

June 29, 2009

Re: Partridge Hills and Englewood Sewer System

Dear Resident\Property Owner:

On February 4, 2009 East Hanover Township conducted a special meeting regarding the PA Department of Environmental Protection's (DEP's) mandate that the Township install public sewers in the Partridge Hills and Englewood areas of the Township. DEP had offered three options for sewerage these areas, and they were discussed at this meeting. Following the meeting the Board of Supervisors (BOS) chose the most economical choice for Partridge Hills and Englewood residents: the immediate submission (to DEP) of a plan for public sewers for these areas. The plan was approved by DEP on March 23, 2009.

The design of the sewer system is currently in progress. During this phase of the project, you may see surveyors and engineers working throughout your neighborhoods. These individuals are employed or contracted by our Township Engineer, LTL Consultants, and their activities are authorized by the Township. The surveying firm contracted by LTL Consultants for this project is Berks Surveying & Engineering, Inc. They will be carrying proper identification.

Your property is not required to connect to the proposed sewer system, due to the distance between the proposed sewer line and your home. However, you do have the option of connecting to the sewers. Please read the information below and notify the BOS if you want to connect.

In order for the engineers to complete their collection system design, it will be necessary for them to access your property briefly. No disturbance will take place as a result of the survey and there will be no need to enter homes. Entry onto the property is only necessary to determine elevations and physical features. Berks Surveying will be leaving a notice on your door when they survey your property. We would appreciate your extending them your courtesy as they complete their fieldwork for the Township.

Please note there will be significant costs associated with this project. Sometime in 2011 the connection process will require you to pay a tapping fee and arrange for the connection of your home to the new sewer system. *Although we do not know exactly how much it will cost* – and the cost to each homeowner will vary with the distance between home and sewer line – *we recommend that you plan for a cost of about \$10,000.* This includes the tapping fee and the cost for a contractor/plumber to install the sewer pipe from your home to the main sewer line. Please consider making financial arrangements now to take advantage of this lead-time.

We appreciate your anticipated cooperation as we proceed with this important DEP-mandated project. If you have any questions, please contact Lisa Sweigert at LTL Consultants at 888-987-8886.

Sincerely,

Keith Espenshade, Chairman
East Hanover Township Board of Supervisors