

NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
DIVISION OF COASTAL AND LAND USE PLANNING

Adopted Amendment to the Tri-County Water Quality Management Plan (WQMP)

Public Notice

Take notice that **SEP 10 2014**, pursuant to the provisions of the New Jersey 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. 7:15-3.4), an amendment to the Tri-County WQMP was adopted by the Department of Environmental Protection (Department). This amendment proposal was noticed in the New Jersey Bulletin on May 21, 2014 on page 15 and no comments were received during the comment period. This amendment, submitted on behalf of David Soboleski, would modify the Burlington County Future Sewer Service Area Map (FWSA) to expand the sewer service area (SSA) by 32.277 acres on Block 11.52, Lot 3, in Evesham Township, Burlington County.

This application has been reviewed in accordance with the Water Quality Management Planning rules that set the environmental standards to be applied to an amendment at N.J.A.C. 7:15-5.18, N.J.A.C. 7:15-5.24 and N.J.A.C. 7:15-5.25, as modified by P.L. 2011, c. 203 (amended by P.L. 2013, c. 188).

Pursuant to P.L. 2011, c. 203 as amended by P.L. 2013, c. 188, the Department may approve an amendment to a wastewater management plan or water quality management plan that would delineate as a sewer service area a parcel, not to exceed 100 acres in size, that had been previously included in a formerly adopted sewer service area, provided that the applicant can demonstrate with the use of updated or more accurate information that the parcel complies with the regulatory criteria for the delineation of a sewer service area established at N.J.A.C. 7:15-5.24. Block 32.77, Lot 3 in Evesham Township had been removed from SSA due to the presence of wetlands as indicated on the Department's Geographic Information System data layer for wetlands. The applicant has submitted a Letter of Interpretation, L.O.I. # 0313-12-0009.1, which more accurately re-delineates the wetlands and their associated buffers. The parcel now complies with the regulatory criteria for the delineation of a sewer service area established at N.J.A.C. 7:15-5.24.

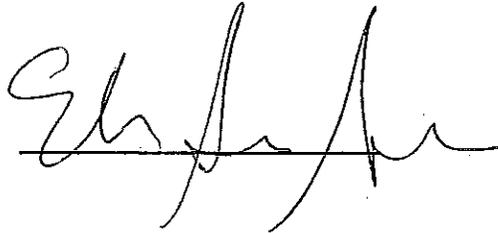
In accordance with N.J.A.C. 7:15-5.24 and 5.25, environmentally sensitive areas (ESAs) have been assessed to determine what areas of the project are appropriate for inclusion in the SSA. ESAs evaluated include, but are not limited to: habitat for threatened and endangered species as identified on the Landscape Project Maps of Habitat for Endangered, Threatened or Other Priority Species, Natural Heritage Priority Sites, riparian zones, wetlands, steep slopes, Coastal Fringe, Coastal Rural and Coastal Environmentally Sensitive Planning Areas, beaches, coastal high hazard areas, and dunes.

Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 7:15-5.24, ESAs are defined as contiguous areas of 25 acres or larger consisting of habitat for threatened and endangered species as identified on the Landscape Project Maps of Habitat for Endangered, Threatened or Other Priority Species, Natural Heritage Priority Sites, Category One (C1) special water resource protection areas, and wetlands, alone or in combination. These ESAs are not included in the SSA.

MGD or 1.25 MGM; therefore sufficient water supply is available to serve the amendment within the existing water allocation permit.

In accordance with N.J.A.C. 7:15-5.25(h)4, a project or activity's stormwater management is to be evaluated. However, P.L. 2011, c. 203 as amended by P.L. 2013, C. 188, directs there be a presumption that an engineered subdivision or site plan is not required. Compliance with this standard shall be demonstrated by submission of an adopted stormwater management plan and ordinance that conform with the requirements of N.J.A.C. 7:8. The project is in compliance with this standard, as Evesham Township has adopted stormwater control ordinance # 29-10-2004. (refer to Chapter 139 of the Evesham Township Municipal Code), which comply with the performance standards of the Stormwater Management Rules at N.J.A.C. 7:8. The county and local governments are responsible for review and implementation of the Stormwater Management rules during their review and approval of proposed development.

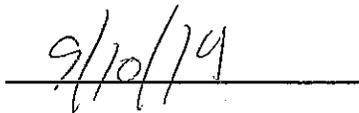
Approval of this amendment would not eliminate the need for any permits, approvals, or certifications required by any Federal, State, County or municipal review agency with jurisdiction over any project/activity. Approval of this amendment does not provide any implied approval for any other aspects of any project or needed permits and approvals.



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Date