



**NORTHAMPTON, BUCKS COUNTY, MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY**

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Ms. Dana Walker, Compliance Specialist  
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**RE: Progress Report – Northampton Township Sewer Project  
Report Period – March 2009**

Dear Ms. Walker:

We are pleased to submit our progress report for March 2009.

- PHASE I (HARVEST ACRES): At the March 18, 2009 Authority's public meeting, the Board adopted a resolution declaring April 23, 2009 as the final date for completion of the Harvest Acres Sanitary Sewer Extension Project. The Board instructed Joao & Bradley Construction Company of Bethlehem, PA, through its consulting engineer, Gilmore and Associates, to complete all paving and lawn restoration in accordance with Contract No. 3-S-08, after which time the maintenance bond will be in effect.
- PHASE II (INCLUDES: INDUSTRIAL PARK, TRAYMORE, GRENOBLE, JACKSONVILLE ROAD AND ALMSHOUSE ROAD AREAS): Final amendments to the plans and specifications are being completed in March 2009. Submission to PA DEP is on schedule for April 2009.

On March 24, 2009, Gilmore & Associates provided municipal notice to the Bucks County Planning Commission and the Northampton Township Board of Supervisors regarding the NPDES General Permit, General Permit 5: Utility Crossing with General Permit 8: Temporary Crossing for two locations.

- IRONWORKS CREEK SANITARY SEWER REHABILITATION PROJECT: The Authority's consulting engineer submitted the necessary permit applications as noted in the February 2009 report. On March 20, 2009, the Bucks County Conservation District submitted a letter to the Authority based upon their review of the erosion and sediment pollution control plan for the project, the plan submitted appears to be ADEQUATE for erosion and sediment pollution control and meets the minimum requirement of the PA Department of Environmental Protection's rules and regulations, Chapter 102, Erosion Control, relating to the PA Clean Streams Law.

On March 18, 2009, the Authority sent letters to all property owners that the Authority requires the acquisition of permanent and temporary easements. The letter requests a voluntary transfer with compensation. If any of the agreements are not signed by the close of business April 10, 2009, the Authority will proceed with condemnation proceedings to acquire the easements.

The following schedule has been adopted by the Authority Administration for the Ironworks Creek Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation Project:

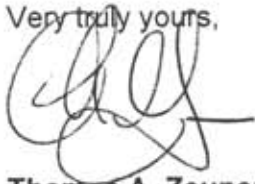
April 1, 2009	Notice to Bidders Advertised & Bid Documents available
April 22, 2009	Pre-Bid Meeting
May 13, 2009	Bid Opening
May 20, 2009	Award Contract
June 8, 2009	Notice to Proceed
December 30, 2009	Completion

- MILL CREEK SANITARY SEWER REHABILITATION PROJECT: The program is on schedule.
- GRINDER PUMP MANAGEMENT PLAN: The Authority has completed a Grinder Pump Management Plan as required by PA DEP. The plan defines the responsibilities of the Authority and individual property owners, consumer education, and service requirements including emergency response. The plan was approved by resolution at the Authority's Board on March 18, 2009.
- REVISED PUBLIC WATER AND SANITARY SEWER SPECIFICATIONS: At the March 18, 2009 Authority public meeting, the Board passed Resolution No. 2009-980 revising our Public Water and Sanitary Sewer Specifications. The specifications incorporated numerous revisions permitting SDR 35 sanitary sewer pipe, standards for low-pressure sewer systems and sampling standards for industrial properties. The Phase II Western End Sanitary Sewer Extension Project, Ironworks Creek Rehabilitation Project and the Mill Creek Rehabilitation Project will be utilizing these new standards.
- GRINDER PUMP EVALUATION / STANDARDS ADOPTION: At the March 4, 2009 Authority public meeting, Pennoni Associates, our consulting engineer, made a presentation which evaluated various grinder pumps for the Northampton Township service area. The Authority Board passed a resolution adopting Crane/Barnes Centrifugal Pump as the standard in accordance with the "Planning Requirements for Grinder Pumps and Low Pressure Force Mains," Section 4, paragraph 2, as published by the PA DEP, document dated March 10, 2003. It is also in compliance with the PA DEP "Domestic Wastewater Facilities Manual" No. 3620-BK-DEP-1357, revision 10/97.

- **MISCELLANEOUS:** The Executive Director of the Authority, Thomas A. Zeuner, testified before the Appropriations Subcommittee on Economic Impact and Infrastructure of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives on March 26, 2009 for public water and sanitary sewer projects. The topic was the implementation of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (the Federal Stimulus Bill) and the Governor's Rebuilding Pennsylvania Initiative. The Subcommittee focused on the economic impact, including issues of accountability, fairness of distribution, workforce deployment and development, small and minority firm participation and entrepreneurship.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at extension 112 if you have any questions.

Very truly yours,



**Thomas A. Zeuner**  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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