

7.1 ANALYSIS OF EXISTING AUTHORITIES

There are currently no sewer authorities established within Halifax Township.

7.2 ANALYSIS OF INSTITUTIONAL ALTERNATIVES

7.2.1 Need for New Authorities

It is not anticipated that there will be a need for new Authorities to implement any of the recommendations proposed by this Act 537 Plan. It is the intent of the Board of Supervisors to implement the selected alternative without forming an Authority. The Board will revise an existing sewer service agreement with the Halifax Area Water and Sewer Authority (HAWASA) to address financing the alternative, any change to rate structure, and operation and maintenance.

7.3 IMPLEMENTATION OF INSTITUTIONAL ALTERNATIVE

7.3.1 Incorporation of Legal Authorities

This Act 537 Plan does not propose the formation of any new authorities or agencies.

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

As discussed, the Township will revise an existing sewer service agreement with the HAWASA to address any change to rate structure and operation and maintenance for the proposed structural alternatives. In addition, the Township should develop an On-Lot Sewage Management Ordinance as a method to prevent further malfunction of on-lot systems and degradation of drinking water supplies in the remainder of the Township. As discussed in Chapter 5, the Ordinance shall provide requirements for the permitting, inspection, operation, maintenance, and rehabilitation of OLDS within the Township.

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

The Township and/or HAWASA will be required to obtain any necessary rights-of-way, easements, or properties to implement the recommended structural alternatives. 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 the collection and conveyance facilities.

7.4 SELECTED INSTITUTIONAL ALTERNATIVE

The Halifax Township Board of Supervisors and the Halifax Area Water and Sewer Authority have demonstrated proper fiscal and administrative policies and management. Therefore, HAWASA is recommended as the agency to implement and fund the proposed structural alternatives. HAWASA should obtain all financing, and Halifax Township should pursue a revised sewer service agreement or an additional agreement with HAWASA to operate and maintain the selected structural alternatives. Also through this agreement, the Township and HAWASA should determine any revision to existing rate structure and collection strategy to the new users of this system.