

PUBLIC NOTICE

Minor Act 537 Plan Update: Lewis Township Regionalization Special Study Lewis Township, Northumberland County

Notice is hereby given that Lewis Township and Delaware Township, Northumberland County, propose to adopt a minor update to their Sewage Facilities Plans pursuant to Act 537 (Plan Update), following a 30 day public comment period hereby established. This Plan Update has been prepared to revisit regionalization with the Milton Regional Sewer Authority (MRSA). This reassessment was prompted by recent discoveries regarding the condition of the existing wastewater treatment plant (WWTP) tankage, interest in public sewer service shown by neighboring Delaware Township, and a desire to extend sanitary sewer service in the Susquehanna Trail/Route 54 Corridor.

This Study's primary goal was to evaluate sanitary sewer service alternatives for the existing Township sanitary sewer service area as well as a portion of the Susquehanna Trail/Route 54 Corridor previously identified. All alternatives evaluated include the connection of the Schell & Koch Road area as determined by the Township's most recent 537 Planning.

The Plan Update has determined that the alternative to be implemented for the Planning Area is to regionalize with the Milton Regional Sewer Authority (MRSA)- Alternative 2. The regionalization would generally involve abandonment of the existing Lewis Township WWTP and the installation of a pump station that would direct waste through approximately 17,870 linear feet of forcemain along the Susquehanna Trail (SR1007) 8th Street Drive, and Vincent Avenue. The proposed forcemain would tie-in to an existing gravity collection and conveyance system owned and operated by the MRSA in Delaware Township which ultimately directs waste to the existing MRSA WWTP. This alternative would also allow for tie-in of existing homes in Delaware Township. Capacity for this alternative within the MRSA system was preliminarily verified as part of this study. As part of the selected alternative, the Township intends to provide sewer service to approximately 10 additional EDU's in the Susquehanna Trail/ Route 54 Corridor. The anticipated project cost for implementation of this alternative along with the Susquehanna Trail Extension is \$2,565,000. Based on preliminary analysis based on a range of estimated grant and local contributions, conservative estimated user rates are projected at between \$59 and \$129 per EDU per month.

Individuals interested in reviewing a copy of the Plan may view it on the Township's websites at www.lewistownship.com or www.delawaretownship.org, or at the Lewis Township and Delaware Township offices during normal business hours. The public may submit written comments on the Plan Update to lewistwp@windstream.net, the Lewis Township Municipal Building (1428 Rovendale Drive, Watsontown, PA 17777), or the Lewis Township mailing address of PO Box 143, Watsontown) during the 30-day public review and comment period, which will commence on August 2, 2020 and terminate on September 1, 2020.