



WWTF
Workshop
August 9, 2023

Lewes Board of Public Works

Agenda

- How'd we get here??
- New Information
- Public Comment(s) Received
- Public Comments/Questions
- Conclusion

How'd we get here?

- The Board held its first public meeting on March 31st, 2022.
- The BPW and Sussex County then contracted with GHD to perform a study related to various options for the WWTP.
- Those results were presented to the public at the January 23, 2023 workshop.
- The Board then held workshops on February 10, March 22, April 12, May 17 and June 14 to continue with the openness of this decision-making process.

New Information (Archeological Study)

- Sussex County was informed by DNREC that there were significant findings during a Phase 1 archeological study completed at the Wolfe Neck WWTP parcel.
- These findings have triggered a Phase 2 study which encompasses the entire parcel.
- The impact has created uncertainty for option 3b (constructed wetlands) as well as the County's plans to install fixed-head irrigation in managed forests.
- The Phase 2 study will commence later this year.

Option 3C (BPW/County Ocean Outfall)

- With the State pressing forward on the Archeological Study, the BPW and County expanded the scope of our discussions.
- The concept of an ocean outfall from the Wolfe Neck site began to take shape. This is different than the original outfall discussion featured in Option 2C. We are calling this concept, Option 3C.
- The drill for the potential outfall pipe could be done in either two bores or one long bore to limit disruption.
- The Board would be a flow-based partner in this scenario.
- The County would construct the plant to include both the original sizing of 3.5mgd (County/BPW flow) and any upsizing needed to include the flow from the fixed grid irrigation that no longer will be allowed due to the archeological findings.
- GHD has been engaged, by the County, to provide an updated report regarding the potential Option 3C.

Option 3 DRAFT Agreement/Discussions

- The BPW is continuing discussions with Sussex County regarding an agreement under the option 3 scenarios.
- As it becomes formalized, the Board will bring that DRAFT agreement to the public for comment.
- The BPW has also formed a sub committee to research alternatives should the option 3 scenarios not come to fruition.

- Received as of June 29th
- https://www.lewesbpwde.gov/wp-content/uploads/2023/07/scan_20230714100039.pdf

Public
Comment(s)
Received
After June
Workshop

Next Steps

- We will continue to have this item as a discussion topic on our monthly Board meetings.
- We continue to encourage the public to attend and be engaged.
- The BPW will consider the need for future workshops or continue blending these discussions into our monthly Board meetings as the process continues.
- Public comment will be open until close of business on **August 25, 2023**.

Public Comments/Questions:

Conclusion

- We want to thank you for your continued input in this decision-making process. We look forward to and encourage residents and ratepayers to attend the future workshops/meetings!

