



BEAR CREEK TOWNSHIP

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September 28, 2011

Dear Bear Creek Township Resident,

At 6:00 on October 3, 2011, the Bear Creek Township Board of Supervisors will hold its regularly scheduled monthly meeting at the Municipal Building. At this meeting, we will present to the public the Township's Act 537 Plan. This plan outlines the sewage disposal needs of the Township, and is being prepared in response to a court order. You are receiving this letter because your property is within, or adjacent to, the areas where DEP has ordered centralized collection of sewage (i.e. sewers).

While centralized sewage collection plans for Bear Creek Township date back to the early 1970's, the DEP court order of 2006 set forth specific requirements which must be met through this Act 537 Plan. At the meeting on October 3rd, we will review the sewage management history and the DEP Order prior to publicly releasing the Plan.

From a procedural standpoint, the Plan must be available for public inspection for 30 days, beginning October 3rd. After that 30 day period we will hold another meeting at which time we will take public comment on the Plan. That meeting is scheduled for 6:00 on November 7, 2011 at the Municipal Building. Following these meetings, the Board of Supervisors will consider all comments and implement changes to the Plan if necessary. After that is completed, the Plan will be submitted to DEP for their review and approval.

If you cannot attend the October 3rd meeting, a copy of the full plan will be available for inspection at the township office. Office hours are Monday to Friday from 8:30 to 2:30. In addition, the Plan will be posted on our website www.bearcreektownship.org. Written comments may also be submitted, but these must be received before 6:00 on November 7, 2011.

Sincerely,

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Gary M. Zingaretti, Chairman

cc: William E. Vinsko, Township Solicitor
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