

VII. INSTITUTIONAL EVALUATION

A. Analysis of Township; Past Actions and Present Performance

1. Financial Status

The Township's sewer expense and revenue budget is summarized as follows:

a. Total sewer Expenditures (2009)	\$1,424,889
Total EDU Revenues (2009)	\$3,124,553
Total EDU Expenses (2009)	\$2,789,449
b. Total Sewer Expenditures (2010 Budget)	\$1,428,256
Total EDU Revenues (2010 Budget)	\$2,778,685
Total EDU Expenses (2010 Budget)	\$2,437,900

2. Available Staff and Administrative Resources

Current staffing consists of the wastewater treatment plant superintendent, plant operator, lab technician, laborer/equipment operator, and other laborers. The plant superintendent reports directly to the Township Manager

The administrative resources are in place to manage, oversee, and operate the implementation of the technical alternatives identified in Section V of this Plan.

Schooling and certifications routinely involve 230 hours of training for the Plant Superintendent, plant operations staff, lab technician, and maintenance personnel. Staff operations are daily, 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Saturday 7:30 a.m., to Noon, and Sunday 7:30 a.m. to 10:30 p.m.

In addition, the entire staff is available through the Berks County Communications System for emergencies.

3. Existing Legal Authority

The Amity Township Board of Supervisors is the legal authority for the operation, maintenance and financing of the Amity Sewage Treatment Plant and its collection and conveyance system. The Board implements wastewater planning recommendations, has the authority (through the Sewage Management Program Ordinance) to implement operation and maintenance oversight for the on-lot systems within the Township, currently operates and maintains the sewage treatment, conveyance and collection system, sets user fees, authorizes purchases, and, through its Sewage Enforcement Officer, takes action against violators.

B. Institutional Alternatives Necessary to Implement Plan

1. Need for New Municipal Departments or Authorities

The current Board of Supervisors oversight is sufficient for implementation of this Plan. No additional municipal departments or authorities need to be created to provide the proposed services.

2. Functions of Existing or Proposed Authorities

There are no proposed organizations or Authorities. The Township shall continue to function and manage day-to-day matters as well as the matters associated with the selected technical alternative. The current institutional arrangement is sufficient for implementing this Plan.

3. Cost of Administration, Implementability, and the Capability of the Board to Meet Future Needs

Administrative costs are considered to be negligible, and will be paid through user fees.

The Board of Supervisors has legal authority, and financial ability to implement this Plan.

The Board of Supervisors closely monitors the activities at the treatment plant, and is involved in ongoing projects to reduce infiltration, and improve plant operations through the maintenance upgrades currently being undertaken at the sewage treatment plant.

C. Administrative and Legal Activities to be Completed and Adopted to Ensure the Implementation of the Technical Alternative

1. Legal Authorities of Incorporation

No new wastewater Authorities of Incorporation are necessary and there will be no changes to the Board to implement the projects outlined in this Plan.

2. Required Ordinances, Standards, Regulations, and Intermunicipal Agreements

All ordinances and intermunicipal agreements are currently in place. The Township's On-Lot Sewage Disposal System Management Ordinance was presented in the 2004 Plan and has been adopted. See Appendix Y.

3. *Provisions of Rights-of-Way, Easements, and Land Transfers*

Easements or land transfers will not be necessary to accommodate an expanded wastewater treatment plant.

4. *Other Sewage Facilities Plan Adoptions*

This Plan is not contingent upon the adoption or implementation of any other sewage facilities plans.

5. *Legal Documents*

The Township does not anticipate any other legal documents beyond those discussed previously in this Plan.

6. *Dates and Time Frames of 1 through 5 above*

The dates and timeframes for the items in this section are found in the implementation schedule in the Executive Summary of this Plan.

D. Selected Institutional Alternative

Amity Township will implement the selected technical alternative. The selected technical alternative is discussed further in Section VIII of this Plan.

The Township is experienced at constructing, operating, and maintaining wastewater treatment facilities. The Township shall administer and oversee the implementation of the selected technical alternative.