

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
OFFICE OF WATER RESOURCES MANAGEMENT (WRM) COORDINATION

REVISION TO THE UPPER RARITAN WATER QUALITY MANAGEMENT
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TAKE NOTICE that on **APR 21 2015**, pursuant to the provisions of the Water Quality (WQM) 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 (Program Interest No.: 435434; Activity No.: REV140001) to the Upper Raritan Water Quality Management Plan (WQMP) was adopted by the Department of Environmental Protection (the Department). This revision corrects and updates the Department's geo-referenced digital Statewide Sewer Service Area (SSA) mapping to return delineated service area of the Musconetcong Sewerage Authority (MSA) Sanitary Treatment Plant (STP) within Mount Olive Township, Morris County. The approximately 366 acres SSA to be returned is within both the designated Highlands Preservation and Planning Areas in the vicinity surrounding Budd Lake known as West and East Budd Lake.

The Highlands Water Protection and Planning Act (Highlands Act), N.J.S.A. 13:20-1 et seq. signed on August 10, 2004, repealed all SSA in the Highlands Preservation Area where collection pipes had not been constructed. Subsequently, in accordance with Section 58:11A-7.1 of the New Jersey Water Quality Planning Act, an amendment adopted on October 6, 2006 immediately revoked previously approved SSA in the Highlands Preservation Area where wastewater collection systems had not been installed as of August 10, 2004. This revocation, did not extend to designated SSA necessary to serve development in the Highlands Preservation Area that is exempt from the provisions of P.L. 2004, c. 120 (C.13:20-1 et al.) pursuant to subsection a. of section 30 of P.L. 2004, c. 120 (C 13:20-28) nor revoked SSA within the designated Highlands Planning Area.

As adopted on April 29, 1994, the Mount Olive Township Wastewater Management Plan (WMP), Figure 4 "Future Facilities and Services Areas" designated the "Budd Lake Sewer Service Area to be Serviced by the MSA". Portions of this SSA lie within both the Highlands Preservation and Planning Areas. Subsequently, the October 6, 2006 amendment revoking previously approved SSA in the Highlands Preservation Area inadvertently removed from the Department's statewide digital SSA mapping, portions of the Budd Lake Sewer Service Area within the Preservation Area which at the time were connected and served by the MSA STP and therefore exempt from the Highlands Act revocation. In addition, as a result of the October 6, 2006 amendment

the Department removed MSA SSA within the Planning Area which is not subject to the Highlands Act.

As part of this revision, approximately 136 acres of fully developed residential parcels, within the Highlands Preservation Area, in the locality of West and East Budd Lake, where it has been demonstrated with valid documentation that the collection systems had been installed as of the date of the Highlands Act (August 10, 2004) but were erroneously removed from the SSA shall be reinstated. Furthermore, approximately 230 acres of developed residential and commercial parcels within the location of Budd Lake East, entirely within the Highlands Planning Area, and inadvertently removed from the SSA shall be returned.

In accordance with N.J.A.C. 7:15-3.5(b)1, the Department has determined that the reinstatement of the parcels as SSA qualifies as a revision to correct, clarify, or erroneous, or outdated statements regarding development and wastewater treatment facilities existing at the time of the most recently adopted areawide WQMP amendment. Resultantly, the New Jersey Statewide digital SSA mapping will be updated by the Department to reflect this revision.



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