



Delaware County Regional Water Quality Control Authority

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The Delaware County Regional Water Quality Control Authority (DELCORA) has acquired the Riverside Wastewater Treatment Facility and Collection system in Pocopson Township in Chester County in its ongoing effort to expand its wastewater treatment business.

In 2009, Pocopson Township requested proposals for the lease or purchase of the facility from qualified governmental and corporate entities with established histories demonstrating the ability to successfully own, operate and maintain wastewater treatment facilities. The Board of Supervisors awarded the bid to DELCORA. The Township's selection was based on DELCORA's ability and demonstrated record of providing a high level of customer service, its commitment to control costs for the rate payers, and its proven ability to operate wastewater facilities in accordance with environmental rules and regulations.

DELCORA Executive Director Joseph L. Salvucci said, "We are proud of the confidence the Pocopson Township Board of Supervisors has placed in us and we are committed to providing the residents and sewer users of the Riverside system with environmentally sound and cost effective wastewater management services."

According to the terms of the agreement, effective March 1, 2010, DELCORA assumed all ownership and operational responsibilities for the facilities which serves a mix of 183 commercial and residential units with a projected wastewater flow of 45,150 gallons per day.

As a result of the move, the annual sanitary sewer service charge for the Riverside customers will be reduced by \$120 from \$960 to \$840 per year.

DELCORA plans to install a state of the art communication system at the Riverside facility which will enable DELCORA personnel to remotely monitor the operation 24 hours-a-day, seven-days-a-week, as is done in all its existing facilities. In addition DELCORA will proceed with additional construction for the Sheeder Tract Off-Site Sanitary Force Mains with those costs distributed only to the “to be tied-in new users.”

DELCORA has a long history environmental success in the operation of wastewater facilities. It also owns and operates three major pumping stations and force mains that transport wastewater to the Southwest Water Pollution Control Plant operated by Philadelphia and owns and operates the 50-million-gallons-a-day Western Regional Treatment Plant in Chester as well as the collection and conveyance systems servicing 13,865 units in Chester City, Upland, Parkside and Trainer Boroughs and a portion of Chester Township. The Authority operates systems in Eddystone, Marcus Hook, Folcroft Boroughs, Lower Chichester Township and also for the Southern Delaware County Authority. In addition DELCORA contracts with a number of municipalities in western Delaware County to operate their pump stations. DELCORA acquired the 140,000 gallons-per-day Rose Valley Borough Wastewater Treatment Plant and collection system serving about 317 residences in Rose Valley and 145 residences in Nether Providence Township last July.

DELCORA is staffed by full-time professional civil and chemical engineers and environmental scientists. Its workforce includes a complete maintenance staff and twenty-one Class A Wastewater Operations license holders. A Class A license is the highest license attainable. There are also 16 employees with the E-4 Collection System license. The Authority also has a fully staffed and DEP certified laboratory for water quality analysis.

Salvucci said, “The DELCORA employees are the key to our success and we will continue to grow our business because of their hard work and dedication.”