

A Message from the Residents and Community Members of the Perth Amboy Supplemental CSO Team

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The City residents and business community members of the Perth Amboy Supplemental CSO Team have compiled the following important points related to the City's Long Term Control Plan (LTCP).

- Like many cities in the Northeast and Midwest United States, Perth Amboy's combined sewer system (CSS) dates back to the early 20th century. These sewer systems typically carry sewage and stormwater together. During dry weather, the Perth Amboy system transports sewage directly to the wastewater treatment plant located in Sayreville and is operated by the Middlesex County Utilities Authority. But, after heavy rainfall or snowmelt, the volume of sewage and stormwater can exceed the capacity of the wastewater collection and conveyance systems, allowing dilute raw sewage to bypass treatment and be discharged into surrounding waters (Raritan River and Arthur Kill). Combined Sewer Overflows (CSO) should be a water pollution concern for all the residents of the City of Perth Amboy.
- CSOs can be a cause of, or contribute to conditions that require, beach closings and shell fishing restrictions. These CSOs pollute local waters and can cause or contribute to unaesthetic conditions in these waterbodies.
- The City is legally required to address this source of water pollution by preparing a Long-Term Control Plan (LTCP) to reduce or eliminate (to the extent possible) the impacts of the CSOs. Implementation of the LTCP will be a large and costly undertaking for Perth Amboy, and its residents should be aware of the Plan and the options it presents for the City.
- Implementation of the Long Term Control Plan will require construction of new facilities and retrofitting the existing sewer infrastructure and will require an increase in water utility costs for Perth Amboy residents.
- Residents have an opportunity to directly influence the infrastructure upgrades by participating in the Long Term Control Plan (LTCP) Supplemental Team.
- Some infrastructure upgrades can benefit the community by increasing green spaces and improving air quality, in addition to reducing CSO discharges.
- The City's implementation of the LTCP can also benefit the community by creating new jobs in the City of Perth Amboy.