

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF THE REVISED
SEPTIC MANAGEMENT PLAN COMPONENT OF THE COUNTYWIDE
WASTEWATER MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR THE COUNTY OF
SOMERSET, NEW JERSEY TO
THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
AND
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS**

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) Water Quality Management Planning Rules last amended November 7, 2016 at N.J.A.C. 7:15-2.7 designates Counties as wastewater management planning agencies and assigns to them responsibilities associated with the development of areawide wastewater management plans; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Chosen Freeholders of Somerset County, New Jersey has delegated and assigned the responsibility to carry out a continuing wastewater management planning process to the Somerset County Planning Board; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the foregoing, the Somerset County Planning Board has undertaken the preparation of a Septic Management Plan for Somerset County and its municipalities comprised of a countywide overview; and individual municipal chapters developed in collaboration with municipal officials, health officers, and wastewater management planning committees that provide an inventory of individual sub-surface sewerage disposal systems (ISSDS), current practices and plans for improving current practices that promote ISSDS care and maintenance in accordance with N.J.A.C. 7:15-4.5(c)(2)vi, “New Jersey’s Continuing Planning Process” November 6, 2015 (Appendix Updated February 23, 2018), and “Septic Management Template”, October 2017; and

WHEREAS, all wastewater management planning work by the Somerset County Planning Board has been undertaken in a transparent and collaborative manner in coordination with municipalities, sewer utilities and authorities, the NJDEP, adjoining counties and other stakeholders; and

WHEREAS, the Septic Management Plan for Somerset County comprises an areawide amendment of the Northeast and Upper Raritan Water Quality Management Plan Areas for which the NJDEP serves as the designated planning agency (DPA) and of the Lower Raritan/Middlesex County WQMP Area for which Middlesex County Board of Chosen Freeholders is the DPA and the DPAs have responsibilities and authority to review and adopt areawide amendments pursuant to N.J.A.C. 7:15 2.3 and 2.5 for those portions of Somerset County that are within the Lower Raritan Middlesex County WQMP management area.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FRSOVED that the Somerset County Planning Board hereby authorizes the submission of the Septic Management Plan for Somerset County to the NJDEP and the Middlesex County Board of Chosen Freeholders for review and adoption; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that through the foregoing process, the County requests that the NJDEP publish a notice in the NJ Register regarding the aforementioned WQMP amendment pursuant to N.J.A.C. 7:15-3.5; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this Resolution be provided to the Somerset County Board of Chosen Freeholders, Somerset County Municipal Wastewater Management Planning Committees, Municipal Governing Bodies, Municipal Planning Boards, Sewerage Utilities, Authorities and Water Purveyors serving Somerset County, NJDEP Director of Water Monitoring and Standards, Middlesex County Board of Chosen Freeholders and adjoining County Planning Boards.

I, Matthew Loper, Secretary of the Planning Board of the County of Somerset in the State of New Jersey do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of a Resolution adopted by said Board of Chosen Freeholders at its regularly convened meeting of September 15, 2020.



Matthew Loper, Secretary of the Board