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Supplemental Information



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Consequences of No Action

- Does Not Translate into “No Growth” Alternative
- Inability for Town to Support Economic Development, Institutional & Regional Facilities, Affordable Housing Objectives & State Requirements, Residential Expansions (Bedroom Additions, In-Law Apartments)
- Anticipate Permit Exceedance Resulting in EPA Consent Order
- Sewer Moratorium
- Reliance on Private On-Site Treatment / Disposal of Wastewater
- Legal Challenges / Expenses – Hostile Development



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Wastewater Capacity Management Alternatives

- Negotiate Favorable Ownership Option at MCI WWTP
- Increase Flow to Existing Plant with Groundwater Discharge
- Increase Existing Wastewater Plant Discharge Permit (Requires Challenging Regulatory Process)
- Construction of New Neighborhood Treatment Systems
- Ongoing Inflow/Infiltration Assessment and Mitigation
- Public Works Commission Policies
 - 1,000 gallon per day review
 - Mandatory Sewer Service Line replacement policy



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Wastewater Capacity Management Efforts

2007 – Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade (CoMag)

2008 – Brownfield Grant

Assessment of Grace Property for WW discharge

2009 – Post WWTP Upgrade

Desktop Capacity Assessment

2013 – DEP Approval of Hydrogeologic Evaluation @ WWTP (GWD)

2015 – Detailed Wastewater Capacity Assessment of WWTP

2022 – WWTP Facilities Plan



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National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES)

2011 – Permit Renewal

- Appeal – EPA’s Environmental Appeals Board (EAB)

2017 – Permit Renewal

- Formal Request made for Additional capacity

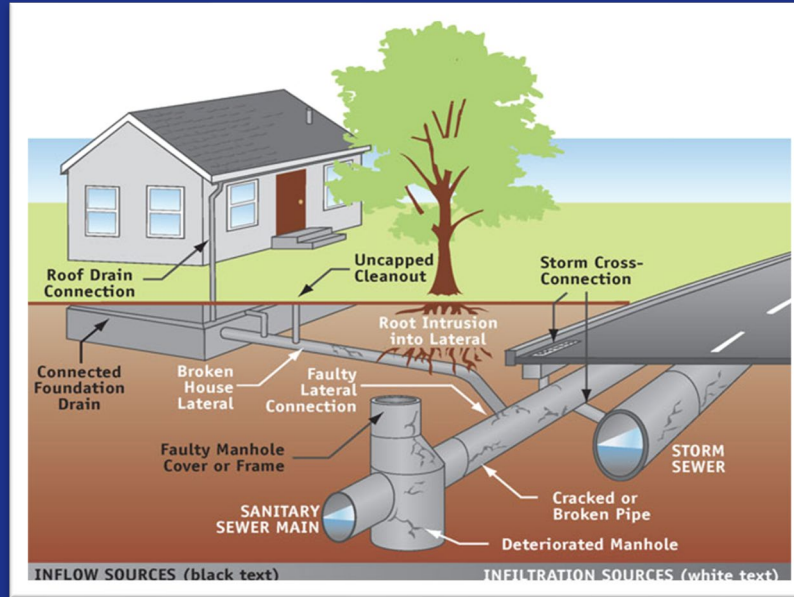
2022 – Issuance of General Permit

- Request for Increase in Capacity – Denied
- EPA/DEP Acknowledged Request – Req. for anti-degradation study
- Response Letter to EPA Region 1 Administrator

2023 – Notice of Wastewater Needs – Submitted to Governor



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