

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
DIVISION OF WATERSHED MANAGEMENT

REVISION TO THE UPPER RARITAN WATER QUALITY MANAGEMENT
PLAN

TAKE NOTICE that on January 23, 2007, 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 to the Upper Raritan Water Quality Management Plan, subject to the specified conditions described in this notice, was adopted by the Department. This revision modifies the Somerset County/Upper Raritan Watershed Wastewater Management Plan (WMP) by expanding the Lamington Farms/Trump National Sewage Treatment Plant (STP) sewer service area to include only a new golf maintenance building. This revision shall not include any other activities associated with the proposed expansion of the existing Trump National Golf Club for an additional 18-hole golf course.

Previously, an amendment adopted by the Department provided 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. This amendment, adopted March 22, 2004 allowed for the construction of a private 18-hole golf course with a clubhouse and recreational and dining facilities. In addition, the project included a tennis and golf pro-shop, golf and non-golf maintenance buildings, a caretaker's residence and 17 guest cottages. The generated wastewater from all the facilities are to be conveyed to the permitted Lamington Farms/Trump National STP (NJPDES NJ0142883). The STP is permitted to discharge to groundwater up to 18,831 gallons per day (gpd).

A new golf maintenance building is required to replace the existing golf maintenance structure. This structure has been deemed undersized for the storage of required landscaping equipment and for bathroom facilities used by personnel. Currently, generated wastewater from the existing maintenance building is conveyed to the onsite STP. Wastewater from the existing golf maintenance structure was projected for a staff of 24. The addition of the new golf maintenance building will increase the number of personnel by 48 for a total of 72 employees. The projected wastewater flow for the increase of 48 employees for the proposed new maintenance building, calculated in accordance with N.J.A.C.

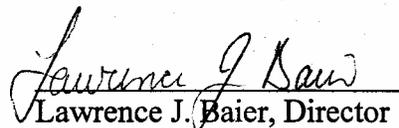
7:14A-23.3 is 1,200 gpd for a total of 1,800 gpd. Wastewater flow from the newly constructed maintenance building will be conveyed and treated at the existing STP. The existing maintenance building is to be utilized for storage purposes only.

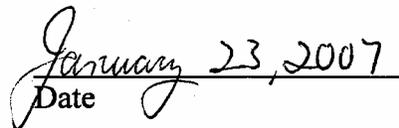
In addition, Trump National Golf Club recently received approval from the Township of Bedminster Planning Board that will reduce the amount of habitable space on the site by 20,000 sq. ft. and reduce the number of bedrooms from 54 to 42. The flow associated with the approved cottages is projected at 300 gpd per each 3-bedroom unit. Therefore, the number of approved cottages units will decrease from 17 to 13, thereby decreasing the projected flow to the STP from the proposed cottages from 5,100 gpd to 3,900 gpd or by 1,200 gpd. As a result of this revision, no expansion of the permitted capacity of 18,831 gpd is proposed to accommodate the construction of the new maintenance building. However, the Somerset County/Upper Raritan Watershed WMP will be revised to expand the Lamington Farms/Trump National sewer service area to include the proposed new golf maintenance building. In addition, Facility Table 10(a) and associated Flow Table are to be revised to reflect a change in the new golf maintenance building personnel from 24 to 72 and the number of cottages from 17 to 13.

This revision does not include wastewater flow from the construction of a second 18-hole golf course or any associated facility expansion. Therefore, the Department has determined that the proposed development project for the proposed expansion of the existing Trump National Golf Club to include an additional 18-hole course and new amenities, including the two proposed comfort stations, is inconsistent with the WQMP. Pursuant to the Statewide Water Quality Management Planning rules at N.J.A.C. 7:15-3.1, the Department shall not issue permits for any project or activity when the Department has determined the project or activity to be inconsistent with the WQMP. Furthermore, the applicant's wastewater management plan amendment application for the proposed expansion must demonstrate adequate water supply. If the Trump National Golf Club proceeds with construction of the proposed 18-hole golf course in the absence of the demonstration of adequate water supply, construction shall be at the applicant's own risk. If the outcome of the Department's review demonstrates inadequate water supply or safe yield to support the golf course(s) to industry standards, then any self-imposed hardship shall not be considered by the Department in the issuance or denial of any required permits.

The Department identified environmentally sensitive areas for the Barred Owl which is a threatened and endangered species. A Barred Owl Survey and Habitat Evaluation conducted on behalf of the Trump National Golf Club determined that

much of the onsite wooded habitat to be fragmented and successional in nature. In general, the Department concurred. A review of the proposed design plans indicated that patches of this habitat around wetland/open water areas and within the golf course proper are to be provided and that there may remain sufficient habitat to allow some seasonal use by Barred Owls in this area as the trees mature in the future. To further minimize the reduction of potential habitat the Department is requiring that existing woody patches in the vicinity of proposed golf holes number 12 and 13, be maintained.


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