

April 21, 2010

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RE: Amity Township;
Draft Act 537 Sewage Facilities Plan
ARRO # 7026.00

Dear Planning Commission:

On behalf of Amity Township (Township) and in accordance with the requirements set forth by the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection, we are submitting this draft Act 537 Plan (Plan) for your review and comment. This Plan is to address the planning requirements necessary for providing sanitary sewer service that will meet the future public and private wastewater needs of the Township.

Please provide us with any comments or concerns that you may have regarding the Plan content and impacts that the proposed technical and institutional alternatives may have on the planning area.

If you have any questions regarding this Plan please call me at 610-495-2102.

Thank you for your attention concerning this important document.

Sincerely,



William L. Bohner, Jr., P.E.
Project Engineer

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Enclosure

c: Charles E. Lyon, Township Manager – Amity Township
Michael D. Sassaman, L.O. – ARRO

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April 29, 2010

Mr. William L. Bohner, Jr., P.E.
ARRO Engineering & Environmental Consultants
649 North Lewis Road
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Re: Act 537 Plan Update - Draft
Amity Township, Berks County

Dear Mr. Bohner,

The Berks County Planning Commission is in receipt of the Amity Township Act 537 Plan Update. The Commission will review the draft at its monthly meeting scheduled for Wednesday, May 12, 2010, in the Planning Commission's Library located at the Berks County Services Center, 633 Court Street, 14th Floor, Reading. You are encouraged to attend the meeting to field any questions the Commission might have.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (610) 478-6300 x6305.

Sincerely,



Michelle D. Franklin
Planner III
Berks County Planning Commission

cc: Charles Lyon, Township Manager

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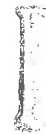
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May 7, 2010

Mr. William L. Bohner, Jr., P.E.
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Limerick, PA 19468

Re: Act 537 Plan Update - Draft
Amity Township, Berks County

Dear Mr. Bohner,

Please be advised that the Amity Township Act 537 Plan Update will not be presented at the May 12th Berks County Planning Commission meeting. Upon initial review of this project, a number of questions have risen and will require a pre-meeting with the Berks County Planning Commission Community Facilities committee. The project will be moved to the Berks County Planning Commission's June 9, 2010 meeting in the Planning Commission's Library located at the Berks County Services Center, 633 Court Street, 14th Floor, Reading. I will contact you to set up a meeting to discuss the project with the Planning Commission's Community Facilities Committee prior to the June 9th meeting.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (610) 478-6300 x6305.

Sincerely,

Michelle D. Franklin
Planner III
Berks County Planning Commission

cc: Charles Lyon, Township Manager

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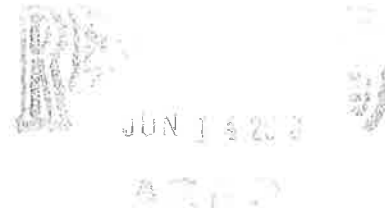
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June 9, 2010

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Re: Act 537 Plan Update 2010
Amity Township, Berks County

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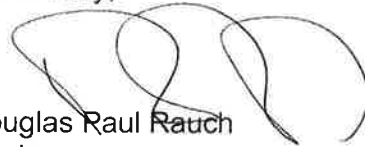
The Berks County Planning Commission has reviewed the proposed Amity Township Act 537 Plan Update for 2010. The Act 537 Plan Update addresses the planning requirements necessary to provide for the expansion and upgrade of the existing Amity Township Wastewater Treatment Plant. The plan presents three (3) alternative methods for expanding and upgrading the wastewater treatment plant in order to serve the needs of Amity Township and its adjacent municipalities of Douglass, Earl, Oley and Union Townships. The Commission offers the following comments:

1. The proposal presented three (3) alternative methods for expanding the existing wastewater treatment plant from 2.2 MGD to 2.9 MGD. The chosen method is identified as Alternative 1: Parallel Oxidation Ditch Treatment Train. This alternative was noted to have the highest probable cost out of the three alternatives however, operating costs were comparable to the other two methods and any future upgrades would be minimal relative to those that might be needed for Alternatives 2 and 3.
2. The proposed "Sewer Service Areas" map identifies additional service to two (2) areas of the Township. The Berks Vision 2020 Future Land Use Plan identifies these areas within Growth areas, Rural Conservation areas and Environmental Hazard areas. Providing sewer service to these areas is considered consistent with Berks Vision 2020 Comprehensive Plan provided environmental constraints in the Rural Conservation areas and Environmental Hazard areas are protected.
3. The proposed expansion to the Amity Township Wastewater Treatment Plant is consistent with the Berks County Sewer and Water Regionalization Study of 1998. This treatment plant provides capacity to Amity, Douglass, Earl and Union Townships and will also provide capacity for Oley Township with the proposed expansion.

The Berks County Planning Commission does not undertake a technical or engineering review of this project against PennDEP standards since that is the responsibility of the Department of Environmental Protection.

Thank you for the opportunity to review the Plan. Please send us a copy of the adopted Act 537 Plan.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Douglas Raul Rauch". The signature is stylized with large, overlapping loops.

Douglas Raul Rauch
Chairman
BERKS COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

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cc: PA DEP Central Office
PA DEP Local Office