

I. PREVIOUS WASTEWATER PLANNING

A. Identify and Discuss Existing Wastewater Planning

1. Previous Act 537 Planning

Berks County Master Water and Sewer Plan

The Berks County Master Water and Sewer Plan (1970) was prepared for the Berks County Board of Commissioners in conjunction with the Berks County Planning Commission. The Plan recommended that the Monocacy Creek Basin, which include part of Douglass Township, Amity Township and the Gramacy Gardens area of Union Township should connect to the Pottstown Regional Water Pollution control system. The Plan was adopted by the Amity Township Board of Supervisors in 1970.

The Master Plan was revised in 1975 to recognize Amity Township's desire to construct its own sewage treatment plant. The proposed plant was recognized as a sub-regional facility and had the potential to treat sewage flows from parts of Douglass, Exeter and Union Townships. The amendments were adopted by the Amity Township Board of Supervisors.

The Berks County Planning Commission updated its 1982 study on *Berks County Sewer and Water Systems*. The September 1995 report did not identify any issues specific to Amity Township. They did, however, identify a short-term sewer need for the southern portion of Douglass Township, and noted that the Douglassville Water Company was at or near capacity. Douglassville Water Company was later purchased by Citizens Utilities, and interconnected with their system. It is now a part of Pennsylvania American Water Company.

Amity Township Act 537 Plan Update (June 1989)

Amity Township developed an Act 537 Plan in 1989. At that time, the plant was rated at 0.8 MGD, and had reached (and at times exceeded) that capacity. As a result of the Plan, the plant was upgraded in 1991 to a capacity of 1.6 MGD.

Amity Township Act 537 Plan Update (December 2004)

The December 2004 Act 537 Plan evaluated all areas of the Township not currently served by sewer. Particular attention was paid to the Monocacy Creek drainage basin in the western portion of the Township. The Plan recommended the implementation of the Monocacy Creek Interceptor, the implementation of sewage management program, and the rerating of the Township's current wastewater treatment plant. The plant was rerated to a capacity of 2.2 MGD.

2. Planning not done in Accordance with an Approved Implementation Schedule

All planning has been prepared in accordance with PA DEP Act 537 Planning Guidance and the PA DEP planning module process. Approved implementation schedules, that are a part of the respective documents, are followed as closely as possible. In some instances, outside factors delay projects or proposed development causing the approved schedule to change.

3. Additional Planning that is Anticipated

Beyond this current Act 537 Planning, Amity Township does not

anticipate any additional planning. Planning modules for proposed subdivisions will be reviewed and submitted on an as needed basis.

4. Planning Completed Via Official Plan Revision

Refer to Section IV.B.1. of this Plan. The subdivisions listed reflect the planning completed via official plan revision.