## DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DIVISION OF LAND USE PLANNING

ADOPTED AMENDMENT TO THE Northeast Water Quality Management Plan (WQMP)

Public Notice

Jersey 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. 7:15-3.4), an amendment to the Northeast WQMP was adopted by the Department of Environmental Protection (Department). This amendment adopts the Florham Park Sewerage Utility (FPSU) Wastewater Management Plan (WMP) which addresses wastewater management for the township of Florham Park. Florham Park is currently served by three different Treatment Plants. The Florham Park Sewage Treatment Plant (STP) (NJ0025518) serves a majority of the municipality, as well as portions of East Hanover Township, Hanover Township and Morris Township, and is permitted at 1.4 million gallons per day. The Morris Woodlands STP (NJ0024929), located in Morris Township, treats areas within the FPSU planning area and is permitted at 2.0 million gallons per day. The Green at Florham Park STP (NJ0003476), formerly Exxon STP, treats multiple facilities in Florham Park.

This amendment includes three minor expansions of the previously approved sewer service area of the Florham Park STP. The first increase in the sewer service area is in the vicinity of the Sun Valley Pump Station. This expansion allows the connection of residential and commercial properties currently served by septic systems to the Florham Park STP sewer service area. Additionally, a warehouse expansion Block 4202 Lot 6, fronting Passaic Avenue, and an existing auto dealership located on Columbia Turnpike (Block 501 Lot 1), presently on septic, is connecting to the Florham Park STP sewer service. This amendment also proposes the eventual abandonment of the Green at Florham Park STP with the existing facilities served by this STP and future redevelopment proposed to be connected to the Florham Park STP. The future development at this site consists of 425 age restricted housing units, 730,000 S.F. of commercial feet, hotel conference center with 250 rooms and 100,000 S.F. of office space. All these expansions to the Florham Park STP will yield a flow of 489,000 gallons per day.

This amendment proposal was noticed in the New Jersey Register on January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2012 at 135 N.J.R. 185 (a) and no comments were received during the comment period.

This amendment represents only one part of the permit process and other issues may need to be addressed prior to final permit issuance. Additional issues which may need to be addressed may include, but are not limited to, the following: compliance with stormwater regulations; antidegradation; effluent limitations; water quality analysis; exact locations and designs of future treatment works (pump stations, interceptors, sewers, outfalls, wastewater treatment plants); and development in wetlands, flood prone areas, designated Wild and Scenic River areas, or other environmentally sensitive areas which are subject to regulation under Federal or State statutes or rules.

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