DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DIVISION OF WATERSHED MANAGEMENT

REVISION TO THE UPPER DELAWARE WATER QUALITY MANAGEMENT PLAN

TAKE NOTICE that on provisions of the Water Quality Planning Act, N.J.S.A.58:11A-1 et seq., and the Statewide Water Quality Management (WQM) Planning rules, N.J.A.C. 7:15-3.5, a revision to the Upper Delaware WQM Plan/Hackettstown Municipal Utilities Authority (MUA) Wastewater Management Plan was adopted by the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (Department). This revision modifies the Hackettstown MUA Wastewater Management Plan and updates the digital sewer service area (SSA) mapping adopted on October 6, 2006 to identify the site of Liberty Square on Block 8, Lots 21 and 22.04, Independence Township, Warren County as Hackettstown MUA sewer service area.

In accordance with the Highlands Water Protection and Planning Act (Highlands Act – N.J.S.A. 13:20-1 et seq.), the amendment adopted on October 6, 2006 immediately revoked previously approved sewer service area in the Highlands Preservation Area where wastewater collection systems had not been installed as of August 10, 2004. This revocation, however, did not extend to any designated sewer service area necessary to serve development in the Highlands Preservation Area that is exempt from the Highlands Act as provided at N.J.S.A 13:20-28.

The proposal known as Liberty Square demonstrated with valid documentation that it is exempt from the Highlands Act. This area, therefore, is no longer rescinded from the Highlands Act and is reinstated as sewer service area in the Upper Delaware WQMP/ HMUA Wastewater Management Plan and the digital sewer service area mapping.

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