

**NOTICE OF POTENTIAL
ACT 537 PLAN AMENDMENT VIA SPECIAL STUDY**

NOTICE is given that Marion Township, Berks County, Pennsylvania is hereby opening a thirty (30) day public comment period before considering whether to adopt a Special Study to amend its Act 537 Sewage Facilities Plan Update as approved in 2019 ("Plan").

The Special Study considers whether the Township should implement a low-pressure sewer system instead of a gravity sewer system, as currently approved and required by the Plan, to provide public sewer to the Public Sewer Area, as defined by the Plan, which encompasses those in, around, and near the Village of Stouchsburg. Specifically, the Special Study discusses the costs of: constructing a low-pressure sewer system against the gravity sewer system; connecting with and obtaining treatment from the Womelsdorf Sewer Authority's collection system and treatment plant; and users' fees associated with the transmission and treatment of the sewage. The Special Study concludes that the Township should implement a low-pressure sewer system given that its projected cost is significantly less than a gravity sewer system. If the Township adopts the Special Study then the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection will approve or reject the Special Study as an amendment to the Plan.

Copies of the Plan and Special Study can be reviewed without charge, or obtained for a charge not greater than the cost to produce, by visiting the Marion Township Municipal Office, 420 Water Street, Stouchsburg, PA 19567. Both can also be reviewed and obtained electronically via the Township's website at www.mariontwpberks.com. Any and all comments must be made in writing and submitted within thirty days hereof to Susan Staaby, Township Administrator, 420 Water Street, Stouchsburg, PA, 19567.

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