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Subject: Potential Trout Production Waters

I have reviewed the list of streams/rivers that you provided me to assess the impact on future development should these streams be upgraded to trout production or C1 waters. Generally speaking, the majority of the streams identified appear to be located in Planning Areas 4 and 5, and do not appear to be currently receiving waters for sewer treatment plants. Notable exceptions to the above are as follows:

- * Lopatcong Creek flows into the Delaware River immediately south of Phillipsburg, a Planning Area 1 and 2, and is currently the receiving water for the municipal sewer plant servicing that area.
- * The Pequannock River at Butler and downstream from that town flows through Planning Areas 1 and 2 and is the receiving water for at least two sewer treatment plants.
- * Mill Brook in Union Hill, which is a section of Denville, is in or close to PA 2.
- * The Peckman River in Verona and Cedar Grove is in PA 1 and is the receiving water for the two sewer plants servicing those towns.
- * It appears that one of the three tributaries identified in connection with Budd Lake, is the South Branch of the Raritan River, a major water body that runs through western Morris and Hunterdon counties before its confluence with the North Branch of the Raritan in Bridgewater. There are several existing sewer plants on the South Branch.

As we discussed, notwithstanding the location of many of these streams (or portions thereof) in PAs 4 and 5, consideration must be given to center/village/hamlet growth opportunities under the State Plan. Designating these streams as trout production or C1 waters would frustrate or preclude such opportunities. Finally, given the location of the Peckman River, I'm wondering whether this water body was mistakenly included in the list you provided me. This river is in Essex County, a PA 1! If this river is reclassified, Verona and Cedar Grove may be required to upgrade their sewer facilities and thus delay and make more costly those connections contemplated for the Hilltop development. Hilltop is a prototype for smart growth involving the cooperation and joint planning of four municipalities and Essex County, the preservation of more than 50% of the property as open space and the fiscal benefit associated with the County's ability to retire its bonds in the amount of \$40M.

In summary, we believe that upgrading stream classifications in PAs 1 and 2 is problematic. We also believe that upgrading streams in rural areas must be done with extreme care, or risk thwarting the creation of the villages, hamlets and tightly clustered development options envisioned by SMART Growth development protocol. Many in the development community stand ready to rethink past development patterns. Please don't strip away the very tools that allow those development patterns to occur.

Let me know if you need any more info on the above.

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plant). This is what's at stake here - let's have the Department control this discussion, not the flawed state plan.

Bill

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response

>>> Bradley Campbell 10/29/02 12:07PM >>>

Pls see attached regarding the reclassification., He makes a valid point re the Peckman, methinks

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