



**Suffolk County Department of Public Works
CP 8189 Sewer Capacity Study
Minutes from Middle Island Civic Association Meeting (9/15/11)**

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Boris Rukovets, Suffolk County Department of Public Works (SCDPW) Special Projects Supervisor and Mary Anne Taylor, Project Manager of the consultant team working with SCDPW on the County's Sewer Capacity Study, attended the Middle Island Civic Association's September 15, 2011 meeting to introduce the project, and obtain community feedback. A copy of the PowerPoint presentation is attached to these minutes. Thomas Talbot, Middle Island Civic Association President, introduced the County project and identified the benefits of sewerage to protect groundwater quality. He noted that the large multi-family communities surrounding Artist Lake would likely benefit significantly from new or upgraded sewage treatment facilities, as the existing aging sewage treatment plants (STPs) utilize older technology.

Boris Rukovets provided the background of the project, and an overview of the County's objectives. Mary Anne Taylor presented a summary of the project objectives, the project scope and schedule. She introduced the seven study areas and the project website (<http://suffolksewerstudy.cdmims.com>) where project information, documents, and upcoming activities will be posted periodically, and where comments and questions to the County or project team can be directed.

She also noted that SCDPW was preparing a Generic Environmental Impact Statement (GEIS) on the project, that the draft Scoping Document had been circulated for comment, and that the Final Scoping Document, incorporating the comments received, would be considered by the Suffolk County Council

on Environmental Quality (CEQ) on September 21, 2011. After approval, the Final Scoping Document would also be available on the project website.

The approach to identify the sewer system infrastructure that would be required to provide sanitary sewage collection, treatment and discharge for the area was briefly discussed, and vacant properties of sufficient size to site a new STP were identified. Ms. Taylor noted that there were relatively few locations available with sufficient size for the recharge facilities and buffers; several of those identified had been eliminated from further consideration due to their location within the Carmans River watershed protection area.

Several questions from the audience focused on the study area boundaries. Erma Gluck, President of the Coram Civic Association, reported that an independent consultant had evaluated the Bretton Woods STP, and confirmed that there was adequate capacity to accept flow from the UA property in Coram. Hence, the STP being contemplated by the County study would not have to treat flow from that parcel. Several study area parcels that had been identified for inclusion into open space/parkland in accordance with the Town's Middle Country Road Land Use Plan for Coram, Middle Island and Ridge were recommended for an additional review; in particular a large property south of Middle Country Road that had recently been purchased for preservation. One additional comment was that, although it is not entirely consistent with the Middle Country Road Land Use Plan, the site of the defunct Island Squire restaurant has been identified as a potential site for a new restaurant. The nearby wetlands limit sanitary credits, and a new restaurant would require sewage treatment to be available.

The Civic also questioned how sewers would impact the periodic flooding problems that plague Middle Island Road, and noted that investigation of this concern is Recommendation 18-A of the draft Carmans River Watershed Protection Plan. The comment was duly noted, but it was recognized that the County's study of sanitary sewerage in the area is independent of the potential need for storm sewers to alleviate flooding.

It was agreed that Tom Talbot would further review the study area boundaries and consult with the Town; SCDPW and CDM would also revisit the boundaries with the Town. Projected future wastewater flows from areas that will not be developed in the future will be removed from the total flow projections for the study area; this will allow consideration of a smaller STP.

Please advise M. Taylor of any oversights or errors to these minutes.

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