



NORTHAMPTON, BUCKS COUNTY, MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY

June 27, 2008

Ms. Dana Walker, Compliance Specialist
PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
2 East Main Street
Norristown, PA 19401

**RE: Progress Report: Northampton Township Sewer Project
Report Period - June 2008**

Dear Ms. Walker:

In accordance with the Order issued by the DEP, we are pleased to submit our progress report for June 2008.

- On June 5, 2008, CKS Engineers (Northampton Township) provided a letter to the Bucks County Conservation District stating that the stormwater management design of the Harvest Acres-Sanitary Sewer & Water Main Extension Project is consistent with the applicable Northampton Township Act 167 Ordinance relating to stormwater management regulations.
- A public information workshop was hosted by the Authority on Wednesday evening June 11, 2008 @ 6:00PM at the NBCMA administrative offices. The workshop was by invitation to those property owners in the Phase I - Harvest Acres Sewer Project. The Executive Director, Chairman of the Authority, engineers from Gilmore & Associates and Pennoni Associates were in attendance to respond to questions and concerns voiced by the property owners.
- On June 18, 2008, the Bucks County Conservation District issued a letter stating that the plan for Phase I, Harvest Acres, as submitted is ADEQUATE for erosion and sediment pollution control and does meet the minimum requirements of the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (PaDEP) Rules and Regulations, Chapter 102 Erosion Control, relating to the Pennsylvania Clean Streams Act. A resubmission is required by the Authority and its engineers due to an action taken by the Authority board revising the plan and related easements for properties on Hatboro Road.
- Pennoni Associates has reviewed the Manchester Farms Pump Station WQM Part II Permit to determine if amendment or revision is required to facilitate the Phase I projected sanitary sewer flows. On June 18, 2008 Pennoni Associates determined that since the pump station was built for the ultimate build out of 77 EDU's and the pumps, motors, starters etc. installed are capable of handling the estimated peak flows with only a change in impeller diameter. They are of the opinion that the Authority is operating within the permit conditions and there is no need for a new permit for this pump station. The support documents were forwarded the PaDEP on June 23, 2008 for review and confirmation.

- Phase I "Harvest Acres Development / Visual Inspection of On-Lot Sewage Systems Report" as presented to the Northampton Township Board of Supervisors during the public meeting of May 28, 2008 was submitted to the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection on June 6, 2008.
- Phase II "Visual Inspection of On-Lot Sewage Systems Report" is progressing on schedule with final report to be completed by the end of July 2008 for presentation to the Northampton Board of Supervisors.
- Final revisions and amendments to the plan drawings and bid documents for Phase I, Harvest Acres, were prepared by Gilmore and Associates. The final revisions and amendments incorporate a reconfiguration of the sanitary sewer lines serving properties along Hatboro Road. This action was initiated in response to homeowners' concerns and efforts to preserve mature trees in the project area. The relinquishment of several sanitary sewer easements previously taken and condemnation of new easements was accomplished by Northampton, Bucks County, Municipal Authority by the passing of Resolutions No. 08-944 through No. 08-955 at the Authority public meeting held on June 18, 2008. A resubmission will be made to the Bucks County Conservation District and PA DEP during the first week of July 2008.
- Consideration is being given to eliminating five (5) properties from Phase I, Harvest Acres. All of these properties are on Hatboro Road. More extensive studies will be completed to determine if they merit elimination from the project. A three step process will be used to provide the necessary technical data. Step #1 is to confirm that all of the private wells on the properties are free from nitrates and coliform. Samples will be taken at the raw water source. Step #2 is an investigation and internal audit of the home plumbing to confirm that no gray water discharge is taking place. Step #3 involves a third party evaluation of the existing on-site sanitary sewer system by an independence contractor using standards and methodology of the Pennsylvania Septage Management Association. All five (5) properties must pass all tests to be considered for elimination.
- The Authority Administrative "Milestones" as outlined in the May 2008 Progress Report have been implemented. The Phase I, Harvest Acres, "Advertisement for Bids" is scheduled for July 1, 2008. A copy of the advertisement is included as an enclosure to this report. A "Pre-bid Meeting with contractors" is scheduled for July 24, 2008.

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

Regards,



Thomas A. Zinner
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

"NOTICE TO BIDDERS"

Sealed bids will be received by the Northampton, Bucks County, Municipal Authority at their offices, at 111 Township Road until 9:00 A.M., prevailing time on August 7, 2008 at which time and place the bids shall be publicly opened and read aloud for:

Contract 3-S-08: HARVEST ACRES SANITARY SEWER AND WATER MAIN EXTENSION

This project involves construction of a sanitary sewer system and water main extension as shown on the construction drawings and as specified in the Project Manual.

Bidding Documents may be obtained at the office of Gilmore and Associates, Inc., Consulting Engineers, 350 E. Butler Avenue, New Britain, PA, 18901, for a cost of \$100 per set, plus \$20.00 per set for postage and handling if mailing is requested. Checks should be made payable to Gilmore and Associates, Inc. Amounts paid for bidding documents are non-refundable. Bidding Documents may be examined at the Authority's office or the Engineer's office, between the hours of 9:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M., Monday through Friday.

Each bid shall be submitted in accordance with the Instructions to Bidders and must be accompanied by a Bid Bond or Certified Check for not less than ten percent (10%) of the Bid amount payable to the Northampton, Bucks County, Municipal Authority along with an Agreement of Surety certifying that the required Performance and Payment Bonds will be provided to the Bidder. Each bid must be enclosed in a securely sealed opaque envelope and endorsed: "**Contract 3-S-08: HARVEST ACRES SANITARY SEWER AND WATER MAIN EXTENSION**" with the name and address of the Bidder clearly marked on the envelope.

The successful Bidder shall be required to furnish proof of insurance and bonds for Performance, Payment, and Maintenance in such form as meets the approval of the Authority and having as security thereon such Surety company or companies as are approved by the Authority.

A pre-bid meeting will be held on July 24, 2008 starting at 9:00 A.M. prevailing time at the Northampton, Bucks County, Municipal Authority office, 111 Township Road. Attendance at the pre-bid meeting is not mandatory, but highly recommended.

This project is subject to applicable provisions of Act 422, Pennsylvania Prevailing Wage Act as amended and the prevailing minimum wage rates issued by the Pennsylvania Department of Labor and Industry.

No Bidder may withdraw his bid within sixty (60) days after the date set for the opening of the bids.

The Northampton, Bucks County, Municipal Authority reserves the right to reject any and all bids for any cause whatsoever, to eliminate any item or items from the contract, and to waive any informality in the bids.

By order of: Thomas A. Zauner, Executive Director
Owner: Northampton, Bucks County, Municipal Authority
Dated: July 1, 2008

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