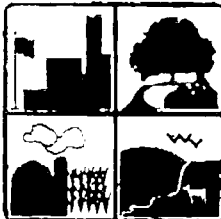




APPENDIX C
CORRESPONDENCE AND PUBLIC COMMENTS



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October 3, 2006

Mr. Robert Crum, Director
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Re: Update to Centre Region Act 537 Sewage Facilities Plan

Dear Mr. Crum:

The Centre Region Act 537 Sewage Facilities Plan update is currently in the 30 day public comment period. The Township Board of Supervisors, Planning Commission and staff have had the opportunity over the past nine months to review the first draft, receive presentations on the draft plan and consider alternatives to address the future sewer service to the Township and the Centre Region.

The Township has provided initial review comments to your staff and the consultant Herbert, Rowland and Grubic, Inc. Additionally, over the course of the past two months the consultant, the University Area Joint Authority and your staff have presented an alternative solution to the conveyance capacity problems that exist or are projected in interceptors that serve a developing and growing portion of the Township.

The Board of Supervisors supports the Preferred Wastewater Alternative for the Blue Course Drive Corridor. To address the wastewater needs of the Imbt and Circleville Farm properties, it is recommended that the University Area Joint Authority (UAJA) and the impacted property owners undertake a detailed analysis to determine the financial, environmental and technical feasibility of a green community design for these properties. Under this approach, a wastewater treatment plant would be constructed near the Circleville/Imbt properties which would remove or "scalp" wastewater from existing interceptors. This type of treatment is not a typical wastewater treatment facility but rather a separator of the solids from the water. This water would be treated with microfiltration and reverse osmosis systems to produce exceptional quality beneficial reuse water. This beneficial reuse water would be used within the future planned communities on the Imbt and Circleville Farm properties for purposes such as irrigation, heating and cooling, toilet flushing, clothes washing, or water features. In addition, the water could be made available to the adjacent Penn State Golf Course for irrigation purposes.

There appear to be several advantages to this type of green community approach. Since the water treated at the "scalping plant" would be intercepted, this approach could offer some relief for portions of the existing UAJA system, such as the

Robert Crum

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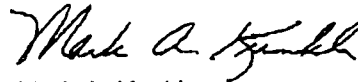
currently overloaded Big Hollow Interceptor and predicted overloads in the Radio Park Interceptor. By reducing the amount of flow from future growth to the Big Hollow Interceptor, future upgrades to this collection/conveyance line could be delayed or downsized. This green community design would further reduce future increases in wastewater discharge to Spring Creek, a high quality cold water fishery.

Ferguson Township recommends that the financial, environmental and technical feasibility of this green community alternative be provided with any planning module submitted to the Township for the Imbt and Circleville Farm properties. If this analysis indicates that the green community approach is feasible, the Township recommends that this approach as the preferred alternative for these properties. Additionally, the Centre Region Act 537 Sewage Facilities Plan update should identify other potential sites where this technology may be applicable within the sewer service area.

If the analysis documents that this approach is not feasible, the preferred method of sewage disposal will be to connect to the existing UAJA collection and conveyance system.

On behalf of the Board of Supervisors, Planning Commission and staff it is strongly suggested that the Centre Region Act 537 Sewage Facilities Plan update include the Preferred Wastewater Alternative for the Blue Course Drive Corridor.

For the Board of Supervisors,



Mark A. Kunkle
Township Manager

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October 12, 2006

Centre Region Planning Office
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RE: University Area Joint Authority's Expanded Growth Area

Dear Bob:

Thank you for taking the time to keep us informed of the plans for expansion in the Centre Region as they relate to properties located within Benner Township.

I believe everyone in the Centre Region, including Clair and Rogers, are aware of the distinct sewer boundary that bifurcates the above land owners properties. We are open to discussions regarding the treatment of flows generated in Benner Township at the UAJA Plant. This may become even more important as recent discussions with local political leaders have identified a large tract of land in this area of Benner Township marked for additional development.

Upon receipt of a request for service in this area, our Authority will attempt to open negotiations with UAJA officials to determine and plan to provide public sewer to this area.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

N. Warren Miller
Executive Director

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October 17, 2006

Mr. Robert Crum, Director
The Centre Region Council of Governments
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Re: 2005 Act 537 Sewage Facility Plan Up-date

Dear Bob:

We reviewed the 2005 Act 537 Facilities Plan Update that was given to our office and have comments that we would like for you to consider. Those comments are listed on the attachment to this letter. Please let us know if you need additional information or have any questions. We appreciate the opportunity to participate in this important effort.

Sincerely,

R.E. Cooper

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Attachment

Cc: D. Burns
I. Salada
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COMMENTS ON THE
2005 ACT 537 SEWAGE FACILITY PLAN UPDATE
BY
PENN STATE UNIVERSITY, OFFICE OF PHYSICAL PLANT
OCTOBER 2006

CHAPTER 3-EXISTING SEWAGE FACILITIES AND NEEDS EVALUATION

Page 1, Section 3.1, first paragraph, "The Centre Region is served through two forms of sewage treatment that has existed since the late 1960's." We suggest adding that the PSU plant has been in service since 1913.

Same Section, third paragraph, second sentence, "Flows from SCSA sewers are either treated at a plant owned and operated by Penn State University or bypassed to the UAJA facility." Suggest deleting "bypassed to".

Section 3.4, Page 5, Consider adding the following to the last paragraph. "In order to provide flexibility for spray field operation and other opportunities for re-use, the University intends to investigate the feasibility of providing re-use water to various areas on campus such as process water make-up for chilled water and steam plants, turf and landscape irrigation, and non-potable uses in buildings. If the feasibility is positive the University would implement where appropriate.

Last paragraph, consider adding the following sentence. "The spray irrigation fields have been used by numerous researchers to study the natural processes, and environmental impacts of land treatment of wastewater over a long term basis. Currently, Dr. Richard R. Parizek is conducting research on Non-growing season nutrient removal within a wetlands pond. The University expects that this type of research will continue."

Section 3.8, Page 9, third paragraph, first sentence, suggest adding "treatment and" ahead of "disposal".

CHAPTER 7- CONCLUSIONS, RECOMMENDATIONS AND INDUSTRIAL EVALUATION

Section 7.1-Conclusions for Current and Future Sanitary Sewer Service Area

7.1.1 Chesapeake Bay Tributary Strategy and its Long-Term Impacts

Suggest repeating statement in Section 3.8, page 9, "The Pennsylvania State University employs spray irrigation for the treatment and disposal of wastewater. Under the current Chesapeake Bay Tributary Strategy, there will no long-term limitations on spray irrigation facilities."

PREFERRED WASTEWATER ALTERNATIVE FOR BLUE COURSE DRIVE CORRIDOR:

We support the concept of green community design proposed for some growth areas. Use of this water for Penn State golf course irrigation would be evaluated to assess compatibility with PSU planning, seasonal irrigation demand, water quality, economic feasibility, and Susquehanna River Basin Commission regulatory issues. If reuse water

utilizes infiltration as a final disposal method, we suggest that a full hydrologic investigation including dye testing be included in the initial feasibility study to determine the flow path and travel time to regional water supply wells. The proposed plant would be located within the Zone 2 wellhead protection areas of the University potable water wells. We suggest that every failsafe measure be considered in designing the facility that would protect our valuable resource. We are especially concerned with on-site raw sewage flow equalization tanks and other appurtenances that could release raw sewage or by-products of the treatment process into the recharge area of the well fields. We are concerned with drilling any new well in this area which overlays the same aquifer that the University water supply wells is located. We suggest that the re-use water quality from this plant match the quality of reuse water currently being produced at the UAJA spring creek plant.

To: Centre Region Council of Government Members and DEP
From: Judy Dranov 466-6195 jdranov@verizon.net
Date: October 17, 2006
Subject: Geisinger's sewer line extension request - written public comment

Five properties have been endorsed but not yet approved for inclusion within the RGA/SSA by the Centre Region Council of Governments. One of these is the 52 acre Geisinger property located in Patton Township. Geisinger is calling the proposed medical facility their 'Western Hub'. When completed the medical buildings total size will be 297,000 square feet. There are 1,425 required parking spaces - some spaces will be in a four tiered parking garage. Over the past several months there has been much discussion and debate by various members of the public about why the Geisinger property should not be included in the RGB/SSA. These comments occurred at some of the Patton Township meetings, the COG General Forum meetings and the Ad Hoc Committee meetings. Mainly due to the controversy that occurred, the six municipalities composed a Centre Region Growth Boundary/Sewer Service Area Implementation Agreement (which also has been endorsed) with the hopes of avoiding or eliminating problems when future sewer line extension requests occur. This is a good thing to do but it was decided to use this process only for future requests, not present requests. COG members also decided to put all five properties and the Implementation Agreement together for a vote. This was done for political expediency: the merits of each request were now minimized. This outcome does not serve well the citizens the township officials are elected to represent.

If one were to analyze the Geisinger request through the Implementation Agreement it would be apparent their project does not meet COG's proposed new standard. The Agreement states that problems can occur if the local municipality takes action to rezone a property outside the RGB/SSA before they are first discussed within the General Forum. This happened with the Geisinger property - it was rezoned (in fact a new buffer zone was created with Geisinger officials input) by Patton Township before the request reached the General Forum. This rezoning was then used as leverage by the Patton Township supervisors for the Geisinger property to be included in the RGB/SSA. During discussions it was stated that a sewer line extension would have to be approved or else 'medical waste' would seep into the ground. A sewer facilities manager for DEP stated that in order for an on-site system to be approved, conditions would have to be suitable regarding the size of the real estate, the soil conditions and the sub-surface conditions. A public comment period would be required. An on-site system **ONLY ALLOWS FOR NORMAL DOMESTIC SEWAGE**. DEP would never permit medical waste being discharged into an on-site system. Mr. Ralph Haulk, the Patton Township Sewer Enforcement Officer, stated while it was conceivable to place an on-site system here, an on-site system would require giving up huge areas for drainage fields. The areas suitable for drainage fields may be where it is also suitable to build. Geisinger needs the sewer line and the rezoning that occurred makes it easier for them to achieve this objective.

The Implementation Agreement will also require the applicant to submit a standardized application to the host municipality. Many of the objections citizens and the planners raised to the land being rezoned and the request for a sewer line extension Geisinger would have had to initially address in the application. When the Centre Regional Planning Agency (CRPA)

studied the rezoning request they addressed many, if not all, of the questions in the Implementation Agreement and recommended denial of the rezoning request for the following reasons: (pages 6-7 CRPC Minutes April 1, 2004)

- *The request is inconsistent with the goals and policies of the Comprehensive Plan.

- *The Impt property (now the Geisinger property) is located outside the RGB/SSA.

- *The existing RGB/SSA contains over 5,500 acres of vacant land. If developed under current zoning regulations, these vacant acres could generate more than 9 million gallons per day, the current capacity of UAJA.

- *There are over 1,400 acres of land within the RGB/SSA that could accommodate medical clinics so staff does not think there is a need to rezone more land.

(It should be noted that Geisinger officials, in 2002, requested and received approval to house their physicians in a medical building (to be constructed) adjacent to Mount Nittany Medical Center (MNMN). Geisinger then rejected the offer, as they had to agree not to offer any new services requiring a capital investment in excess of \$250,000 that would directly compete with MNMC. Other local medical groups had accepted the identical offer which Geisinger refused. This location is within the RGB/SSA.)

- *As the hospital will serve as a regional facility for the residents of the Centre Region, it is important to assess the traffic improvements that will be needed. In addition to local traffic from the Gray's Woods Planned Community, commuters will use Gray's Woods Boulevard and Circleville Road to get to the regional medical facility, creating a high volume of traffic.

- *The rezoning has the potential to have significant impacts on the rural Buffalo Run Valley. Through the Comprehensive Plan Update process, residents repeatedly voiced their desire for land use planning efforts to preserve the rural character of the Buffalo Run Valley. The location of a regional-scale medical facility on this site cannot be viewed in isolation. This proposal will create the need for other support and ancillary facilities on adjacent properties such as restaurants and hotels. This point is demonstrated by two additional requests that have been submitted to the Township for rezoning to OBD and Commercial near Stevenson Road and Sellers Lane.

- *The concerns expressed above will be extremely difficult to prevent if the RGB/SSA are expanded to include this tract.

- *The subject tract does not have access to public transportation services. The Centre Region Transportation Authority (CATA) currently provides services to Valley Vista Drive. Expanding the service would require a capital expenditure.

- *A decision to expand the RGB/SSA is inconsistent with the Township's goal to facilitate development of the Planned Communities located within the RGB. The Planned Communities are master planned to allow for facilities such as this and in turn spur a variety of housing around them to create mixed-use neighborhoods.

- *The current commercial core of Patton Township is located between Vairo Boulevard and Colonnade Way. Significant land use is zoned for development adjacent to the Waddle Road interchange to expand this commercial core in a logical fashion. A decision to expand the RGB/SSA to the proposed Geisinger site will create a new commercial area in a leapfrog development manner.

The planners recommended denial of the rezoning request and many citizens of Patton Township attended township meetings and voiced their concerns of the negative impact such a large-scale

facility would have in their neighborhood. Some residents voiced their concerns of the adverse impact this facility would have on MNMC. At a COG General Forum meeting on December 20, 2005. Mr. Rich Wisniewski, Chief Financial Officer of MNMC went on record that the proposed new Geisinger facility, by providing a duplication of medical services, would increase health care costs in our community. In the Implementation Agreement, an applicant would have to provide an economic analysis on the impact of the proposal on other areas of the community.

An economic analysis was provided by concerned citizens and MNMC representatives at the Patton Township public hearing on January 25, 2006. Mr. David Lehman, an attorney representing MNMC, stated the health safety and welfare of Township residents should be the guiding light to any Board decision as stated in the Patton Township Code. Mr. Ron McConnell, representing the Altoona Regional Health system, stated concerns that the proposed Geisinger facility will drain profitable services from Altoona's hospital, especially after the opening of I-99. He also stated that hospitals are consolidating to reduce health care costs. He cited Altoona, Williamsport, Johnstown and Harrisburg. Mr. Gary Schultz, Senior Vice President for Business and Finance at Penn State, stated the University's concerns about rising health care insurance costs in the region if Geisinger builds this facility. Dr. Frank Speidel, Vice President of Medical Affairs for MNMC, stated that competition usually drives down costs in most businesses, but in the case of health care with its capital intensive high fixed cost services, health care costs increase. Dr. Jon Dranov, MNMC Board of Trustee Member, stated his concerns about Geisinger only providing profitable outpatient services which would force MNMC to increase charges which would have an adverse financial impact on the area's employers and residents. Dr. John Deitch, a local physician, said that even if Geisinger is currently only planning doctor's offices, the facility could potentially develop into a limited hospital in the future. Mr. Tom Murray, President of MNMC, invited the Board of Supervisors to visit the hospital and discuss any and all issues with MNMC Board of Trustees. The supervisors did not accept the offer. The above testimony should be given serious consideration. The Patton Township Supervisors said the above information did not enter into their decision making process - they were only to consider land use issues. Yet the Implementation Agreement, which they have endorsed, requires an economic analysis, a consideration of quality of life issues and the value the proposal would add to the community. These considerations were ignored by them and Geisinger was not required to answer them.

At an Ad Hoc Committee meeting on May 31, 2006, Mr. Abrams, Patton Township Supervisor, gave the following reasons why the Geisinger property should be included in the RGB/SSA:

- *originally, the property was in the agricultural zoning district.
- *In Patton Township's agricultural district, medical facilities are permitted as a conditional use.
- *Because a medical facility could be constructed under the existing ordinance, the Township was concerned that in the absence of a connection to the sewer system, the wastewater could be treated by an on-site system.

(This is incorrect. As stated earlier, DEP only permits an on-site system for normal domestic sewage. DEP would never permit medical waste being discharged into an on-site system. This is not some small medical clinic Geisinger wants to build, but a "Western Hub" that will occupy 297,000 square feet)

- *During 2005 the Township rezoned the property to buffer district II: a new zoning

designation.

(Geisinger officials requested this land be rezoned to 'Office Buffer District' in January 2004. After reviewing their request, the Patton Township Planning Commission recommended that the land not be rezoned to the Patton Township Board of Supervisors. The Supervisors voted not to accept or deny the zoning change request but formed a 15 member working group assigned the task of composing a new zone - 'Office Buffer District II'. This group included Geisinger Administrator Lee Myers, two other Geisinger employees and David Sweetland of Sweetland Engineering, the engineering firm hired by Geisinger. The Patton Township Planning Commission again recommended denial. Many area residents expressed their concerns at a public hearing. Despite this, the Patton township Board of Supervisors voted 4-1 in favor of 'Office Buffer District II' zone on October 14, 2004.

*The office buffer district provides for a master plan and additional requirements for setbacks and open space.

*It is important to realize that the property would not be left vacant. It is reasonable to assume that some type of development would occur at this interchange. Many individuals consider a medical facility to be a desirable land use compared with other options such as a truck stop.

(Mr. Tom Kurtz, Patton Township manager at the time, stated a truck stop could not be built.)

*Water and sewer are directly across the street from the property.

(Water and sewer are directly across the street from lots of properties in the Centre Region.)

*The property is in a good location to host this type of use. There is good road access to the entire County.

(This property is not a good location because it is outside the RGB/SSA. There is ample room within the RGB/SSA including the best location, which was rejected by Geisinger, adjacent to MNMC.)

The Centre Region Growth Boundary/Sewer Service Area Implementation Agreement was written and endorsed by all six municipalities largely due to the controversy over the Geisinger request to be included in the RGB/SSA. Why should the Geisinger request be granted when it appears they do not meet any of the Implementation Agreement criteria? Should not this Agreement be used for this controversial request? Should not there be a unit vote on each sewer line extension request? Does not each municipality owe it to the citizens they represent to explain their vote? This is a regional decision but it appears that four Patton Township Supervisors, by approving a rezoning request, have used this as leverage with the other municipalities to secure a RGB/SSA extension to this property. The RGB/SSA Geisinger extension request should be further reviewed before a vote is taken because Geisinger could have built within the RGB/SSA, because the Patton Township Planning Commission and the Centre Planning Commission recommended denial of the rezoning request, because Geisinger will provide a duplication of expensive medical services which will have an adverse impact on MNMC and surrounding community hospitals, because this will drive up health care costs for all citizens and because it will place additional stress on the UAJA's sewage system.

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RE: Centre Region Act 537 Sewage Facilities Plan Update

Dear Mr. Crum,

The Centre County Planning and Community Development Office appreciates the opportunity to provide this letter of support for the Centre Region's Act 537 Plan Update. As you know, our respective planning departments have been coordinating future development activities through regional comprehensive planning efforts. This Act 537 Plan Update provides additional information that is critical to the larger planning processes we use to guide growth in the County.

It is interesting to note in this plan update, the Centre Region municipal officials were diligent in the decision making process to allow only a modest number of additions to the sewer service area, while promoting future development within the existing growth boundary. As part of the sewer service addition approval process, three conditions were identified. One of the conditions required that UAJA coordinate with SBWJA to provide sewer service to Shiloh Road. When that process begins, our office would like to assist you in that effort since it may effect future development outside the Centre Region.

Based on a review of this Act 537 Plan Update, the County Planning Office commends your efforts and recommends approval. Should you have on any questions, please let me know.

Sincerely,

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November 30, 2006

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Re: Centre Region Act 537 Sewage Facilities Plan

Dear Mr. Cooper:

Thank you for your correspondence of October 17, 2006 providing the University's comments on the Centre Region Act 537 Sewage Facilities Plan. I am happy to report that we were able to address your comments in the Plan Update.

The Centre Region Act 537 Sewage Facilities Plan has been adopted by all six Centre Region municipalities. The document will now be forwarded the PA Department of Environmental Protection for review.

Thank you for your participation in the Act 537 planning process. We look forward to working with your staff as we proceed with the implementation of this Plan.

Sincerely,

Robert A. Crum, Jr.
Planning Director



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Re: Centre Region Act 537 Sewage Facilities Plan

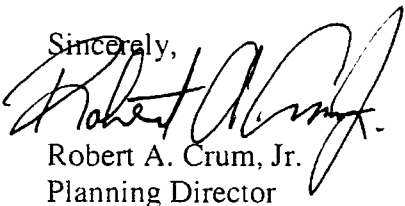
Dear Mr. Miller:

Thank you for your letter dated October 12, 2006 providing comments on the Centre Region Act 537 Sewage Facilities Plan. This document has been adopted by the six Centre Region municipalities and will soon be submitted to the PA Department of Environmental Protection for review.

The Act 537 Plan Update recommends that the University Area Joint Authority (UAJA) and Spring Benner Walker Joint Authority (SBWJA) work cooperatively to develop a workable solution for providing public sewer service to the Shiloh Road Area. We appreciate your comments in your October 12 correspondence indicating the willingness of your Authority to open negotiations with UAJA to determine and plan to provide public sewer to this area.

Thank you for your participation in the Act 537 planning process. We look forward to working with you in the future on sewage facility planning issues.

Sincerely,



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November 30, 2006

Ms. Judy Dranov
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Re: Centre Region Act 537 Sewage Facilities Plan

Dear Ms. Dranov:

Thank you for your letter dated October 17, 2006 and your testimony at the October 23 public hearing providing comments on the Centre Region Act 537 Sewage Facilities Plan. We also appreciate your attendance at meetings of the Ad Hoc Act 537 Committee, Centre Regional Planning Commission and COG General Forum where this Plan was discussed during the past year.

Your concerns regarding the inclusion of the Geisinger property in the Sewer Service Area were considered by the Region's elected officials during their lengthy deliberations regarding the Act 537 Plan. However, after careful consideration, the elected officials added the Geisinger property and four other properties to the Sewer Service Area identified in the Centre Region Act 537 Sewage Facilities Plan that was recently adopted by the six Centre Region municipalities. It is important to note that 21 other properties that requested inclusion in the Sewer Service Area were turned down for public sewer service.

Your October 17 comment letter has been included in the Plan that will be presented to the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection for review.

Thank you for your participation in the Act 537 planning process. If you have any questions regarding this or other regional planning projects, please don't hesitate to contact me at 231-3050.

Sincerely,

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November 29, 2006

Mr. Mark A. Kunkle, Township Manager
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Re: Centre Region Act 537 Sewage Facilities Plan

Dear Mr. Kunkle:

Thank you for your comment letter dated October 3, 2006 regarding the Centre Region Act 537 Sewage Facilities Plan.

In response to your comments, the Act 537 Plan Update includes the Preferred Wastewater Alternative for the Blue Course Drive Corridor. The Plan recommends that the University Area Joint Authority (UAJA) and the impacted property owners undertake a detailed analysis to determine the financial, environmental and technical feasibility of a green community design for this area. In addition, the Plan recommends the identification of other potential sites in the Centre Region where this technology may be applicable within the Sewer Service Area.

Thank you for your participation in the Act 537 planning process. Our staff looks forward to working with Ferguson Township and the other Centre Region municipalities to implement this important planning document.

Sincerely,

Robert A. Crum, Jr.
Planning Director