

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION  
DIVISION OF WATERSHED MANAGEMENT

REVISION TO THE CAPE MAY COUNTY WATER QUALITY  
MANAGEMENT PLAN

TAKE NOTICE that on July 11, 2006, 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 Cape May County Water Quality Management Plan (WQMP) was adopted by the Department. This revision modifies the Cape May County Wastewater Management Plan (WMP) sewer service area map entitled "Cape May Wastewater Management Area" which depicts existing and proposed sewer service areas. This revision modifies only the West Cape May Borough (Borough) portion of this map.

Due to the availability of new parcel-based mapping combined with digital mapping techniques, the Borough sought to document existing sewer service area boundaries on a larger, high quality map that displays individual lot line boundaries. The sewer service area of the Cape May Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant (CMRWTP) (NJ0020371) was overlaid onto the Borough parcel mapping. Block 55/Lots 19, 20, 21, 22, 23.02, which were connected to the CMRWTP prior to the adoption of the WMP and currently receive sewer service, were found not to be included in the sewer service area of the CMRWTP. According to the Borough, the sewer service area boundary bisecting Block 73/Lots 1.02, 2, 4, 5, 7.01, 8, 9, 10 was slightly revised in order to correspond to new digitized County Planning mapping. The Department has compared this proposed boundary to the one in the adopted WMP. Due to the similarity of the boundary on the Borough's map to that in the WMP, the Department will accept this boundary. As the County Planning mapping was never adopted into the

WQMP, acceptance of this boundary line is due solely to its close similarity to the adopted WMP mapping. Please be advised that during the next scheduled WMP update the Department will be looking for the Borough to justify its sewer service areas in accordance with N.J.A.C. 7:15-5.20(b)2 which states that "Wherever feasible, the boundaries of future sewer service areas shall coincide with recognizable geographic or political features" (i.e. lot lines, roads, zoning area boundaries, water bodies). Individual lots should not be divided into different service areas unless a zoning boundary or obvious feature (i.e. stream) is used that divides the lot. Block 64/Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, Block 33/Lot 1 and Block 2/Lot 7 are to be removed from the sewer service area due to the development rights being purchased by the farmland preservation program, purchase by the Nature Conservancy, and being wholly located in a wetlands area which is not eligible for sewer service due to federal grant conditions on the CMRWTP, respectively.

For the purposes of clarification and to reflect these current conditions and minor adjustments to the sewer service area boundaries, on December 6, 2005 the Borough adopted Resolution # 099-05 which proposed to have the "West Cape May WQMP Map", dated November 2, 2005, last revised December 6, 2005, included into the Cape May County Water Quality Management Plan. This map supersedes the Borough's sewer service area mapping in the map entitled "Cape May Wastewater Management Area".

As provided under N.J.A.C. 7:15-3.5(b)1, the Department has determined that the proposed activity qualifies as a revision in order to correct, clarify, or update erroneous, unclear, or outdated statements in an areawide WQMP utilizing the new and more accurate mapping information.

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