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PUBLIC NOTICE

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

WATERSHED AND LAND MANAGEMENT

DIVISION OF WATERSHED PROTECTION AND RESTORATION

Adopted Amendment to the Lower Delaware Water Quality Management Plan

Take notice that on December 7, 2022, pursuant to the provisions of the New Jersey Water Quality Planning Act, N.J.S.A. 58:11-1 et seq., and the Water Quality Management Planning rules, N.J.A.C. 7:15, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (Department) adopted an amendment to the Lower Delaware Water Quality Management (WQM) Plan. This amendment, identified as the Pennsville-Tufts & Fort Mott Roads (Program Interest No. 435441, Activity No. AMD210001), expands the sewer service area (SSA) of the Pennsville Sewerage Authority (PSA) (NJPDES No. NJ0021598) sewage treatment plant (STP) by roughly one acre to serve 11 existing single-family homes located on Block 4803, Lots 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7, and Block 4804, Lots 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7; and a baseball park snack stand and restrooms located on Block 4803, Lot 1, in Pennsville Township, Salem County. This SSA expansion only includes the existing 11 home structures and the snack stand and restrooms at the ballpark. The project will generate a projected wastewater flow of 4,380 gallons per day (gpd) based on flow calculated in accordance with N.J.A.C. 7:14A-23.3.

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This amendment proposal was noticed in the New Jersey Register (NJR) on July 5, 2022, at 54 N.J.R. 1321(a). No comments were received during the comment period. This notice represents the Department's determination that the amendment is compliant with the applicable regulatory criteria at N.J.A.C. 7:15, as described below.

In accordance with N.J.A.C. 7:15-3.5(g)6, the Department instructed the applicant to request a written statement of consent from Pennsville Township, Salem County Board of County Commissioners, and PSA. Pennsville Township adopted Resolution No. 198-2022 on July 7, 2022, consenting to the amendment. Salem County Commissioners adopted Resolution No. 2022-259 consenting to the amendment on July 20, 2022. PSA adopted Resolution No. 22-67-SA on July 14, 2022, consenting to the amendment.

In accordance with N.J.A.C. 7:15-3.3(b), site specific amendments are limited to proposed alterations to the eligible SSAs needed to address a specific project or activity. N.J.A.C. 7:15-3.5(j)2 requires that site specific amendments proposing to add 100 or more acres or generating 20,000 gpd or more of wastewater flow shall include a proposed modification to the wastewater treatment capacity analysis, prepared in accordance with N.J.A.C. 7:15-4.5(b), to include the proposed project or activity. The proposed project will add less than 100 acres of new SSAs and will generate less than 20,000 gpd of wastewater; therefore, update of the wastewater treatment capacity analysis is not required.

Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 7:15-4.4(d), the following are not eligible for delineation as SSAs, except as otherwise provided at N.J.A.C. 7:15-4.4(i), (j), (k), and (l): environmentally sensitive

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areas (ESAs) identified pursuant to N.J.A.C. 7:15-4.4(e), as any contiguous area of 25 acres or larger consisting of any of the following, alone, or in combination: endangered or threatened wildlife species habitat, Natural Heritage Priority Sites, riparian zones of Category One (C1) waters and their tributaries, or wetlands; coastal planning areas identified at N.J.A.C. 7:15-4.4(f); and ESAs subject to 201 Facilities Plan grant conditions pursuant to N.J.A.C. 7:15-4.4(g).

The Department conducted an evaluation of the project site using a GIS shapefile provided by the applicant compared to the Department's GIS data layers available at <http://www.nj.gov/dep/gis/listall.html> and/or other information as noted below, to determine the presence of any such areas in accordance with N.J.A.C. 7:15-4.4(e), (f), and (g) and made the following findings:

- The Department determined that the expanded SSA does not contain any areas mapped as endangered or threatened wildlife species habitat Rank 3, 4, or 5 on the Department's Landscape Maps of Habitat for Endangered, Threatened or other Priority Wildlife based on the "Landscape Project Data" Version 3.3 GIS data layers, in accordance with N.J.A.C. 7:15-4.4(e)1.
- The Department determined that the expanded SSA does not contain any areas mapped as Natural Heritage Priority Sites based on the "Natural Heritage Priority Sites" GIS data layer, in accordance with N.J.A.C. 7:15-4.4(e)2.
- The Department determined that the expanded SSA does not contain any C1 waters or 300-foot riparian zones along any C1 waters or upstream tributaries within the same HUC-14

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watershed of any C1 waters based on the “Surface Water Quality Standards” GIS data layer, in accordance with N.J.A.C. 7:13-4.1(c)1 and 7:15-4.4(e)3.

- The Department determined that the expanded SSA does not contain wetlands based on the “Wetlands 2012” GIS data layer, in accordance with N.J.A.C. 7:15-4.4(e)4.
- The Department determined that the expanded SSA does not contain any areas mapped as Fringe Planning Areas, Rural Planning Areas, or Environmentally Sensitive Planning Areas within the Coastal Area Facility Review Act (CAFRA) zone based on the “CAFRA (polygon)” GIS layer and the “State Plan Data” GIS layer, in accordance with N.J.A.C. 7:15-4.4(f).
- The Department determined that there are no 201 Facilities Plan grant conditions applicable to the project based on the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) list of New Jersey Grantees with ESA Grant Conditions at <https://www.epa.gov/npdes-permits/environmentally-sensitive-area-esa-grant-condition-waiver-program-region-2>, in accordance with N.J.A.C. 7:15-4.4(g).

Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 7:15-4.4(h)1 and 2, the Department considered the land uses allowed in adopted zoning ordinances, and future land uses shown in adopted municipal and county master plans. The Department determined that the expansion of the SSA is to include existing structures only, all within an R2 residential zone.

Sewer service is not guaranteed with the adoption of this amendment, as it represents only one part of the permit process and other issues may need to be addressed. Inclusion in the SSA as a result of the approval of this amendment does not eliminate the need to obtain all

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necessary permits, approvals, or certifications required by any Federal, State, county, or municipal review agency with jurisdiction over this project/activity.

12/7/2022

Date

SIGNED

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