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Re: Approval Letter – Official Plan  
Act 537 Planning  
Eastern Pike County Regional Act 537 Plan  
APS # 1063482, AUTH ID # 1525662  
Westfall Township, Matamoras Borough, and Milford Borough, Pike County

Dear All:

The Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) has reviewed the proposed Official Plan Update Revision dated December 2024 (received by the Department on April 8, 2025) with additional information dated September 26, 2025 (received by the Department on September 26, 2025), prepared by Herbert, Rowland, and Grubic, Inc. and entitled Eastern Pike County Regional Act 537 Plan. The study area is located in Westfall Township, Matamoras Borough, and Milford Borough (Municipalities). The Plan's selected alternative consists of public sewer service in the Municipalities, the development and adoption of an on-lot sewage management ordinance in the Municipalities, and a shallow groundwater special study in Milford Borough.

Throughout all of the Municipalities a total of 811 equivalent dwelling units (EDUs) or 162,200 gallons per day (GPD) will be connected initially to the wastewater treatment plant (WWTP) owned and operated by the Municipal Authority of the Township of Westfall (MATW). The NPDES Permit # for this wastewater treatment facility is PA0061611. The Plan includes an additional 31 EDUs or 6,200 GPD of flow to be connected to the MATW WWTP during the five and ten-year planning periods. The MATW WWTP has the capacity to treat the flow generated by the immediate and future connections proposed in this Plan. The public sewer service alternative selected for Westfall Township includes the immediate connection of 219 EDUs (43,800 GPD) via an extension of the existing MATW six-inch low-pressure line along Route 6/209 to the Milford Township/Westfall Township border. The public sewer service alternative

chosen for Matamoras Borough includes the immediate connection of 308 EDUs (61,600 GPD) via a 4-inch low-pressure line along Pennsylvania Avenue which will be directly conveyed to the existing MATW force main near the McDonald's Restaurant. The public sewer service alternative chosen for Milford Borough includes the immediate connection of 284 EDUs (56,800 GPD) via a 4-inch low-pressure sewer line along Route 6/209, Broad Street, and East and West Harford Street before connecting with the six-inch proposed sewer line for Westfall Township. The 4-inch low-pressure sewer line proposed for Milford Borough will extend through Milford Township along Route 6/209 to the connection point with the six-inch line in Westfall Township. This low-pressure line through Milford Township is only a conveyance line. No sewer connections in Milford Township are permitted through the approval of this Plan. Future connections in Milford Township will only be considered through separate formal planning submissions such as Sewage Facilities Planning Modules or Plan Update Revisions.

The submission is consistent with the planning requirements in Chapter 71 of DEP's regulations.

The plan is approved with the following comments:

### PROJECT SPECIFIC COMMENTS

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1. The approved project will require several Water Quality Management (Part II) permits for the construction and operation of the proposed sewage facilities. 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 Pennsylvania Clean Streams Law (CSL).
2. The primary funding method identified in this Plan is from the U.S. Department of Agriculture-Rural Development Program with the alternate funding method as PENNVEST. The Environmental Report required to qualify this project for federal funding has been reviewed and approved as part of this Act 537 Plan. Please note that any and all permits or other authorizations needed to implement this plan will need to be obtained prior to DEP being able to recommend the project to PENNVEST for funding.

Any person aggrieved by this action may appeal the action to the Environmental Hearing Board (Board), pursuant to Section 4 of the Environmental Hearing Board Act, 35 P.S. § 7514, and the Administrative Agency Law, 2 Pa.C.S. Chapter 5A. The Board's address is:

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TDD users may contact the Environmental Hearing Board through the Pennsylvania Relay Service, 800-654-5984.

Appeals must be filed with the Board within 30 days of receipt of notice of this action unless the appropriate statute provides a different time. This paragraph does not, in and of itself, create any right of appeal beyond that permitted by applicable statutes and decisional law.

A Notice of Appeal form and the Board's rules of practice and procedure may be obtained online at <http://ehb.courtapps.com> or by contacting the Secretary to the Board at 717-787-3483. The Notice of Appeal form and the Board's rules are also available in braille and on audiotape from the Secretary to the Board.

IMPORTANT LEGAL RIGHTS ARE AT STAKE. 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 AT 717-787-3483 FOR MORE INFORMATION. YOU DO NOT NEED A LAWYER TO FILE A NOTICE OF APPEAL WITH THE BOARD.

**IF YOU WANT TO CHALLENGE THIS ACTION, YOUR APPEAL MUST BE FILED WITH AND RECEIVED BY THE BOARD WITHIN 30 DAYS OF RECEIPT OF NOTICE OF THIS ACTION.**

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Staci Shoemaker of my staff at 570-826-2333 or [stashoemak@pa.gov](mailto:stashoemak@pa.gov) and refer to Application No. 1063482 and Authorization No. 1525662.

Sincerely,



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