DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
OFFICE OF WATER RESOURCES MANAGEMENT COORDINATION

REVISION TO THE UPPER RARITAN WATER QUALITY MANAGEMENT PLAN

TAKE NOTICE that on JAN 21 2019, 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 (WQMP) was adopted by the Department. This revision corrects and updates the Washington Township, Morris County, Wastewater Management Plan (WMP). Specifically the WMP’s text and facility table associated with the Washington Township Municipal Utility Authority’s (WTMUA) Schooley’s Mountain Sewage Treatment Plant (STP) have been revised to reflect the proposed redevelopment on Block 33, Lot 2 for Mountain View Inn as identified in the Highlands Perseveration Area Approval (HPAA) Health and Safety waiver application (No. 1438-14-0012.1) currently under review by the Department.

The Washington Township, Morris County, WMP was adopted on July 24, 2012. As Washington Township is a Highlands Conforming municipality, the WMP is consentient with the adopted Highlands Regional Master Plan (RMP). The adopted WMP identifies Block 33, Lot 2, as property located within the Highlands Preservation Area eligible for a Preservation Area Health and Safety waiver due to an on-site failing septic system. In addition, to provide for future sanitary sewer connection, the WMP recognized the two existing buildings on this parcel as included within the sewer service area of the WTMUA Schooley’s Mountain STP. However, the WMP text indicated that the projected wastewater flow attributed to this parcel, although the exact volume was not available, was estimated at 2,000 gallons per day based on the assumption that one structure housed a 50 seat restaurant and the second building retail florist shop.

The adoption of this revision will allow for the redevelopment on Block 33, Lot 2, in accordance with the requirements of the HPAA waiver, for the proposed Mountain Inn, with an associated 127 restaurant seats and 20 bar seats. The total projected wastewater flow from this redevelopment as calculated in accordance with N.J.A.C. 7:14A-23.3 has been determined to be 4,845 gallons per day. As part of this revision, the WMP text and facility table 8, for the WTMUA Schooley’s Mountain STP, has been updated to account for this new flow projection for the redevelopment within this parcel.
As provided under N.J.A.C. 7:15-3.5(b)1.ii, the Department has determined that due to the re-calculation of flow from the parcel, the proposed project activity qualifies as a revision in order to correct, clarify, or update statements affecting development existing at the time of the most recently adopted areawide WQM plan or amendment.

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