

**Pennypack Creek Watershed Act 167 Stormwater Management Plan
Public Hearing**

Tuesday, June 14, 2011, 7:00 to 9:00 pm

Upper Moreland Township Building

Hearing Notes

Attendees (see list at end of notes)

Paul Racette of the Pennsylvania Environmental Council made a brief introduction summarizing the history of the Pennypack Watershed Partnership and Watershed Plan Advisory Committee.

Jeff Featherstone and other representatives of Temple University Center for Sustainable Communities presented a slide presentation overview of the Pennypack Creek Watershed Act 167 Plan. The following topics were addressed:

- Introduction
- Act 167 Report Contents
- Stormwater Issues
- Watershed Modeling
- Recommended Improvements
- Model Ordinance

The following questions and comments were related by the public during the hearing, while an additional comment was presented by Bucks and Montgomery Counties after the hearing:

General Comment 1: Ordinance Exemption Table (Table 106.1):

- The exemption table should be consistent with neighboring watershed ordinances and other model ordinances.
- There was also concerns raised about the table being confusing.

Response: The exemptions were made similar to the Neshaminy Act 167 Plan and the EPA model ordinance. Ordinance was also revised to make Table 106.1 consistent with the narrative to reduce the confusion noted.

General Comment 2: Concern was expressed about requiring a professional engineer's stamp for smaller projects.

Response: Plan provides for the use of the "Small Project Stormwater Site Plan" or "do it yourself plan" for projects with less than 5,000 impervious or earth disturbance. Ordinance was revised to be consistent with those changes.

General Comment 3: This comment was made by Bucks and Montgomery Counties after the public meeting. The Counties wanted Table 106.1 exemptions modified to the following impervious categories (<1000 sq. ft., 1000 to 5000 sq. ft., and >5000 sq. ft. This would put Pennypack into the mid range of the ordinances.

Response: Exemption ranges were modified to the requested ranges noted above.

Next Steps: The comments and responses received through the public hearing are forwarded to PA DEP for approval. County commissioners must then adopt the plan and submit to PA DEP for final approval.

Public Hearing Attendee List

Robert Crippen, Upper Moreland Environmental Advisory Committee
Jennifer Kehler, PA Department of Environmental Protection
Jon Leshner, Montgomery County Planning Commission
Larry Byrne, LJByrne Engineering LLC
Tim Woodrow, Lower Moreland Township
Bill Walker, Horsham Township
Grace Metzinger, Rockledge Borough
Rachel Butch, Showalter & Associates
Cathy Gauthier, Abington Township Planning Commission
Jonathan de Jonge, Upper Moreland Environmental Advisory Committee
Alice Lambert, Bucks County Planning Commission
Nick Rose, Bryn Athyn Borough
Paul Racette, Pennsylvania Environmental Council
Jeff Featherstone, Temple University Center for Sustainable Communities
Joanne Dahme, Philadelphia Water Department
David Uhlmann
Andrew Harris