

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
DIVISION OF WATERSHED MANAGEMENT

ADOPTED AMENDMENT TO THE UPPER RARITAN WATER QUALITY
MANAGEMENT PLAN

Public Notice

Take notice that on, **MAR 22 2004** 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 Raritan Water Quality Management Plan was adopted by the Department of Environmental Protection (Department). This amendment modifies the Somerset County/Upper Raritan Watershed Wastewater Management Plan. This amendment provides for the construction of Lamington Farms Club, LLC/Trump National Golf Club located at Block 38, Lots 9, 13 & 14 and Block 39 Lots 8, 10, 11, 12.02, & 12.03 Bedminster Township, Somerset County. The project location is bounded to the north by County Road 523, to the south by River Road and to the east by Cowperthwaite Road. The proposed project includes a private 18 hole golf course and clubhouse with recreational and eating facilities with seating for 200 persons. In addition, the proposed project includes a tennis and golf pro-shop, golf and non-golf maintenance buildings, a caretaker's residence, 17 guest cottages, a swimming pool and fourteen ten acre residential lots. The golf club and affiliated recreational facilities will employ approximately thirty people. The proposed project will encompass a total of 506 acres.

There is currently located on part of the project site a three unit apartment complex, four residential units, a pool, a greenhouse and associated out buildings. The three unit apartment complex is currently served by the existing John Z.

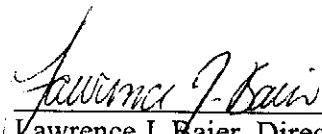
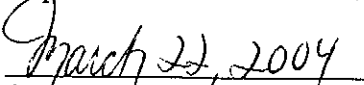
DeLorean (Cowperthwaite) Sewage Treatment Plant (STP), a permitted surface water discharge to the Middlebrook (NJPDES #NJ0027227). The four residential units, the pool, greenhouse and related out buildings utilize septic systems for wastewater disposal. The existing STP will be abandoned. The septic systems serving the four residential units and surrounding out buildings will also be abandoned. Wastewater flows generated from the three unit apartment complex, the four existing residential units and out buildings will be consolidated with flows from the proposed development. The combined wastewater from all facilities except the 14 residential lots will be conveyed to a proposed on-site wastewater treatment system, which will discharge to groundwater (DGW). The total projected wastewater to be treated by the proposed on-site DGW wastewater treatment system is 18,831 gallons per day. The portions of the property to be subdivided into 14 residential lots will be served by individual subsurface sewage disposal systems and will be designated as "Ground Water Disposal Facilities With Design Flows of Less Than 2,000 Gallons".

This amendment proposal was noticed in the New Jersey Register on October 6, 2003 at 35 N.J.R. 4788(a) and no comments were received during the comment period.

This amendment was evaluated in accordance with N.J.A.C. 7:15-5.18 and Executive Order 109 (2000) (EO 109). The Riparian Corridor Analysis has been satisfied through the establishment of riparian corridor set-backs and riparian corridor compensation areas. The riparian corridor compensation areas are proposed expanded riparian corridors established to compensate/mitigate the impact of encroachment due to project activity within the riparian buffer area. Areas that have been disturbed or encroached upon within the riparian corridor will be enhanced by the planting of non-invasive meadow grass species. The

Nonpoint Source Pollutant Loading and Hydro-modification Analysis was satisfied through the proposed utilization of Best Management Practices (BMP's) including integrated turf management practices, numerous water quality swales, six retention ponds and four water quality detention basins. This analysis demonstrated there would be no increase in off-site nonpoint source pollutant loading and determined that the acceptable groundwater recharge performance standard for the area to be developed has been met. The Threatened and Endangered Species Analyses requirements and mitigation guidelines have been addressed through the creation of an on-site Conservation Area governed by a Deed of Conservation Restriction/ Declaration of Covenant. This Deed entails a grassland birds habitat management and restoration plan specifically to address concerns of impact to documented habitat for the Bobolink (*Dolichonyx Oryzivorus*), a state listed threatened bird species.

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: 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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