

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
DIVISION OF WATERSHED MANAGEMENT

AMENDMENT TO THE SUSSEX COUNTY WATER QUALITY MANAGEMENT
PLAN

Public Notice

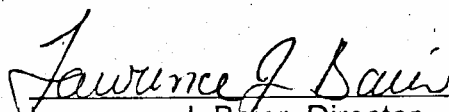
Take notice that on January 23, 2007, pursuant to the provisions of the New Jersey Water Quality Planning Act, N.J.S.A. 58:11A-1 et seq., and the Statewide Water Quality Management Planning rules (N.J.A.C. 7:15-3.4), an amendment to the Sussex County Water Quality Management Plan was adopted by the Department of Environmental Protection (Department). The amendment was submitted by the Sussex County Department of Engineering and Planning, Division of Planning on behalf of Pequest 202 LLC. This amendment allows a new 15,458 square foot banquet hall and septic system located on Lot 2.02, Block 22 in Green Township, Sussex County known as the Crossed Keys Banquet Hall (Hall). The Hall will be located on a 7.534 acre lot that previously was used as a seasonal outdoor banquet tent with portable toilets. The project will disturb 4.73 of the 7.534 acres. The new banquet facility will accommodate two seatings each with 200 guests and a total of 30 employees and it will contain bathrooms and a commercial kitchen. In accordance with N.J.A.C. 7:9A-7.4, the flow for a restaurant with 2 seatings of 200 guests and 30 employees is 4,450 gallons per day (gpd). The Hall will be connected to the Crossed Keys Bed and Breakfast located on Lot 2, Block 22 by a paved driveway as required by Sussex County. However, the septic system will not serve the bed and breakfast as the Hall and existing neighboring Bed and Breakfast are owned and operated by two separate entities.

This amendment has been reviewed in accordance with Executive Order 109 (2000) and N.J.A.C. 7:15-5.18. The Department has determined that no environmental analyses are required since the project scope does not reach the thresholds which trigger the environmental assessment analyses. The Department has provided comments to Green Township to assist in assuring that

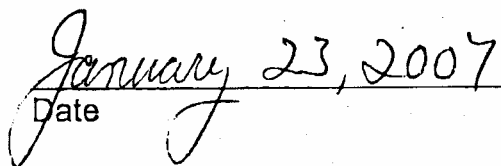
the proposed project is designed to satisfy the requirements of N.J.A.C. 7:8 as applicable through the local ordinances and Green Township's NJPDES Stormwater Permit.

This amendment proposal was noticed in the New Jersey Register on November 6, 2006 at 38 N.J.R. 4759(a) and no comments were received during the comment period.

This proposed 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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