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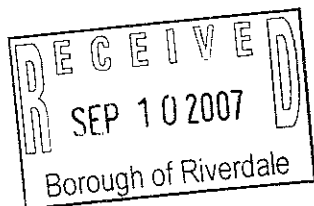
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Mayor William Budesheim
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Re: Sewer Capacity Needs

Dear Mayor Budesheim and Members of Council:

More than three decades ago, Bloomingdale, Butler and Kinnelon formed the Authority charging it with the responsibility of dealing with regional sewer matters. A key element of that charge involves meeting current and future capacity needs. I am writing to you now because we are approaching the capacity limit. As you know, without sewer capacity, future development and/or redevelopment will not be possible. That being the case, the Authority is working closely with the Two Bridges Sewerage Authority on two interrelated programs aimed at securing additional capacity - updates to our planning documents known as the Wastewater Management Plan (WMP) and an upgrade and expansion to the existing Two Bridges wastewater treatment plant.

Critical to both programs is the projection of the Borough's future capacity needs. To properly plan and, from there, to design and construct the capital improvements to the existing Two Bridges treatment plant, the Borough will be asked to assess its future capacity needs on a long-term basis.

Without fear of overstatement, this may well be the last opportunity that the Borough will have to obtain additional sewer capacity.

The process to secure sewer capacity, particularly the planning aspects, may take years to evolve whereas the capital improvements to the TBSA plant will likely need to be in the ground before the wastewater management planning activities are completed. Since planning must precede building, the essence of our request here is for your assessment of the Borough's future sewer capacity needs such that the plant improvements can be designed to meet those needs.

Mayor William Budesheim and Members of Council

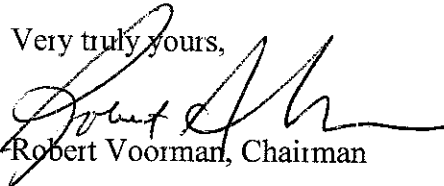
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Complications are many - without detailing them here, they involve not only the Highlands Regional Master Plan but also major environmental regulatory changes to the Planning Rules and the Water Quality Management Rules. Combined, it is likely that the state's regulatory and planning processes will develop slowly over a number of years. At the same time the towns will be required to conform their local master plans and zoning ordinances to be in compliance with the new regulations including those of the Highlands Council. Yet PRBRSA and TBSA cannot stand by as the state and the Highlands Council finalize their respective planning programs. As a result, it will be necessary to advance the local planning in order to define your town's specific needs and the infrastructure necessary to meet those needs. The state is expected to soon mandate that Two Bridges upgrade the existing treatment system for phosphorus and other water quality discharge parameters. As a practical matter, such improvements must be done simultaneously with the plant expansion which is why your town's capacity needs must be defined as soon as possible.

In short we need your assistance to project the local capacity needs for the long term. As a part of that process, the Authority and Two Bridges have retained Hatch Mott MacDonald (HMM) to refine earlier population and flow estimates prepared as part of a 2006 draft WMP update. To begin that work, HMM will arrange meetings with your staff and consultants as appropriate. Anything that the governing body and planning board can do to assist in this process will prove most helpful to provide the most accurate projections possible.

Very truly yours,



Robert Voorman, Chairman

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