

Milford Township

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To: Milford Township (milfrdtp@ptd.net)
Subject: Letter re: Regional Act 537 Sewer Plan
Attachments: Act 537 Letter to Milford Township 4.13.22.pdf

Good Afternoon

Please see the attached letter from the Commissioners regarding Regional Act 537 Sewer Plan funding.

Kind regards,

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April 13, 2022

Dear Milford Township Supervisors and Council Members:

We are in receipt of the letter dated March 17, 2022, submitted by the Act 537 Plan Coordination Committee. This letter is requesting the County to provide additional funding for the regional Act 537 sewer plan with an additional \$19,800.

Unfortunately, we cannot accommodate this request. While the County understands the budgetary constraints that you municipal leaders are facing during these economic times, the County taxpayers have already invested \$140,000 for all of the work done on the Regional Act 537 plan thus far. Three years ago, the County and the Scenic Rural Character Preservation (SRCP) Board honored your request for funding, expecting that the eastern regional municipalities would complete this sewer plan. This approval was based on the mutual commitment to complete a Regional Act 537 Plan, as set forth in the SCR application, the Intergovernmental Agreement, and the Ordinances that were adopted to authorize same. This Plan could address existing problems and be used to plan for the future. The Regional Plan is already substantially complete for submission to DEP and we would hate to see the County funds wasted for these remaining costs. More importantly, it seems appropriate that the municipalities invest a relatively small amount to finish the undertaking that all four (4) municipalities legally committed to complete for submission.

We hope you will look into your budgets and identify funding sources to equitably share this remaining cost. It is very important that the work done with the funds already invested with your municipalities by the County is completed. To leave a project half done is not a responsible use of taxpayer dollars by all of you, as well as the County.

We hope you can all work out how this important planning tool can be funded and completed.

Very truly yours,

PIKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Matthew M. Osterberg, Chair

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