
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
DIVISION OF WATERSHED MANAGEMENT

REVISION TO THE OCEAN COUNTY WATER QUALITY MANAGEMENT
PLAN

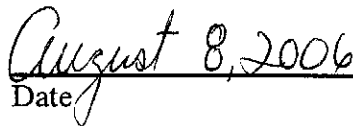
TAKE NOTICE that on **AUG 08 2006**, pursuant to the provisions of the Water Quality Planning Act, N.J.S.A.58:11A-1 et seq, and the Statewide Water Quality Management Planning rules, N.J.A.C. 7:15-3.5, a revision to the Ocean County Water Quality Management Plan was adopted by the Department. This revision also modifies the Ocean County Utilities Authority (OCUA) Central Planning Area Wastewater Management Plan (WMP). This revision transfers Block 92, Lot 37 and a portion of Block 90, Lot 13 in Barnegat Township, Ocean County from the OCUA Central Wastewater Pollution Control Facility (WPCF) sewer service area to the OCUA Southern WPCF sewer service area. The 54.4 acre site is the site of 240 two-bedroom senior housing residential units in the Paramount Escape Ocean Breeze development. The projected wastewater flow is 40,800 gallons per day, however, no expansion of the OCUA Southern WPCF is proposed to accommodate the project. Connection to the OCUA Central WPCF, as currently identified in the OCUA Central WMP, would have required sanitary sewer lines being routed through protected wildlife corridors, wetlands, and stream corridors. The site is adjacent to the OCUA Southern WPCF sewer service area and conveyance to this facility would reduce or eliminate these adverse environmental impacts.

A portion of Block 90, Lot 13 and all of Block 90.22, Lot 2 are subject to a Deed Restriction. Due to the environmentally sensitive nature of this area, and to comply with a condition of the settlement between the applicants and the Pinelands Commission, a Deed of Conservation Easement was placed on this portion of the project property. This area, defined by a metes and bounds delineation, was dedicated as a Conservation Area to protect habitat critical to the survival of a local population of Threatened and Endangered Species. This Deed of Conservation Easement, by and between Paramount Homes at Wall, LLC, the Department of Environmental Protection and the Township of Barnegat was filed in the Ocean County Clerk's Office on March 31, 2005. Deed Book OR-12544, page 1045 identifies portions of Block 90, Lot 13 and all of Block, 90.22, Lot 2 consisting of approximately 103.26 acres as the Conservation Area. This revision shall remove the Conservation Area from the sewer service area of the OCUA Central Water Pollution Control Facility and shall identify said area as a Non-Discharge Area due to the limitations on development established by the Deed of Conservation Easement.

As provided under N.J.A.C. 7:15-3.5(b)(4)(ii), the Department has determined that the proposed activity qualifies as a revision which allows for: "The transfer of sewer service area from one domestic treatment works to another, provided that the approved sewer service areas in the areawide WQM plan are currently contiguous in the area to be transferred, neither domestic treatment works is subject to a sewer connection ban, the proposed revision includes only areas currently designated for sewer service, both the sending and receiving wastewater management planning agencies concur with the proposed revision, and no new or expanded treatment works other than sewer line extensions is proposed as part of the revision."



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Date