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DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

OFFICE OF WATER RESOURCES
235 Promenade Street, Providence, Rhode Island 02908

March 4, 2024

CERTIFIED MAIL

Mr. Daniel Parillo, Town Manager
Coventry Town Hall
1670 Flat River Road
Coventry, RI 02816

RE: Coventry Wastewater Facilities Plan Approval and Finding of No Significant Impact
(DEM File #23-C) Coventry, Rhode Island

Dear Mr. Parillo:

This letter is regarding the Town of Coventry's request for approval from the Department of Environmental Management Office of Water Resources (DEM) for the Town of Coventry Wastewater Facility Plan (FP) prepared by Fuss & O'Neill, dated December 2023, and the associated environmental review findings.

The FP addresses extending sewers to areas of the Town identified as planning areas 1, 2, 8, 9 and 12 and addresses infrastructure improvements to the Town's existing wastewater collection system. These projects are intended to mitigate adverse water quality impacts to surface and groundwaters of the Town, including but not limited to, Tiogue Lake and the Pawtuxet River.

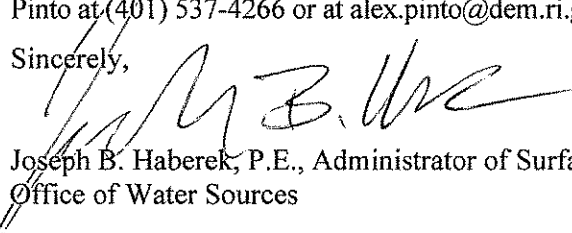
Based on our review, DEM hereby approves said document as a Wastewater Facilities Plan for the Town of Coventry.

The FP sufficiently addresses the statutory intent of the environmental review requirements of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (commonly known as the Clean Water Act) **and DEM is hereby issuing a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI)** for the proposed projects identified in the FP. Please note that unless reaffirmed, this environmental review approval expires five (5) years from the date of issuance.

This approval maintains eligibility for construction assistance programs administered by OWR that contain funds allotted to the state under provisions of the Clean Water Act.

A copy of the approved the FP will be forwarded to the Town. If you have any questions, please contact Alex Pinto at (401) 537-4266 or at alex.pinto@dem.ri.gov.

Sincerely,


Joseph B. Haberek, P.E., Administrator of Surface Water Protection
Office of Water Sources

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Enclosure: Finding of No Significant Impact

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Office of Water Resources



FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The Office of Water Resources (OWR) has reviewed the Town of Coventry "Wastewater Facilities Plan" (FP), dated December 2023, prepared by Fuss & O'Neill for the Town, in conjunction with a request for approval of the FP and the water pollution abatement projects proposed therein, and

Pursuant to the requirements and authority set forth in Chapter 46-12.2 of the General Laws of Rhode Island, 1956, as amended, and the "Rules and Regulations for the State Revolving Fund (SRF) Program", OWR has determined that the projects identified in the FP will not cause significant detrimental effects, the quality of the environment will be improved by the proposed projects, and an Environmental Impact Statement will not be required. The environmental information provided has met the statutory intent of the Federal Clean Water Act environmental review requirements.

OWR is hereby issuing a formal FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT for the above FP, and the projects identified therein.

The approval of the projects identified below and contained in the study areas of this FP is recommended for immediate implementation and will not foreclose alternatives to the Town of Coventry in other areas.

The proposed projects involve the design and construction of wastewater collection systems in planning areas 1, 2, 8, 9 and 12 and infrastructure improvements to the existing wastewater collection system. These projects are intended to mitigate adverse water quality impacts to surface and groundwaters of the Town including, but not limited to, Tiogue Lake and the Pawtuxet River.

Project Name: Town of Coventry FP

Project Location: Town-wide

Project Description: Design and construction of wastewater collection system in planning areas 1, 2, 8, 9, and 12 and infrastructure improvements to the existing collection system.

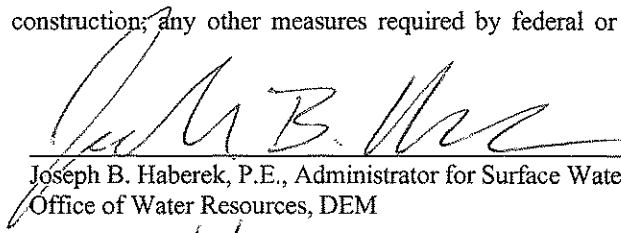
Anticipated Environmental Impacts:

Long Term: No detrimental impacts; beneficial impacts include improved water quality in Tiogue Lake and the Pawtuxet River.

Short Term: Construction-related impacts only.

Required Mitigation Measures:

Sedimentation and erosion control during construction; any other measures required by federal or state permitting and/or approval authorities.



Joseph B. Haberek, P.E., Administrator for Surface Water Protection
Office of Water Resources, DEM

DATE: 3/4/2024