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DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION  
CLEAN WATER PROGRAM

July 23, 2013

Strasburg Township Supervisors  
400 Bunker Hill Road  
Strasburg, PA 17579

Re: Act 537 Plan Update  
APS ID No. 363773  
DEP Code No. B3-36952-ACT  
Strasburg Township, Lancaster County

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We have reviewed your Act 537 Plan, submitted on June 19, 2013, prepared by Herbert, Rowland and Grubic, Inc., entitled Official Sewage Facilities Plan Update for Strasburg Township, Lancaster County. The proposed plan consists of a new sewage treatment facility with denitrification and on-lot disposal beds to serve The Refton Study Area within 5 years, provision of public sewers to the Creekview Study Area within 10 years, continued use of on-lot disposal in the Hartman Bridge (Route 896) Road area until new developer connections are available, adoption of a mandatory connection ordinance within one year, and amendments to the Township's On-Lot Sewage Management Ordinance to include 3 OLDS Management Districts to establish a rotating pumping and inspection schedule within the Township. These amendments will be done within one year of the date of this letter. The submission is consistent with the planning requirements given in Chapter 71 of the rules and regulations of the Department.

The plan is approved with the following conditions:

The approved project will require a Water Management Part II Permit for the construction and operation of the proposed sewage facilities to serve the Village of Refton. The permit application must be submitted in the name of the municipality or authority, as appropriate. Issuance of a Part II Permit will be based upon a technical evaluation of the permit application and supporting documentation. Starting construction prior to obtaining a Part II Permit is a violation of The Clean Streams Law.

Other Departmental permits may be required for construction if encroachment to streams or wetlands will result. Information regarding the requirements for such permits or approvals can be obtained from the Department's Waterways and Wetlands Section at 909 Elmerton Ave., Harrisburg, PA 17110 or telephone 717.705.4802.

Following final municipal adoption, copies of the Mandatory Connection Ordinance, OLDS Management, and any other ordinances associated with the implementation of the Strasburg Township 537 Plan must be submitted to this office and the Lancaster District Office.

It is now Strasburg Township's responsibility to implement the 537 Plan in accordance with the schedules contained within the Plan.

Since the Department has approved your Plan, you are now eligible to receive a 50 percent planning cost reimbursement as provided under Section 6 of the Sewage Facilities Act (Act 537). A copy of the reimbursement application is enclosed. You are reminded that reimbursement applications must show detailed cost breakdowns of tasks completed or you will place your reimbursement in jeopardy.

Any person aggrieved by this action may appeal, pursuant to Section 4 of the Environmental Hearing Board Act, 35 P.S. Section 7514, and the Administrative Agency Law, 2 Pa. C.S. Chapter 5A, to the Environmental Hearing Board, Second Floor, Rachel Carson State Office Building, 400 Market Street, PO Box 8457, Harrisburg, PA 17105-8457, 717.787.3483. TDD users may contact the Board through the Pennsylvania Relay Service, 800.654.5984. Appeals must be filed with the Environmental Hearing Board within 30 days of receipt of written notice of this action unless the appropriate statute provides a different time period. Copies of the appeal form and the Board's rules of practice and procedure may be obtained from the Board. The appeal form and the Board's rules of practice and procedure are also available in braille or on audiotape from the Secretary to the Board at 717.787.3483. This paragraph does not, in and of itself, create any right of appeal beyond that permitted by applicable statutes and decisional law.

**IF YOU WANT TO CHALLENGE THIS ACTION, YOUR APPEAL MUST REACH THE BOARD WITHIN 30 DAYS. YOU DO NOT NEED A LAWYER TO FILE AN APPEAL WITH THE BOARD.**

**IMPORTANT LEGAL RIGHTS ARE AT STAKE, HOWEVER, SO YOU SHOULD SHOW THIS DOCUMENT TO A LAWYER AT ONCE. IF YOU CANNOT AFFORD A LAWYER, YOU MAY QUALIFY FOR FREE PRO BONO REPRESENTATION. CALL THE SECRETARY TO THE BOARD (717.787.3483) FOR MORE INFORMATION.**

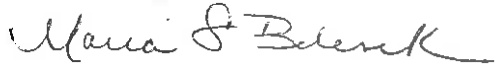
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If you have any questions, please call Deirdre Lehman at 717.299.7601 or Barry Sweger at 717.705.4704

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Maria D. Bebenek".

Maria D. Bebenek, P.E.  
Program Manager

cc: Lancaster County Planning Commission  
Herbert, Rowland & Grubic, Inc.

**Received**

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Township of Strasburg  
Lancaster County, Pennsylvania

**RESOLUTION NO. 2013-2**

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF STRASBURG, LANCASTER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, TO ADOPT AN OFFICIAL SEWAGE FACILITIES PLAN FOR STRASBURG TOWNSHIP.

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of the Township of Strasburg (hereinafter, the "Board of Supervisors") authorized the preparation of an official Sewage Facilities Plan (hereinafter, the "Plan") for the Township; and

WHEREAS, Herbert, Rowland & Grubic, Inc. was selected as the consultant to assist the Board of Supervisors in the preparation of the Plan; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the regulations of the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (hereinafter, the "Department"), the Board of Supervisors advertised the preparation of the proposed Plan and provided a 30-day public comment period for such Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors provided a copy of the proposed Plan to the Lancaster County Planning Commission and the Strasburg Township Planning Commission for review in accordance with the regulations of the Department; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors finds that the Plan conforms to applicable zoning, subdivision, other municipal ordinances and plans and services to establish a comprehensive program for pollution control and water quality management; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors desires to adopt the proposed Sewage Facilities Plan as the Township's Official Sewage Facilities Plan in accordance with the provisions and requirements of the Pennsylvania Sewage Facilities Act and the Regulations of the Department.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Strasburg Township, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, as follows:

Section 1. The Board of Supervisors adopts the sewage facilities plan entitled "ACT 537 Official Sewage Facilities Plan Update for Strasburg Township", prepared by Herbert, Rowland & Grubic, Inc. in the form and content presented at this public meeting, as the official sewage facilities plan for the Township in accordance with the Pennsylvania Sewage Facilities Act and the Regulations of the Department.

Section 2. The Board of Supervisors adopts the following alternatives set forth in the Plan as the alternatives of choice which shall be implemented by the Township upon Department approval of the Plan, and in accordance with the implementation schedule set forth in the Plan.

1. Amend On-Lot Sewage Management Ordinance to include three (3) OLDS Management Districts to establish a rotating pumping and inspection schedule within the Township within one (1) year of DEP's approval of Plan.
2. Provision of public sewers to the Refton Study Area to collect and convey all flow to the proposed recirculating sand filter type treatment facility and disposal beds. The

key implementation activities/dates include: pursue funding opportunities, perform design, and obtain all permits, clearances, and agreements necessary for construction within two (2) years from the date of Plan approval; construct Alternative 1A to serve the Refton Study Area 2-4 years from the date of Plan approval, and Refton Sewer System to be fully operational 4-5 years from the date of Plan approval. The timeline is contingent upon receipt of favorable funding to make this alternative financially feasible.

3. Provision of public sewers to the Creekview Study Area to collect and convey all flow to the existing Strasburg Borough Authority (SBA) system via existing collection and conveyance facilities. The key implementation activities/dates include: inspection and evaluation of the existing sewer facilities and negotiate an inter-municipal agreement with SBA within five (5) years from the date of Plan approval, pursue funding opportunities, perform design, and obtain all permits, clearances, and agreements necessary for construction (as necessary) 5-7 years from the date of Plan approval; construct Creekview Sewer System to serve the Creekview Study Area 7-9 years from the date of Plan approval, and Creekview Sewer System to be fully operational 9-10 years from the date of Plan approval. The timeline is contingent upon a favorable inter-municipal agreement for connection to the SBA system.
4. Continued use of on-lot disposal systems in the area of Hartman Bridge Road (State Route 896) until new developer connections are available.
5. Adoption of an Ordinance requiring mandatory connection of commercial and residential structures within the Township within one (1) year of DEP's approval of Plan.

Section 3. To the maximum extent feasible, the Township commits to implement the Plan in accordance with the implementation schedule set forth in the Plan.

Section 4. In the event any provision, section, sentence, clause or part of this Resolution shall be held to be invalid, illegal or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity, illegality or unconstitutionality shall not affect or impair the remaining provisions, sections, sentences, clauses or parts of this Resolution, it being the intent of the Board of Supervisors that the remainder of the Resolution shall be and shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 5. This Resolution shall become effective and be in force immediately.

ADOPTED by the Strasburg Township Board of Supervisors this 17<sup>st</sup> day of the month of June, 2013.

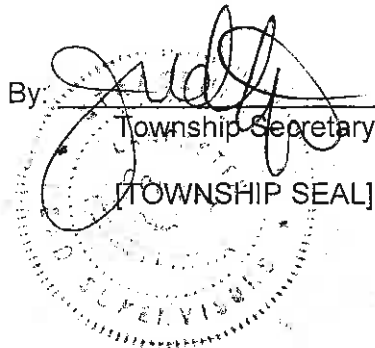
ATTEST:

STRASBURG TOWNSHIP  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
LANCASTER COUNTY,  
PENNSYLVANIA

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Township Secretary

[TOWNSHIP SEAL]



By: \_\_\_\_\_

Thomas Willig, Chairman