

Draft

Wastewater Management Plan

Prepared for
Stafford Township

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BACKGROUND

In the early 1990s the Stafford Municipal Utilities Authority (SMUA) had jurisdiction in the preparation of the Wastewater Management Plan (WMP) for Stafford Township. The plan was also then referred to as the 208 Plan. As an integral part of the WMP, the SMUA prepared a Sewer Master Plan (SMP) showing the existing and proposed sanitary sewer service areas. Schoor DePalma was the Engineer of Record appointed by the SMUA to prepare said WMP. The SMUA's WMP was formally approved by the NJDEP around 1991.

Years after the Stafford Township WMP was approved, the jurisdiction over the WMP was taken away from the SMUA and given to the Ocean County Planning Board in order to consolidate the planning efforts for the Southern Ocean County area. Although the County has since held this responsibility, no countywide WMP has ever been formally approved by the NJDEP for the Southern Ocean County area. However, Ocean County has embraced the sanitary sewer service areas shown on the Stafford Township Sewer Master Plan as its WMP sewer service area for Stafford Township.

SEWER MASTER PLAN

The SMUA was dissolved by Stafford Township when the Township created the Stafford Township Water and Sewer Utility Department. The Township Council now has jurisdiction over the Township's Sewer Master Plan and any modifications made to the plan. Basically, the Township SMP is substantially similar to the original SMUA SMP except for the conversion and fine tuning of the plan to an electronic format and certain other required updates indicated below. The Township's Sewer Master Plan generally shows the:

- Existing sanitary sewer service area (currently served by existing gravity sewer lines)
- Existing sanitary sewer grinder pump service area
- Proposed sanitary sewer service area (approved area for sewer extensions)
- Proposed sanitary sewer service area to existing development only
- Non-sanitary sewer service area
- Sewer connections restricted per CAFRA permit (areas require special CAFRA approval)

UPDATES TO THE SEWER MASTER PLAN

The SMP is generally updated by the Township annually. Updates include:

- Expansions of the existing sewer service areas (within the proposed sanitary sewer service area) due to capital improvements to the sanitary sewer system approved by NJDEP, constructed by the Township and placed in operation.
- Expansions of the existing sewer service areas (within the proposed sanitary sewer service area) due to extension of the existing sanitary sewer system approved by NJDEP, constructed by developers and placed in operation.
- Expansions or reductions of the proposed sewer service areas as formally approved by the NJDEP per WMP Amendments.
- Minor re-delineations of the proposed sewer service limits as formally approved by the by the Chief of the Environmental Review Section of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region 2 per applications for waivers or mapping revisions in accordance with the EPA 201 grant conditions.
- Refining of the proposed sewer service limits per the Township's Regional Center Boundaries and Planning Area Boundaries to better define the Township growth.

Copies of updated SMPs are forwarded to Pieter Waldenmaier (WQMP Coordinator for the Ocean County Planning Board). The most recent Stafford Township Sewer Master Plan dated October 2, 2006 was approved by the Stafford Township Council by formal Resolution #W/S 2006-107 on October 17, 2006 and was forwarded to Pieter Waldenmaier on October 19, 2006.

TOWNSHIP'S SEWER EXTENSION APPROVAL PROCESS

All connections to and extension of the existing sanitary sewer system must be approved and constructed in accordance with Stafford Township's Sewer Ordinances and Sewer Rules and Regulations. Applicants are required to submit either a sewer connection application or sewer system application to the Stafford Township Water and Sewer Utility Department. If the applicant's project is located outside the proposed sanitary sewer service area as shown on the Township's SMP and the applicant desires to connect to or extend the existing sanitary sewer system, the applicant is directed by the Township Utility Department's Engineer to apply to the NJDEP for a WMP Amendment. If the applicant's project is located within the

proposed sanitary sewer service area and the applicant desires to extend the existing sanitary sewer system, the applicant is directed by the Township Utility Department's Engineer to submit a sewer system application to the Stafford Township Water and Sewer Utility Department for the Township Council's approval. The project may also be required to obtain Ocean County Utilities Authority approval and an NJDEP TWA permit depending on the particulars of the project. Under no circumstances are connections made or sanitary sewers extended to service areas outside the approved proposed sewer service area.