

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
DIVISION OF WATERSHED MANAGEMENT

ADOPTED AMENDMENT TO THE UPPER DELAWARE WATER QUALITY
MANAGEMENT PLAN (WQMP)

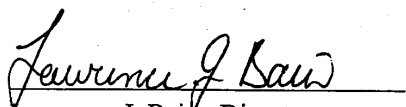
Public Notice

Take notice that on **SEP 11 2008**, 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 Upper Delaware WQMP was adopted by the Department of Environmental Protection (Department). This amendment, submitted on behalf of the United States National Park Service, allows for new discharge to groundwater at Block 1302, Lot 1 in Hardwick Township, Warren County, also known as the Coppermine Inn site, to support the construction of a proposed Swim Beach Recreation Area. This Swim Beach Recreation Area is intended to replace the existing Depew Recreation Site. The proposed project includes the construction of a comfort station and a lifeguard station. In accordance with N.J.A.C. 7:14A-23.3, the comfort station is projected to generate 4,056 gallons per day (GPD) and the lifeguard station is projected to generate 1,397 GPD. The total projected flow for the proposed project is 5,453 GPD.

This amendment has been reviewed in accordance with Executive Order 109 (2000) and N.J.A.C. 7:15-5.18. Threatened and Endangered Species Habitat Analysis has indicated that suitable habitat exists for Wood Turtle and Red Shoulder Hawk in the wetlands adjacent to the site, and that the riparian corridor provides foraging habitat for Bald Eagle. In order to minimize potential impacts to these species, the Department has required, as part of the issuance of a Stream Encroachment Permit (FHA060001), Freshwater Wetlands General Permit 10B (FWW070002), Freshwater Wetlands Transition Area Averaging Plan (FWW070003) and Freshwater Wetlands General Permit 17 (FWW070004), that impacts to these areas be mitigated. The required mitigation measures include planting of red maple, sycamore, cottonwood, sweet gum, yellow poplar, and red cedar to compensate for vegetative removal from the riparian corridor, and minimizing disturbance to the wetland area. The proposed project will be supplied with water by an on-site well.

This amendment proposal was noticed in the New Jersey Register on July 7, 2008 at 40 N.J.R. 4241 (a) 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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