

COUNTY FACT SHEET: WASTEWATER PLANNING UPDATE

CAMDEN COUNTY

SUBMISSION: Camden County submitted a Future Wastewater Service Area Map as an amendment to the Tri-County Water Quality Management Plan on March 9, 2012.

PUBLISHED IN NEW JERSEY REGISTER: April 16, 2012

PUBLIC HEARING DATE: June 20, 2012

NOTICE OF PROPOSED AMENDMENT: [click here](#)

(The notice includes information about the rule, the proposed amendment and the comment process.)

MAP OF PROPOSED SEWER SERVICE AREAS: [click here](#)

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED SEWER SERVICE AREAS:

The proposed Sewer Service Areas (SSAs) cover 86,212 acres in Camden County, or 60% of the county's land area.

The proposed SSAs are 14,021 acres smaller than the preexisting SSAs, which contain 100,233 acres. These changes represent a net reduction of 14 percent.

The Future Wastewater Service Area (FWSA) submitted by the Camden County MUA removes environmentally sensitive areas along river and stream corridors, particularly along the Delaware and Cooper Rivers, and Pennsauken, Newton, Big Timber and Little Timber Creeks. Other areas of sensitive lands (contiguous freshwater wetlands, upland forest habitat) were removed in the Masons Run area of Pine Hill and Gloucester Township, and the area containing the headwaters of the Great Egg Harbor River in Winslow Township, as well as other areas based on local planning initiatives. The FWSA also includes new areas added as a result of local planning initiatives. A key part of the FWSA is the incorporation of the Atlantic Basin Interceptor project that connects the Pinelands Regional Growth Area and the Ancora Psychiatric Hospital in Winslow Township to the Camden County Municipal Utilities Authority treatment facility in Camden. *(Description provided by DEP Division of Coastal and Land Use Planning.)*

OTHER ONGOING WASTEWATER MANAGEMENT PLANNING ACTIVITIES:

The Camden County Municipal Utilities Authority will be submitting an updated wastewater management plan in accordance with the 2008 rule and the new deadlines. *(Provided by Camden County MUA.)*

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

- DEP Watershed Management [Website](#)
- DEP Division of Coastal and Land Use Planning: 609-984-6888
- Camden County Contact: Andy Kricun, Camden County Municipal Utilities Authority
- Camden County Municipal Utilities Authority [website](#)

COUNTY FACT SHEET: UPDATE ON WASTEWATER PLANNING

OCEAN COUNTY

SUBMISSION: Ocean County submitted a Future Wastewater Service Area Map as an amendment to the Ocean County Water Quality Management Plan on March 2, 2012.

PUBLISHED IN NEW JERSEY REGISTER: May 21, 2012

NOTICE OF PROPOSED AMENDMENT (WITH INFORMATION ON SUBMITTING COMMENTS): [click here](#)

PUBLIC HEARING DATE: June 25, 2012

MAPS OF PROPOSED SEWER SERVICE AREAS, BY MUNICIPALITY: [click here](#)

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED SEWER SERVICE AREAS:

The proposed Sewer Service Areas (SSAs) cover 124,820 acres in Ocean County or 30 percent of the county's land area.

The proposed SSAs are 33,087 acres smaller than the preexisting SSAs which contain 157,907 acres. These changes have resulted in a net reduction of 21 percent.

The Future Wastewater Service Area (FWSA) submitted by Ocean County removes land from the Sewer Service Area including environmentally sensitive areas, preserved open space, and land identified for preservation on municipal master plans. 25 percent of all the acreage removed from the SSAs is comprised of publicly owned preserved lands. 44 percent of the acreage removed from the SSAs is comprised of environmentally sensitive areas, including wetlands, areas along river and stream corridors and habitat. The only significant additions to the SSA were the New Egypt town center in Plumsted Township and Roosevelt City in Manchester Township.

Most of the remaining growth in the proposed SSA in Ocean County is associated with infill, redevelopment and adaptive re-use, except in certain regional growth areas of the Pinelands. *(Description provided by Ocean County Planning Department)*

OTHER ON-GOING WASTEWATER MANAGEMENT PLANNING ACTIVITIES:

Ocean County plans to submit individual municipal WMP reports throughout 2012 and early 2013 that contain the Future Wastewater Flows and Water Demand associated with SSAs as well as buildout analyses and septic density analyses for the areas outside of the SSAs. *(Per Ocean County Planning Department)*

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

- DEP Watershed Management [Website](#)
- DEP Office of Land Use Planning: 609-984-6888
- Ocean County Wastewater Planning Website: [Click Here](#)
- Ocean County: David J. McKeon, 732-929-2054

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SOMERSET COUNTY

SUBMISSION: Somerset County submitted a countywide Future Wastewater Service Area Map as an amendment to the Upper Raritan, Northeast and Lower Raritan/Middlesex Water Quality Management Plans on March 3, 2012.

THE PUBLIC NOTICE WAS PUBLISHED IN NEW JERSEY REGISTER ON: [May 21, 2012](#)

PUBLIC HEARING DATE¹: June 20, 2012

MAPS: [click here](#)

- Proposed Sewer Service Areas
- Existing Wastewater Service Facilities and Areas Served
- “Delta” Map illustrating changes

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED SEWER SERVICE AREAS:

The proposed updated Sewer Service Areas (SSAs) cover 91,285 acres in Somerset County or 47 percent of the county’s land area.

The proposed SSAs are 12,422 acres smaller than the previously approved SSAs, which contain 103,707 acres. These changes represent a net reduction of 12 percent.

Of the acreage proposed to be removed from the SSA, 67 percent comprises publicly owned preserved lands and 50 percent contain potential environmentally sensitive areas comprising wetlands; buffer areas associated with Category 1 streams and their tributaries; natural heritage priority sites; and endangered or threatened species habitat, (rank 3, 4 and 5) based on New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection GIS datasets. Of the 7,424 acres of environmentally sensitive areas removed from the SSAs, 2,437 acres (1/3) are not within existing public open space. However, most of these 2,437 acres are protected through other mechanisms including conservation easements on private lands, municipal riparian protection ordinances and existing environmental regulations.

Added to the Sewer Service area were 2,316 acres of land, mostly for technical reasons. The Borough of Millstone was added so that existing homes on septic systems can be connected to sewers.

The majority of the SSAs in the county are developed. The SSAs are closely aligned with municipal zoning and existing development patterns. Generally, zoning districts in Somerset County that allow for a minimum lot size of less than two acres are within SSAs. Most of the remaining growth in Somerset County is associated with infill development, redevelopment and re-use of under-utilized facilities. *(Description based on information provided by Somerset County.)*

¹ Note: The public hearing will focus on the Upper Raritan and Northeast Water Quality Management Plans (all portions of Somerset County with the exception of the municipalities of Franklin Township, Bound Brook Borough, South Bound Brook Borough, Green Brook Township, North Plainfield Borough, Watchung Borough and a portion of Bridgewater Township). A separate public hearing and comment period will be scheduled for the portion of the county in the Lower Raritan/Middlesex County WQMP.

OTHER ONGOING WASTEWATER MANAGEMENT PLANNING ACTIVITIES:

Somerset County plans to submit the Future Wastewater Flows and Water Demand associated with Sewer Service Areas during the summer of 2012, along with all supporting maps required by the 2008 WQMP Rules. *(Provided by Somerset County.)*

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

- NJDEP, Division of Coastal and Land Use Planning: 609-984-6888
- NJDEP Water Quality Management Planning [Website](#)
- Somerset County Planning Board Contact: [Laurette Kratina](#), 908-231-7021,
- Somerset County Wastewater Planning [Website](#)