

## Milford Township

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**Cc:** Salmon, Cory  
**Subject:** Eastern Pike County Regional Act 537 Plan Meeting Recap

Good morning,

Thank you for being able to meet with HRG on Wednesday in order to go over the outstanding questions regarding Eastern Pike County Regional Act 537 Plan. I have summarized the meeting below:

Representatives from Milford Township (Rachel Hendricks, Kevin Stroyan, Bob DiLorenzo), Milford Borough (Joe Dooley) and HRG (Cory Salmon and Matt Roberts) met via Zoom on Wednesday, October 19<sup>th</sup> to discuss Milford Township's outstanding questions and comments regarding the Act 537 Plan. Rachel asked for clarification on who HRG is representing, and Cory stated that HRG is representing all municipalities involved in the Act 537 Plan. Clarification was then requested regarding DEP's most recent letter regarding the administratively incomplete plan. It was clarified by HRG that only one submission had been made to DEP (May 2021), and that HRG had been in contact with DEP and they are aware that a new submission is being worked on. Milford Township raised concerns about the Pike County Environmental Treatment Plant where MATW currently hauls sludge to and potential capacity issues. HRG assured that the MATW WWTP had the capacity for new sewer loads projected from the Act 537 Plan. HRG has since received additional information, and MATW is not concerned about the increase in costs if a new sludge disposal method was required. Milford Township asked for clarification regarding the proposed OLDS ordinances in the Act 537 Plan and if it was one joint OLDS ordinance or four individual ones. HRG clarified that it should be a separate OLDS ordinance for each municipality and the language would be updated to avoid any potential confusion.

Milford Township also discussed edits in the Plan regarding Halifax Township being erroneously included as well as an incomplete sentence on page 5-42. HRG will review and update those pages as needed. The Intermunicipal Agreement (IMA) was brought up as well as Milford Township's concerns about the Act 537 Plan and the Draft IMA not being completely in alignment. HRG made it clear that they were not involved in the IMA process and that it was an issue between the solicitors. It will be included in the Act 537 as a draft, and the solicitors should continue revising until all parties find it acceptable. The Draft IMA will have a footer labeling it as draft as well as the Appendix Title Page, so it is clear that the IMA is in draft form and that the final IMA will be completed as part of the plan implementation. Milford Township raised concerns regarding the "remaining lifetime" conditions of the MATW WWTP and the concern that MWA customers could face the burden of maintaining the WWTP Plant even if they were not sewer customers. It was discussed that Water and Sewer budgets are tracked separately and that the sewer expenses would not fall under the financial of MWA water customers. Joe Dooley reached out to MWA for clarification via email, and Scott Sheldon of MWA replied on 10/20/22 to clarify any of these concerns.

Milford Township asked for clarification of some of the Footnote comments in tables of Chapter 5 of the Plan. They asked if the affordability limit was calculated, and HRG responded that the grants and affordability limits were taken into account with each municipality applying for funding separately. Regarding, the reserve funds, HRG did not have additional information at the time regarding Westfall Township's reserves. Milford Township discussed the list of comments from the previous iteration/ Planning Commission Review Period. Bob DiLorenzo mentioned that the Plan had a sentence about moratorium on construction. HRG did not recollect any such comment in the Plan, and the Planning Commission had no comments in their previous regarding this sentence. It was determined that this sentence was not in the current Plan. It was confirmed that the water conservation paragraph had been removed in Chapter 3 as had been requested during the previous planning commission review. Milford Township asked for additional information on why the low pressure system was chosen over a gravity system with pump stations. HRG stated that the decision was reached due to costs (O and M was factored in) as well as topography. In addition, Milford Township asked about previous planning commission comments that DEP had previously cited as inadequately addressed. HRG replied

that these questions have been answered between the draft IMA and the updates to the Plan. The MWA sewer interest surveys for businesses along Route 6/209 were discussed, and Milford Township wanted to know if the results would be included in the Act 537 Plan. HRG stated that it had already been agreed up during the Coordination Meetings with Penney Luhrs that they would not be included in the Act 537 Plan and that HRG had not requested nor received the results of the survey.

Once all outstanding questions had been discussed and answered, Cory Salmon discussed the next steps. HRG will make the minor updates to the Plan based on Milford Township's comments and feedback. As the planning commission review period ends on October 22, 2022, the next step is to move forward with the singular public comment period for all four municipalities with a public hearing during the 30 day public comment period. If Milford Township has additional comments between now and plan adoption, HRG will be willing to meet and/or discuss, but they will also have the opportunity to present comments during the public comment period.

If anyone has any questions or comments, please feel free to reach out.

Sincerely,  
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