

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
DIVISION OF WATERSHED MANAGEMENT

ADOPTED AMENDMENT TO THE UPPER RARITAN WATER QUALITY
MANAGEMENT PLAN

Public Notice

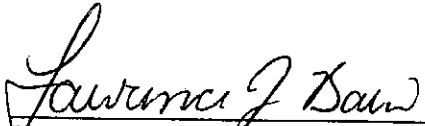
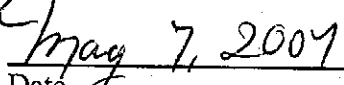
Take notice that on **MAY 07 2004**, pursuant to the provisions of the New Jersey Water Quality Planning Act, N.J.S.A. 58:11A-1 et seq., and the Statewide Water Quality Management Planning rules (N.J.A.C. 7:15-3.4), an amendment to the Upper Raritan Water Quality Management Plan was adopted by the Department of Environmental Protection (Department). This amendment, submitted on behalf of Hamilton Farms, LLC modifies the Somerset County/Upper Raritan Watershed Wastewater Management Plan to expand the Environmental Disposal Corporation (EDC) sewer service area to include the addition of the proposed Hamilton Farms Golf Club 15 four-bedroom guest cottages to be located at Block 33, Lot 13.03, northeast of the intersection of Route 206 and Flower Road in the Borough of Peapack Gladstone, Somerset County. The proposed development will produce a projected wastewater flow of 4,500 gallons per day to the EDC Sewage Treatment Plant (STP); however, the projected flow from Peapack Gladstone Borough to EDC will not increase due to the removal of areas currently within the Sewer Service Area and downzoning on portions of the project that are currently within the Sewer Service Area.

This amendment adds approximately 28.5 acres to the service area on Block 33, Lot 13.03 and removes approximately 34.0 acres from the existing sewer service area on Block 33, 13.01 on which there is currently a conservation easement held by The Nature Conservancy and United States Equestrian Team.

This amendment proposal was noticed in the New Jersey Register on December 15, 2003 at 35 N.J.R. 5620(a) and no comments were received during the comment period.

This amendment does not exceed the thresholds, 100 acres of new sewer service area or 20,000 gallons per day of sewage generation, to be evaluated in accordance with Executive Order 109 (2000) and N.J.A.C. 7:15-5.18. Therefore this amendment was not reviewed for compliance with the requirements of EO 109.

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; stormwater management; 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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Date