

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
OFFICE OF WATER RESOURCES MANAGEMENT COORDINATION

REVISION TO THE TRI-COUNTY WATER QUALITY MANAGEMENT
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TAKE NOTICE that on **JUN 29 2016**, 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 (Program Interest No.: 435433; Activity No.: REV160002) to the Tri-County Water Quality Management Plan (WQMP) was adopted by the Department. This revision modifies the Bordentown Sewerage Authority Wastewater Management Plan (WMP) and the Burlington County Future Wastewater Service Area (FWSA) Map. The revision, entitled "Bordentown Senior Housing", submitted on behalf of the Bordentown Sewerage Authority (BSA), expands the BSA sewer service area (SSA) by 2.69 acres for a proposed three story senior residential building that includes some apartments for seniors with disabilities. The building will contain 69 age restricted one-bedroom apartments and one non age restricted two-bedroom apartment. The project site is located in Bordentown Township on a portion of Block 140, Lot 3.02 along Burlington-Bordentown Road (County Route 662) east of the New Jersey Transit River Line's right-of-way.

The Department's review determined that the project site is located on a parcel of property containing delineated wetlands. The BSA's sewage treatment plant that would serve this site was funded under the federal construction grant program administered under Section 201 of the Federal Clean Water Act. The BSA is subject to a federal Environmentally Sensitive Area (ESA) grant condition included in the grant agreement executed between the BSA and United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) under project number C34-607-02. This ESA grant condition prohibits any sewer connections to federally funded facilities from any sewage generating structure located on a parcel of property containing wetlands and/or floodplains unless a mapping revision or a waiver is obtained. Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 7:15-5.24(f)1, the provisions of N.J.A.C. 7:15-5.24(d)1 have been satisfied by the submission of a grant waiver issued by the USEPA to the BSA on May 16, 2016.

The project site contains steep slopes that separate the proposed development from the adjacent NJ Transit rail line. The proposed project improvements are entirely outside of the steep slope areas other than a proposed emergency access driveway. Disturbance of the slope is necessary to provide safety to the future residents of the proposed development. The driveway will provide a second access point for emergency vehicles should the main access driveway be restricted due to an emergency. The proposed driveway has been designed to minimize the impact to the slope area in terms of location, composition, and associated retaining walls. Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 7:15-5.25(g)6ii new disturbance in steep slopes is allowed if "...necessary to protect public health, safety or welfare;...".

This revision is being adopted in accordance with N.J.A.C.7:15-3.5(b)4v, which allows revisions when 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 sewer development or incentive for additional revisions or amendments to open new areas to sewer development will not be created.

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