

## **Help Shape the Future of Wastewater Treatment in Lewes**

As you may be aware, Lewes BPW has been exploring options to develop a more resilient and sustainable infrastructure for discharging treated effluent that complies with regulatory standards. This initiative is part of our continued dedication to protecting both the environment and public health. We have encouraged public participation throughout this process and invite your feedback on the future of wastewater treatment in our community.

### **What's Been Done:**

We've evaluated various wastewater treatment options, considering their environmental impact, costs, and long-term resilience. So far, we've held public meetings and workshops, reviewed study findings, and explored a regional partnership with Rehoboth Beach. Due to new archaeological findings and the rejection of the regional partnership, we are now focusing on exploring alternative options with Sussex County.

### **Current options for Wastewater Discharge:**

After careful analysis, we have narrowed down two options:

Option 1: Reconfigure Lewes BPW's pump stations. pump wastewater to the Sussex County's Wolfe Neck facility for treatment and continue discharging at Lewes BPW's current location. BPW's estimated cost: \$10.5 million.

Option 2: Similar to option 1 with the difference of relocating the discharge point near the Wolfe Neck facility. BPW's estimated cost: \$3.5 million, requiring permit modification.

A new ocean outfall was considered but is not viable due to high costs.

Visit our website to review past meeting presentations: <https://www.lewesbpwde.gov/>.

### **Next Steps:**

We are committed to keeping the community engaged throughout this process. Upcoming public workshops will provide further opportunities for input, and updates will be shared at future Board meetings. You can also check the Lewes BPW calendar for event details.

We encourage you to participate in these workshops and submit your feedback using the following link: <https://www.lewesbpwde.gov/wastewater-treatment-facility-long-range-planning/>. Your voice is vital to shaping the future of wastewater treatment in our community. Thank you for your time and contribution!