DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DIVIVION OF LAND USE PLANNING

REVISION TO THE UPPER RARITAN WATER QUALITY MANAGEMENT PLAN

TAKE NOTICE that on JUN 16 2011, 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 Upper Raritan Water Quality Management Plan (WQMP)/Mount Olive Township Wastewater Management Plan (WMP) was adopted by the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (Department). This revision corrects/updates the Mount Olive Township WMP as well as the Department's digital sewer service area mapping adopted on October 6, 2006 for the Highlands preservation area to identify the Morris Habitat properties located on Block 2203, Lot 2 (18 Wallman Way) and Block 2203, Lot 3 (20 Wallman Way) as not being within the sewer service area of the Budd Lake collection system.

In accordance with N.J.S.A. 58:11A-7.1, a WQMP amendment, which identified previously approved sewer service area in the Highlands preservation area where wastewater collection systems had not been installed as of August 10, 2004 and were therefore revoked in accordance with the Highlands Water Protection and Planning Act, N.J.S.A. 13:20-1 et seq., was adopted on October 6, 2006 to identify area where sewer service areas were withdrawn, This revocation, however, did not extend to any designated sewer service area necessary to serve development in the Highlands preservation area that is exempt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 provisions of P.L. 2004, c. 120 (C.13:20-1 et al.) pursuant to subsection a. of section 30 of P.L. 2004, c. 120 (C 13:20-28).

Prior to this revision, the subject properties were identified as being within the approved sewer service area in the adopted WMP and the Department's digital sewer service area mapping. However, the development proposed on these properties is not exempt from the Highlands Water Protection and Planning Act and wastewater collection system infrastructure had not been installed to service the subject properties at Block 2203, Lots 2 and 3, thus in accordance with the Highlands Water Protection and Planning Act, sewer service was revoked from these parcels and these properties should not be identified as sewer service area. In accordance with N.J.A.C. 7:15-3.5(b)1, the Department has determined that the proposed change to the WQMP qualifies as a revision to correct, clarify, or update erroneous, unclear, or outdated statements in an areawide WQMP. This area, therefore, has been removed from the sewer service area in the Upper Raritan WQMP/Mount Olive Township WMP and the Department's digital sewer service area mapping. This mapping correction is authorized as a revision pursuant to N.J.A.C. 7:15-3.5(b)1.

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