

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT
DRY TAVERN SEWER AUTHORITY SANITARY SEWER PROJECT
JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP, GREENE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA
SECTION 313, WATER RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT ACT OF 1992

The US Army Corps of Engineers, Pittsburgh District, is proposing to cost share a sanitary sewer project with the Dry Tavern Sewer Authority (Non-Federal Sponsor). This project is authorized under Section 313 of the Water Resources Development Act of 1992 as amended, which has the primary objective of providing design and construction assistance to Non-Federal interests for carrying out water-related environmental infrastructure projects in south central Pennsylvania.

The proposed project consists of the design and construction of a sewage collection and conveyance system that will consist of gravity sewer lines, a pumping station, force mains, grinder pump units, and appurtenant items in Jefferson Township, Greene County, Pennsylvania. The proposed project will provide sanitary sewer service to areas that currently experience malfunctioning on-lot systems, wildcat sewers and illegal discharges. Public health is currently threatened as a result of untreated or partially treated sewage flowing in roadside ditches and directly into streams.

In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act, the Non-Federal Sponsor prepared an Environmental Assessment that evaluated impacts to environmental and cultural resources within the project area. In compliance with Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act, a Pennsylvania Natural Diversity Inventory Search was performed which resulted in no known impact to threatened or endangered species. In accordance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, the Pennsylvania Bureau for Historic Preservation which represents the State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) was contacted and a Phase I Archaeological Survey was completed. The SHPO anticipates no effect to cultural or historical resources due to the proposed project.

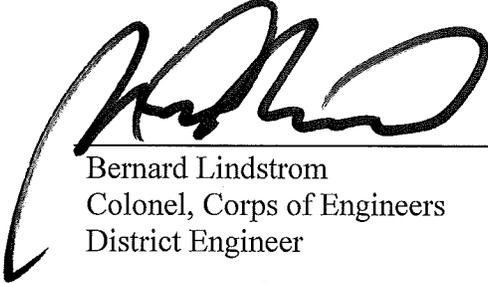
In addition to the proposed project, the Environmental Assessment included a "No Action" alternative, a "Use of Individual Disposal Systems" alternative and an alternative for "Use of Wastewater Retaining Tank". "No Action" is unacceptable because it would allow the continued discharge of untreated and improperly treated sewage. "Use of Individual Disposal Systems" was eliminated due to limitations of the existing soils in the project area and "Use of Wastewater Retaining Tank" was also eliminated since it was deemed a temporary solution to the sewage discharge problem.

I have reasonably determined that the design and construction of the Dry Tavern Sewer Authority Sanitary Sewer Project will not constitute a major Federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment, as defined in the Council on Environmental Quality's current regulations for implementing the National Environmental Policy Act. The preparation of an environmental impact statement is therefore unwarranted and the public interest will be best served by the implementation of the proposed action. This determination precedes the Corps of Engineer's final decision concerning this proposed action. A notice of

availability of this Finding of No Significant Impact will be sent to interested parties and placed on the District's website (<http://www.lrp.usace.army.mil>).

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