

3401 MARIETTA AVENUE

LANCASTER, PA 17601

www.westhempfield.org**IMPORTANT NOTICE**

Dear Property Owner:

In 2007, West Hempfield Township (WHT) and the Lancaster Area Sewer Authority (LASA) conducted a review of the sewage needs throughout the Township. The area of Raintree Road and Marietta Pike was identified as a sewage needs area because of the frequency of failing septic systems, the frequency of poorly functioning septic systems, and the number of contaminated water wells. The study concluded in 2007 that the best solution to the sewage needs in the Raintree Road area was public sewer. Since that time, the Township and the Lancaster Area Sewer Authority have been reviewing options to provide public sewer in a way that is affordable to the Township, LASA, and the property owners. Recently, the Township's Act 537 Plan was amended and approved by the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (PA DEP) to include our plan for providing public sewer in this area. The Township is now in the process of implementing this plan.

As part of this project, a grinder pump system will need to be installed on each parcel in the new service area. WHT, LASA, and its contractor will be installing the grinder pump unit at no direct cost to you. Each grinder pump unit will be connected to the LPSS system, and this system will behave much like a water distribution system. In order to facilitate installation of the grinder pump units, each landowner on a developed parcel will be expected to provide the following:

- Access to your property by representatives from WHT or LASA's project engineer, Entech Engineering, to visually survey the location of your current on-lot disposal system (septic tank) and other pertinent information necessary to properly site the grinder pump system.
- Execution of a Grinder Pump Maintenance and Easement Agreement that allows for installation of the grinder pump system and gives LASA the ability to enter your property to inspect or service the grinder pump system.
- Payment of associated tapping and connection fees.
- Hiring of an electrical contractor to provide electrical service requirements for the grinder pump panel and electrical disconnect.
- Hiring of a plumbing or excavation contractor to connect the existing house sewer lateral to the new grinder pump unit and to properly abandon your existing on-lot sewage disposal system.

The Township needs your help in this first phase of this project, and that is with regards to the parcel surveys for grinder pump siting. We need you to give us access onto your property to meet and review the location of your house sewer lateral, your on-lot disposal system, and other pertinent information about the property that will allow us to locate the proper place for the grinder pump system to be installed. Attached with this letter is an inspection authorization form and time for preferred inspection. We request that this form be completed and returned in the pre-addressed, postage paid envelope. Letters may be delivered in person if you so desire to the address at the top of this letter.

Please submit the authorization **NO LATER THAN JULY 29, 2016**. Once the Township receives your authorization, you will be contacted to schedule a survey of your property. Surveys will be conducted beginning in late July. The inspection will last approximately 15 to 20 minutes.

We greatly appreciate your cooperation in this important matter. We invite you to visit our website at <http://www.westhempfield.org/> or LASA's website at <http://www.lasa.org/> where you may find answers to many of the questions you may have about the project.

Sincerely,

Ron Youtz
Township Manager

SURVEY AUTHORIZATION FORM

I, _____, the landowner or authorized representative of
(NAME)

(ADDRESS)

hereby give permission and authorization to the West Hempfield Township, Entech Engineering, their agents, employees or representatives, or designees to access and survey my land parcel for the following items:

- Location of existing utilities serving the property
- Location of the building sewer lateral and on-lot disposal system
- Other lot information pertinent to selecting a proper location for the grinder pump system
- Collection of coordinate information using a handheld GPS unit

In order to schedule a survey, I can best be reached at _____
(Best Phone Number of Landowner to be reached during normal business hours)

The survey will be performed by a representative from Entech Engineering. Pictures may be taken during the inspection. All representatives will have photo identification. The inspection should last approximately 15 to 20 minutes. An adult member of the household must be present when the inspection is performed.

I would prefer the inspection be conducted at this time (Please circle one - the best available time for the inspection to be performed):

- 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon
- 12:00 noon – 5:00 PM
- 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 PM

SIGNED:

(PRINT NAME)

(DATE)

(SIGNATURE)