

7.1 ANALYSIS OF EXISTING AUTHORITIES

There is currently no sewer authority established within Strasburg Township.

7.2 ANALYSIS OF INSTITUTIONAL ALTERNATIVES

7.2.1 Need for New Authorities

The Township has the authority to meet and plan future projects with the developers and/or businesses and implement the recommended structural alternatives. If the Township deems it beneficial, an authority could be formed to administer, finance, and operate the municipal sewage facilities, negotiate agreements with developer's and adjacent authorities on behalf of the Township, and set sewer user rates for the Township. At this time, the Township does not own or operate any water or wastewater facilities, nor do they serve any customers.

The Township and the SBA have previously discussed the possibility of a cooperative effort between the two municipalities to address sewage concerns. One suggestion was to form a joint authority to collectively provide administrative staff and maintenance support for operation of existing and proposed sewage facilities within the region. Another suggestion discussed was the establishment of a bulk customer agreement, similar to the agreement between SBA and the Strasburg Rail Road for providing sewer service to properties located within the Township.

Strasburg Township possesses adequate staffing and manpower needed for continued implementation of the Township's On-Lot Sewage Management Ordinance.

7.2.2 Ability to Address Future Needs

Strasburg Township does not currently have sufficient staffing and resources to implement the selected structural alternatives. The Township will need to explore options for future operation of sewer facilities such as forming a sewer authority, pursue the formation of a joint sewer authority with SBA, or hiring additional staff or contracting operators, prior to implementing any structural alternative.

7.3 IMPLEMENTATION OF INSTITUTIONAL ALTERNATIVE

7.3.1 Incorporation of Legal Authorities

This Plan does not propose the formation of any new authorities or agencies at this time; however, it is recommended that the Township consider the formation of an authority to implement the recommendations proposed by this Plan.

7.3.2 Required Ordinances, Regulations, Standards, and Inter-Municipal Agreements

As discussed, the Township will pursue an intermunicipal agreement with the SBA for implementation of public sewer service for Creekview Study Area. In addition, the Township will pursue an intermunicipal agreement with SBA or Hershey Farm for implementation of public sewer service to the S.R. 896 DGA.

In addition, the Township shall continue to enforce the On-lot Sewage Management Ordinance as a method to prevent further malfunction of OLDS and degradation of drinking water supplies in the remainder of the Township.

Agreements will also be required with individual developers and/or businesses for project implementation in all areas. Negotiations shall be initiated prior to the start of project planning to establish any constraints to be accommodated by that planning and/or design. The following legislative actions should be completed upon adoption of this Plan:

1. Review and revise (as appropriate) the existing Capped Sewer Ordinance.
2. Review and revise the On-lot Management Ordinance (Ordinance #43) to include OLDS maintenance districts to establish a manageable pumping and inspection schedule in the Township.
3. Develop Rules & Regulations for construction of sewer system requirements, which could be combined with the revisions to the Capped Sewer Ordinance should that be deemed beneficial.

7.3.3 Required Rights-of-Way, Easements, and Land Transfers

The Township will be required to obtain any necessary rights-of-way, easements, or properties to implement the recommended structural alternative. Any land requirements, in the form of rights-of-way, easements, or additional properties will be acquired through negotiation procedures between the Township and the property owner. In circumstances where a suitable compensation cannot be negotiated, condemnation procedures may be utilized to acquire properties for use in construction of public facilities. The necessity for acquisition of property would be further evaluated during the final design phase of any collection and conveyance facilities.

Strasburg Township has purchased available land in anticipation for the need to provide a site for a wastewater treatment system to serve the Refton Study Area. This land has been incorporated into the Township's Parks system.

7.4 SELECTED INSTITUTIONAL ALTERNATIVE

At this time, it should be assumed that the Township will obtain all financing, pursue intermunicipal agreements and pursue development agreements as may be necessary.

Continued implementation of the Township's On-Lot Sewage Management Ordinance will be carried out by existing Township staff and the Township's Sewage Enforcement Officer.