

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
DIVISION OF WATERSHED MANAGEMENT

ADOPTED AMENDMENT TO THE TRI-COUNTY WATER QUALITY
MANAGEMENT PLAN

Public Notice

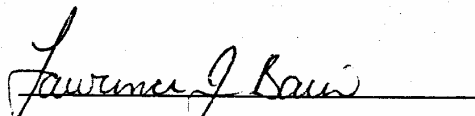
Take notice that on July 30, 2007, pursuant to the provisions of the New Jersey Water Quality Planning Act, N.J.S.A. 58:11A-1 et seq., and the Statewide Water Quality Management Planning rules (N.J.A.C. 7:15-3.4), an amendment to the Tri-County Water Quality Management Plan was adopted by the Department of Environmental Protection (Department). This amendment was submitted on behalf of Medford Township, Burlington County. This amendment provides for an expansion of the previous planning flow assigned to the development currently known as Medford Crossings North and Medford Crossings South. This mixed use development is located on Route 70 in Medford Township on Block 808 Lots 1, 2.01, 2.02, and 6.03 and Block 4107 Lot 1, and Block 4108 Lot 1. An amendment to the Medford Township Wastewater Management Plan (WMP) for this site was adopted on October 26, 1998. The wastewater planning flow from this development, formerly known as Easttown/Eayrestown, was limited to 147,119 gallons per day (gpd) in the 1998 amendment. The Cyclet system previously approved but never constructed is no longer to be utilized. The total area of this development is 251.99 acres of which 96 acres will be disturbed. The new wastewater planning flow is 235,686 gpd. This current development proposal provides for 623,945 square feet of commercial space, 208 town homes, 214 single family homes which includes 60 COAH units, a 35,000 square foot Township building, 228 apartments, and a 4,000 square foot community building.

This proposed amendment has been reviewed in accordance with Executive Order 109 (2000) and N.J.A.C. 7:15-5.18. New Jersey American Water Company has executed an agreement with Medford Township, a copy of which was presented to the Department, to supply adequate water for the proposed expansion without the need of modification to the water allocation permit. Medford Township supports and

has certified that sewer capacity exists to serve this development at the expanded wastewater flow. However, if this amendment is approved, projected flows from this proposed development and existing development make it unlikely that sewer capacity will be available to serve the remaining sewer service area within the Township. Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 7:15-5.1(d), Medford Township entered into an Administrative Consent Agreement (ACA) with the Department for the preparation and submission of a WMP which will address the existing and future development and wastewater management needs of the entire Township in accordance with N.J.A.C. 7:15 and the required Environmental Assessment Analysis. The Township has submitted a draft WMP in accordance with the executed ACA. The WMP is currently under review.

This amendment proposal was noticed in the New Jersey Register on December 18, 2006 at 38 NJR 5411(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.



Lawrence J. Baier, Director

Division of Watershed Management

Department of Environmental Protection

July 30, 2007
Date