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DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

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CERTIFIED MAIL

Graham Waters, Town Manager
1670 Flat River Rd.
Coventry, RI 02816

RE: Approval of Facilities Plan Update and Finding of No Significant Impact (DEM file #16-C)
Coventry, Rhode Island

Dear Mr. Waters:

This letter is in regard to the Town of Coventry's request for the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management, Office of Water Resources' (OWR) approval of the above-referenced Facilities Plan Update (FPU) and the FPU's associated environmental review findings.

The Town submitted the FPU approval request based on "Facilities Plan Update Town of Coventry, Rhode Island" prepared by Weston & Sampson dated October, 2016. The proposed projects involve the design and construction of wastewater collection systems within the Town.

Based on our review, OWR hereby approves this document as the FPU for the Town of Coventry.

The FPU sufficiently addresses the statutory intent of the environmental review requirements of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (commonly known as the Clean Water Act) and **OWR is hereby issuing a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI)** for the proposed projects identified in the FPU. Please note that unless reaffirmed, this environmental review approval expires five (5) years from the date of issuance.

This approval maintains eligibility for construction assistance programs administered by OWR that contain funds allotted to the state under provisions of the Clean Water Act.

If you have any questions, please call our office at 222-4700.

Sincerely,

Angelo S. Liberti, P.E., Chief
Surface Water Protection Section
Office of Water Resources

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Enclosure: Finding of No Significant Impact

Electronic copies: Jay Manning, OWR/SRF
Tim DeGuglielmo, Weston & Sampson
Robert Joyal, Coventry Town Engineer





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Office of Water Resources



FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The Office of Water Resources has reviewed "Facility Plan Update, Town of Coventry, Rhode Island" prepared by Weston & Sampson, dated March 2016 (revised September 2016), for the Town of Coventry, Rhode Island, in conjunction with a request for approval of this Facilities Plan Update (FPU) and the water pollution abatement projects proposed therein, and

Pursuant to the requirements and authority set forth in Chapter 46-12.2 of the General Laws of Rhode Island, 1956, as amended, and the "Rules and Regulations for the State Revolving Fund (SRF) Program", DEM has determined that the projects identified in the above FPU will not cause significant detrimental effects, the quality of the environment will be improved by the proposed projects, and an Environmental Impact Statement will not be required. The environmental information provided has met the statutory intent of the Federal Clean Water Act environmental review requirements.

DEM is hereby issuing a formal FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT for the above FPU.

The approval of the projects identified above and contained in the study area of this FPU is recommended for immediate implementation and will not foreclose alternatives to the Town in other areas.

The proposed projects involve the design and construction of a wastewater collection system to mitigate the adverse water quality impacts to Tiogue Lake, Pawtuxet River, Flat River Reservoir, and Mishnock River, as well as other surface waters.

Project Name: Town of Coventry FPU

Project Location: Town-wide

Project Description: Design and construction of wastewater collection systems.

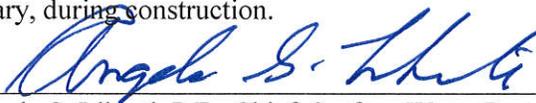
Anticipated Environmental Impacts:

Long Term: No detrimental impacts; beneficial impacts include enhancing the quality of the surface waters in the areas recommended to be sewered.

Short Term: Construction-related impacts only

Required Mitigation Measures:

Sedimentation and erosion control, as necessary, during construction.


Angelo S. Liberti, P.E., Chief, Surface Water Protection Section
Office of Water Resources, DEM

DATE: October 25, 2016