

# DAUPHIN COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

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June 2, 2008

Ms. Norma Shearer, Chairman  
Halifax Township  
214 N. River Road  
PO Box 405  
Halifax, PA 17032

Re: Act 537 Sewage Facilities Plan Update  
Halifax Township, Dauphin County

Dear Ms. Shearer,

The Dauphin County Planning Commission had the opportunity to review the above-noted plan at its June 2, 2008 meeting and offers the following comments;

The plan's primary purpose is to identify a proactive approach to the issue of sewage management with its existing facilities as well as prepare for future maintenance issues while attempting to preserve its rural nature.

The proposed plan is consistent with the Dauphin County Comprehensive Plan, particularly the following strategies:

- Promote and encourage development where existing infrastructure exists with available excess capacity, rather than extending services into new areas and increasing costs to both the developer and the municipality/authority that operates the sewer treatment plant.

*The proposed Act 537 Plan encourages future development of low to moderate densities to locate in areas which are "most likely to have sanitary sewage service in the future."*

- Encourage and assist local governments to adopt and implement official municipal sewage plans (Act 537 Plans) that adequately plan for public collection and treatment, as well as on-lot sub-surface systems.

*"The Authority will own, operate and maintain the proposed collection system along with the existing treatment and collection/conveyance system."*

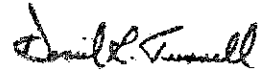
*"The adoption of a Sewage management Program Ordinance will allow the Township to track the operation and maintenance of on-lot systems."*

The Commission would encourage the Township to explore the use of planning tools that would allow for the increase in density in those appropriate areas within the proposed sanitary sewer area. This would

further allow the Township to meet its goal of remaining rural in nature. Additional information is available through this office.

The Dauphin County Planning Commission supports the adoption of the Halifax Township Act 537 Plan by the Township Supervisors. Should there be any questions concerning this review, please contact Tim Reardon, AICP, Associate Director at the Commission's office. Thanks you for the opportunity to review this Plan.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Daniel R. Tunnell". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "D".

Daniel R. Tunnell  
Chairman

Cc: Justin Kuhn, PE, Kurowski & Wilson LLC