May 31, 2012

Tredyffrin Township
Attn: Stephen Burgo, P.E., Township Engineer
1100 DuPortail Road
Berwyn, PA 19312

RE: Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission Mile Post 320 – 326 Total Reconstruction and Widening Project
Post Construction Stormwater Management Design Review #1
Tredyffrin Township, Chester County, PA

Dear Mr. Burgo:

Per the Township’s request, Edward B. Walsh & Associates, Inc. (EBWA) has completed the initial review of the stormwater management design for the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission Mile Post 320 – 326 Total Reconstruction Project. The below listed plans and calculations have been reviewed for compliance Ordinance No. HR-375, Chapter 174 - the Tredyffrin Township Stormwater Management Ordinance.

- Plans:

- Reports:

Based upon discussions with the PA Turnpike Commission (PTC) representatives, they have requested that a technical review of the Erosion and Sedimentation Control Design be deferred to
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a later date, since these updated plans were submitted to the Township this month (May 2012). Also, a technical review of the submitted Hydrologic and Hydraulic Report data has not been completed to date. Future technical reviews will address this data.

The proposed improvements consist of widening the Pennsylvania Turnpike from Mile Post 319.38 to Mile Post 326.66 (7.28 miles). In order to control runoff from these improvements, the PTC is proposing to construct numerous stormwater management facilities (Vaults 1A-2, 5, 6, 8B, 9, 10B and 10C, Basins 2A, 3, 3A, 4, 6A, 6B, 7, 8, 10, 11, 12, 14, 15-1 and 15-3, and Bioretention facilities 8 and 8B) along the project corridor. EBWA review has been limited to the requirements of the Post Construction Stormwater Management (PCSWM) plan for work within Tredyffrin Township (excluding work in Upper Merion Township and Charlestown Township). The following comments and recommendations are offered for the Township’s evaluation of project:

1. **Section 11. Drainage Plan Contents.**
   a. Section 11.B.9 - Additional labels for proposed contours must be added to the plan.

   b. Section 11.B.18 – In the areas of proposed stormwater infiltration facilities, the locations of all existing septic areas and wells must be shown. The locations must be clearly identified on the plan in order to assist with the evaluation of the proposed infiltration designs (and potential negative impacts to the septic systems or wells).

   c. Section 11.B.22.a&b – The PCSWM Plan must include a statement, signed by the applicant, acknowledging that any revision to the approved drainage plan must be submitted to and approved by the Township and a revised erosion and sediment control plan must be submitted to and approved by the Chester County Conservation District for a determination of adequacy.

   d. Section 11.B.23 – The PCSWM plan must include the design engineer certification signature block per the ordinance requirements. In addition to the design engineer certification signature block, a certification block should be added for the geotechnical engineer to certify all stormwater management facilities proposed within the Karst/Carbonate Geology areas.

   e. Section 11.C.1.f – An Operation and Maintenance (O&M) plan in accordance with Section 174-28 must be submitted for review and approval. General notes regarding the O&M are included on drawing 2 of 98. Additional detailed information regarding O&M is required per Chapter 174, Section 28.

   f. Section 11.C.4 – Due to the work along Yellow Springs Road (SR 1005), North Valley Road, and Valley Forge Road (SR 0252), a Declaration of Adequacy and Highway Occupancy Permit from the PennDOT District 6-0 is required for the utilization of a PennDOT storm drainage system.

   g. Identify and provide application for Road Opening Permit to Tredyffrin Township for any/all proposed impacts to Township owned roadways.
h. Identify and coordinate with Tredyffrin Township Public Works Department for any proposed grading, construction or impacts in vicinity of the Township’s Sanitary Sewer System.

i. The following data must be indicated on the plans for future submittals:
   i. Township Boundary must be indicated and labeled on the PCSWM plans and all drainage plans.
   ii. Chester County Uniform Parcel Identifier (UPI) numbers, owner’s names per the tax records and the street address must be indicated on the PCSWM, E&S Control and drainage area plans.
   iii. Inlet numbers must be indicated on the PCSWM, E&S Control and drainage area plans.
   iv. Woodland areas and limits of clearing should be clearly indicated on the PCSWM Plans.
   v. All road names must be clearly labeled on the PCSWM plans and the drainage plans.
   vi. Proposed improvements (or portions thereof) should be indicated on the Worksheet No. 4 Site Area Plans – Post Developed Condition.
   vii. FEMA floodplain shall be indicated and labeled on all plans (drainage and PCSWM). In areas where detailed FEMA floodplains are not mapped, assumed floodplain limits, per Township Zoning Ordinance Chapter 208, shall be indicated on all plans.

j. In order to properly evaluate the drainage patterns along the project corridor, roadway typical sections must be included as part of the PCSWM plans. It is understood that the structural design of the retaining walls / sound barrier walls will be detailed in separate construction improvement plans, but the PCSWM plans should have general details related to the stormwater inlets adjacent to the walls. In many locations, the runoff from roadway will be forced to the shoulder areas and captured by the inlets. It is unclear if the runoff is proposed to flow against the wall or if a concrete barrier or equal will be installed at the wall toe.

2. **Section 12. Plan Submission**
   a. Section 12.A. Documentation of approval must be submitted from the following:
      i. PA DEP NPDES Permit for Stormwater Discharges from Construction Activities
      ii. Chester County Conservation District E&S Control approval.
      iii. PennDOT Highway Occupancy Permit for all work within the State Highways
      iv. Tredyffrin Township Road Opening Permit for all work within the Township roadway or rights of way.
3. **Section 13. Drainage Plan Review**
   
   a. Section 13.H. A note must be added to the plan indicating the applicant shall prepare as-built drawings of all stormwater management facilities along with an explanation of any discrepancies with the design plans within 60 days of completion. As-built plans should be supplied in both paper and electronic (PDF and ACAD) format. As-built plans shall be recorded at the Chester County Office of the Recorder of Deeds, within 60-days of completion of the project.

4. **Section 16. General Requirements**
   
   a. Section 16.E - Stormwater flows onto adjacent property shall not be created, increased, decreased, relocated, or otherwise altered without the permission of the adjacent property owner(s). Such stormwater flows shall be subject to the requirements of the Township Ordinance. Existing points of concentrated drainage that discharge onto adjacent property shall not be altered in any manner which could cause property damage without permission of the affected property owner(s) and shall be subject to any applicable discharge criteria specified in this chapter. Proof of permission from all affected property owners shall be submitted in writing to the Township prior to issuance of a permit. A detailed Easement table should be provided that clearly identifies all required easements, by location, stormwater facility and drainage area, property owner information, as well as easement status. All necessary easements for stormwater facilities must be provided to the Township for their files prior to the final permit being issued. Additional information must be provided, as detailed in this letter, to justify the design and determine if permission from affected property owners is required.

   b. Section 16.F - Areas of existing diffused drainage discharge, whether proposed to be concentrated or maintained as diffused drainage areas, shall be subject to any applicable discharge criteria in the general direction of existing discharge. If diffused drainage discharge is proposed to be concentrated and discharged onto adjacent property, the Applicant must document that adequate downstream conveyance facilities exist to safely transport the concentrated discharge or otherwise prove that no accelerated erosion, sedimentation, flooding, or other impacts will result from the concentrated discharge. Proof of permission from all affected property owners shall be submitted to the Township prior to issuance of a Stormwater and Grading Permit. Again, additional information must be provided, as detailed in this letter, to justify the design and determine if permission from affected property owners is required. Based upon my review of the submitted information, further downstream impact analysis may be required.

   c. Section 16.G – The PTC should review with the Township if drainage easements shall be provided for all streams. Per the Ordinance, at a minimum the drainage easement shall include the streambed, banks, and 10 feet extending from the top of each bank. It is recommended that the drainage easement also includes the limits of the 100-year floodway.
d. Section 16.I - All stormwater runoff shall be pretreated for water quality prior to discharge to surface or groundwater. Water quality inlets, forebays, bioretention areas appear to be proposed for all discharge areas which include runoff from the Turnpike road surface. Additional design information for the pretreatment devices must be provided (pollutant removal efficiency of the water quality inlets and other BMPs).

e. Section 16.Q – All easements, agreements and permits for off-site areas being used for drainage purposes must be obtained and provided along with the stormwater plan submission to the Township for review and approval prior to the start of any construction activities. Furthermore, these agreements and plans will be recorded at the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for Chester County and two (2) copies of those dated/signed plans provided to the Township. It is recommended that a table detailing all required easements be added to the plan.

f. With all future submittals, it is recommended that a master table be added to the PCSWM plan clearly indicating all applicable Township Stormwater Management Ordinance requirements and a compliance with those requirements. For example, the master table shall indicate the required verses the proposed volume/infiltration requirements, peak rate controls for all storm events, loading rations and pre / post outlet velocities. In sub-watersheds without 100% compliance, percentage compliance or change from existing shall also be provided in the table. The chart should also address floodplain impacts / zoning relief requirements.

g. Detailed Section views should be provided for all Stormwater Management Facilities, Basins, Vaults, Beds, Bioretention areas, etc. with the design storm (1, 2, 5, 10, 25, 50, and 100 – year) water surface elevations showing line through outlet structure, and including the berm, top of bed, outlet structure, etc.

5. Section 17. Permit Requirements by Other Governmental Entities – Prior to commencement of the project, proof of permits for the following must be supplied to the Township:
   a. Chester County Conservation District approval (regulated earth disturbance activities subject to PA DEP regulations at 25 Pennsylvania Code Chapter 102).
   b. PA DEP approval Chapter 105 for work within drainageways / wetlands.
   c. PennDOT permits for work within the state highways.
   d. Chester County Health Department (septic system relocation at Basin 2A).
   e. Tredyffrin Township Road Opening Permit for impacts to Township roadways and rights of way.

   It is recommended that a list of all required permits be noted on the PCSWM plans. Upon receipt of the permits and prior to final plan issuance, the applicable permit numbers and approval dates should be referenced on the final plans.

6. Section 18. Erosion and Sediment Control during Regulated Earth Disturbance Activities. A review of the E&S Controls plans have not been completed to date as the plans have only been recently submitted to the Township by the Turnpike (May 2012).
7. **Section 19. Nonstructural Project Design.**
   a. Section 19.B – The Applicant is required to following the sequence per Section 19.B when preparing the stormwater management design. Documentation should be submitted with the stormwater report detailing the requirements of the Existing Resource and Site Analysis Map (ERSAM), stream buffers and other applicable requirements per this section. It is my recommendation that the pre-developed drainage area plans be modified to include the additional information to meet the requirements of the ERSAM.

8. **Section 20. Groundwater Recharge and Volume Control Standards.**
   a. A minimum depth of twenty-four (24) inches between the bottom of the BMP and the top of the limiting zone shall be provided for all infiltration facilities. It is recommended that a summary chart be provided indicating the top and bottom elevation of the infiltration facility and the elevations of the limiting zone for all facilities. It is also recommended that data for the non-infiltration facilities be included, if available, to evaluate the design.

   b. Infiltration facilities shall be capable of completely infiltrating the required volume within three (3) days (72 hours). Calculations and a summary chart for the stormwater facilities (basins, beds, vaults, bioretention, etc.) dewatering times must be provided.

   c. The retention (infiltration) volume (Rev) to be captured and infiltrated shall be the net 2-year 24-hour volume. The net volume is the difference between the post-development runoff volume and predevelopment runoff volume. Per appendix A, Change in Runoff Summary Table, the infiltration requirements at each Points of Interest (POI) RD & RE, RG, RJ & RK within the Valley Creek Watershed are not met but the overall volume requirement within the watershed is met (see below chart). The infiltration requirement at POI RQ within the Trout Creek Watershed and the overall is not met. This must be reviewed with the Township to determine amount of additional sub-watershed controls required for compliance with Chapter 174 Stormwater Management Ordinance requirements.
Required Volume | Provided Volume | Difference
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Watershed (CF) (CF) (CF)

Valley Creek
RA 25,007 35,832 -10,825
RB/RC 114,428 138,697 -24,269
RD/RE 84,611 55,321 29,290
RF 77,061 86,366 -9,305
RG 15,448 0 15,448
RH 48,491 65,814 -17,323
RI 56,728 76,790 -20,062
RI/RK 119,509 76,978 42,531
RL 54,853 91,398 -36,545
RM 33,991 37,026 -3,035
Subtotal 630,127 664,222 -34,095

Trout Creek
RN 190,411 209,193 -18,782
RQ 80,187 8,336 71,851

d. Supporting calculations must be included with Worksheet 5 in Appendix B detailing the provided volume at each BMP, including but not limited to the biofiltration areas and the infiltration basins, as well as the detention basins and vaults.

e. The use of the volume within the biofiltration areas toward credit for the required retention (infiltration) volume (Rev) should be reviewed with the Township. Additional information related to the drawdown period of the volume within the biofiltration area will need to be provided in order to properly analyze the design. Some bioretention areas are proposed to be constructed with a geosynthetic clay liner between the biofiltration backfill mix and the subsurface stone beds. Clarification must be provided regarding the dewatering process of the backfill mix during periods when evapotranspiration does not occur.

f. The proposed plans do not show volume compliance for a portion of the Trout Creek Watershed. Further details of proposed stormwater management facilities both onsite and offsite should be provided and/or discussed with the Township to address the proposed volume deficiency. Clarification must be provided if the PTC is proposing offsite stormwater controls in the Trout Creek Watershed. Proposed facilities were deficient and no offsite stormwater management facilities or controls were provided with the 10-24-12 plan submission for Trout Creek.
g. Section 20.B & C – Soils & Karst and/or Carbonate Geology. I recommend a meeting be held with the Township, PTC and the appropriate design professionals to review the soil testing, karst geology and the deep dynamic compaction procedures for the project, as well as submittal of geotechnical and geophysical data within the Karst and/or Carbonate Geology areas of the project.

i. It is recommended that a tabulation of the soil borings be added to the plan indicating, at the minimum, the boring number, the elevation of the test, elevation of the limiting zone (if applicable), elevation of the bottom of stormwater facility, any indication of karst geology, and any other pertinent notes.

ii. It is my understanding that the Township has received numerous inquiries from the residents surrounding Basin 2A regarding the karst geology in the vicinity of the basin. Upon consultation with the Township regarding the results of the existing borings, a geophysical survey of this area and other infiltration areas may be warranted, and should be provided with future plan resubmission for all stormwater facilities within the Karst/Carbonate portions of the project. These results should be summarized in a geotechnical report, and locations of testing shown at each stormwater management facility location.

iii. The Township has serious reservations regarding the infiltration capacity of the stormwater management facilities following the deep dynamic compaction process. General note number 12 on the Deep Dynamic Compaction Plans indicates that infiltration testing shall be completed following the compaction process. The plan should detail what steps can be taken if the soil no longer allows for infiltration or the rate is reduced from the design rate.

iv. It is recommended that procedures for monitoring the infiltration within the facilities, especially those where deep dynamic compaction is proposed, for an extended period, minimum of 2 years or period to be determined by the Township, be incorporated into the Operation and Maintenance requirements of the project.

v. It is recommended that a geotechnical engineer certification be added to the plan indicating the engineer’s professional opinion as to the suitability for infiltration as the various stormwater management facilities, and the rationale for those shown as detention and not suitable for infiltration.

vi. Submit full geotechnical report for the limits of the project, including but not limited to soils, boring, and geophysical data for all proposed stormwater management facility locations.

h. The PCSWM Report Appendix A includes a summary of the loading ratios for each infiltration facilities. The provided ratios exceed the ratios listed in Appendix B of the Township Ordinance for the impervious coverage, total area and impervious coverage in karst areas. These ratios should be reduced to meet the standards in Appendix B, or to the greatest extent feasible. Per Appendix B, if the loading ratios cannot be met, this must be reviewed with the Township Engineer, and the Turnpike will need to demonstrate reason for non-compliance, as well provide a statement on the plans signed by the design engineer and geotechnical engineer that
certifies stormwater management design and addresses risk for sinkhole or solution formation development.

i. The submitted construction details for all underground infiltration facilities must be revised to indicate additional design information for cleanouts and access ports for maintenance purposes.

j. The Township requests the design engineer evaluate the proposed stormwater management design in conjunction with the Township’s Trout Creek Watershed Study completed by Borton-Lawson and CH2M Hill (CD/DVD previously provided to STV, Turnpike’s Consultant Team, and copy enclosed with Township letter dated May 31, 2012). In particular, the post developed peak rate analysis and volume reduction should be reviewed to see how the timing of the release impacts the lower watershed, especially given that the proposed plans do not meet the volume control requirements in Section 20 of the Township Stormwater Management Ordinance. Within the Township Study, there are at least three different points of interest below the PA Turnpike property. Copies of the study and HEC-HMS model have and will be provided to the PTC design engineer.

9. **Section 21. Water Quality Requirements.**
   a. Additional information must be provided within the stormwater management report to indicate compliance with the Water Quality Volume (WQv) requirements of the Township Ordinance, this information was not provided in the October 2011 plan submission.

   b. Stream buffers shall be created at all perennial or intermittent streams within the project area. The buffer shall extend a minimum of ten (10) feet to either side of the top-of-bank of the channel. The buffer shall be maintained with appropriate native vegetation.

10. **Section 22. Stream Bank Erosion Requirements**
    - Further information shall be provided to demonstrate compliance with Section 22(A) and (B) for the 1-yr storm retention and release over a 24-hour period.

11. **Section 23. Stormwater Peak Rate Control and Management Standards.**
    a. Based upon my review of the Worksheet No. 4 Site Area Plan set (13 sheets), it appears the design for the Groundwater Recharge and Volume Control Standards per the requirements of Section 20 of the Township Ordinance appear to account for all disturbed areas within the PTC right-of-way and the disturbed off-site areas (stormwater management basins). The drainage area boundaries indicated on the Drainage Map for Routing Analysis do not appear to account for the additional runoff generated from the conversion of the wooded area to the lawn (clearing limits within the right-of-way). Clarification must be provided as whether these areas have been addressed in the design. Clarification should also be provided if it is anticipated that rock will be encountered for any of the proposed slope areas. If so, the ground cover assumptions should address this (exposed rock face).
b. As noted above, the calculations for the Groundwater Recharge and Volume Control Standards indicate the majority of the areas within the PTC right-of-way will be cleared of existing vegetation. As per discussions with the Township, this was not their understanding from the Round Table discussions. Clearing limits must be detailed on the plan and minimized to the greatest extent.

c. In order to properly evaluate the Peak Rate Control requirements, clarification must be provided for all watersheds to indicate which sub-watershed areas are used in the model for the establishment of the pre-developed peak rate of runoff to each point of interest. The Drainage Map for Routing Analysis – Existing Conditions indicate drainage areas that do not discharge to the point of interest. The Appendix C Watershed Map Area Summaries for the pre-developed condition include all sub-watershed areas even if they do not discharge to the point of interest. Due to complexity of the various modeling methods (Township, PA DEP, Actual), consideration should be given to separate the Pondpack reports in Appendix G. As submitted, I was unable to locate the pre-developed hydrograph which was used to determine the peak flow rate to each point of interest.

d. Time of concentration flow paths must be indicated on the drainage area plans for all watersheds.

e. An analysis of the sheet flow conditions for areas on the southside of the Turnpike must be provided to determine if the reduction in drainage area during the post developed condition reduces the flow more than the change in ground cover (woods to lawn) will increase the flow to the downstream property owners.

f. In order to properly evaluate the proposed level spreaders, design information must be included in the PCSWM report, including flow data. Construction details for the culvert pipe connections to the level spreader must also be provided.

g. Clarification must be provided regarding if the concrete vaults are to be installed completely level or a slight grade pitch toward the outlet structure (to avoid trapped water along the bottom and behind the baffles).

12. Section 25. Other Requirements.
   a. Emergency spillway calculations must be provided for all stormwater management facilities per Section 25.C.
   b. The plans should demonstrate adequate erosion and sediment protection be provided along all open channels and points of discharge per Section 25.H.
   c. Per Section 25.I, areas of discharge from basins or direct shall ensure adequate downstream conveyance capacity to ensure not to create or aggravate an existing stormwater drainage or flooding problem. This is especially important in smaller tributaries in the Valley Creek portion of the project, as well as the eastern tributary of Trout Creek between Richards Road and the Glenhardie Golf Course.

13. Section 26. Inspections. Notes must be added to the final construction plans detailing the requirements that the Township representatives shall inspect the construction of the stormwater management facilities and the contractor shall notify the Township Engineer
prior to the start of work. In addition, notes shall be added to the plan requiring a pre-

construction meeting be held with representatives of PADEP, CCCD, Tredyffrin Township

and/or its designee, and PTC staff and contractors / subcontractors prior to the start of any

construction. Notes on the plans shall provide provisions for full access by designated

Township staff and/or designee inspectors, as well as representatives of the CCCD and

PADEP, for the full duration of the construction, as well as a maintenance period

following completion of the project.

14. Section 28. Responsibilities for Operations and Maintenance of Stormwater Controls and

BMPs. An Operations and Maintenance Control Plan addressing the requirements of this

section must be prepared and submitted for review and approval. Upon approval, the plan

must be recorded at the offices of the Recorder of Deeds of Chester County. The O&M

plan shall be a stand-alone plan set / document detailing operation and maintenance

procedures for each BMP including the plan view and construction details for each facility.

The O&M Plan shall comply with the requirements of Section 28. Specific details must

include, but are not limited to, the responsible party and contact information, inspection

and maintenance frequency standards for all stormwater management facilities and

associated vegetated components of the project, as well as mowing frequency, plant

maintenance and replacement, weed control, amended soil aeration, mulching frequency,

and fence maintenance. Notes shall be added to the plans to comply with Section 28(B).4.

15. Section 31. Operation and Maintenance Agreement for Privately Owned Stormwater

Facilities. An O&M Agreement must be prepared and submitted to the Township for

review and approval. The O&M Agreement & Plan must clearly identify who is

responsible for the maintenance for all BMPs and stormwater conveyance systems within

the Turnpike lands, private easements, Township right-of-way and PennDOT right-of-way.

16. Section 32. Stormwater Management Easements. All required stormwater easements, per

Section 32, shall be identified on the plans, and a copy of those easements must be

provided to the Township prior to issuance of the permit.

17. Recording of an Approved Stormwater Control, BMP Operations and Maintenance Plan,

and Related Agreements. Section 33 requirements shall be noted on the PCSWM Plans

and recorded at the Chester County Recorder of Deeds Office, following final permit

approval.


a. Detailed notes must be indicated on the plans for the construction requirements of

the infiltration facilities per Section A.3 of the Appendix B.

b. It is recommended that a technical report be provided from the geotechnical

engineer summarizing the PCSWM Appendix D data and relevant information

from Section 20 and Section A.5 of Appendix B. The report should, at the

minimum, address the following initial concerns:

i. Depth of the karst geology.

ii. Sinkhole potential below the deep dynamic compaction impact area.

iii. Noise and vibration impacts of the deep dynamic compaction process for

surrounding residents.
iv. Impacts to the future infiltration capacity of the soil within the infiltration basins.

v. Geophysical Survey of proposed stormwater management facilities located within Karst and/or Carbonate Geology areas of the project.

c. Anti-seep collar design information must be submitted for review.

d. A minimum of one (1) foot of freeboard must be provided between the 100-year design flow in the emergency spillway and the top of berm.

e. Per Section E.12, drainage easements that allow legal access and maintenance vehicle access by Township personnel if the need arises shall be provided to the Township. Details for these easements should be reviewed with the Township.

   i. Landscape Plans shall be prepared by a professional Landscape Architect. The Landscape Architect seal must be added to the plans.

   ii. Proposed landscaping of the infiltration and bioretention basins consist of a variety of basin seed mixtures, plugs and shrubs. Generally the plant material specified for the facilities appear appropriate but a more detailed review of the material will be complete during future reviews. In order to fully evaluate the landscape design, final design information is required for the dewatering times of the infiltration and bioretention basins, to determine adequacy of the proposed vegetative plantings.

   iii. The locations of the plantings around the stormwater management facilities must be coordinated with the proposed storm sewer. Various shrubs and tree whips are planted over top of the storm sewers and inlets.

19. Preliminary sub-watershed specific review comments are provided below for each point of interest. Additional review comments are anticipated upon receipt of the additional design information requested in this letter.

   a. SR 0029 Slip Ramp connection. Based upon discussions with the design engineer, they have indicated that the increase in impervious coverage from the start of work at station 1057+00 to station 1065+50 is addressed as part of the SR 0029 Slip Ramp project that is currently under construction. Documentation regarding this must be included in the Post Construction Stormwater Management Plan report.

   b. Point of Interest RA
      i. Clarification must be provided for the sub-watershed area A-RA-6 (offsite area) discharging to POI RA. The western limits do not appear accurate.
      ii. Clarification regarding the grading along the shoulder between Station 1066+00 to 1068+00 right must be provided (swale or sheet flow condition).
      iii. Parking lot improvements for the future development of the area above Basin 1A-2 as indicated on sheet 24 of 98 should not be shown on the plan.
as they are not approved. Restoration details for the replacement of the existing gravel parking area should be provided.

iv. Existing contour elevations over Infiltration Basin 1A-2 must be labeled and proposed grades (as per this project) should be indicated on the plan to verify if adequate cover will exist over the bed.

v. Clarification should be provided if tree clearing is needed at Basin 1A-2.

vi. It appears that additional right-of-way for Howell Road is being obtained just north of the Turnpike. Howell Road is a Township roadway and the final disposition of this right-of-way should be reviewed with the Township.

vii. The 48” storm pipe that is located at approximate station 1076+50 is proposed to be diverted from the current location to POI RA (diverted around Basin 1A-2). This is located upslope of the current discharge location. An analysis of the downstream properties must be provided to indicate the ditch below POI RA can support this flow.

c. Point of Interest RB/RC

i. As previously reviewed with the Township, it is recommended that the design engineer evaluate the drainage area that is proposed to discharge to POI RB/RC and if feasible, divert runoff from this POI to POI RA, or provide additional Turnpike right-of-way stormwater facilities, or alternatives that would reduce the drainage area, and loading ratio of this POI.

ii. The plan must be revised to address any temporary grading requirements needed to construct the 48” storm pipe and the sound barrier/retaining wall within the steep embankment on the south side of the Turnpike between stations 1075+00 to 1084+00.

iii. A summary of the pre and post developed drainage area or flow to the point of interest for the 30” culvert at station 1095+50 must be provided to ensure there is no increase in flow to this point of interest.

iv. Clarification must be provided for the differences between the pre and post developed condition areas indicated on Worksheet No. 4 Site Area Plan. As indicated in the report, the post developed condition is 1.4-acres larger.

v. The existing culvert at station 1100+50 must be shown on the plan. This information appears to have been inadvertently turned off this plan.

vi. Basin 2A is proposed to discharge to the southside of Salem Way. Due to the significant increase in drainage area that is proposed to discharge at this point of interest, an analysis of the downstream impact properties must be provided.

vii. Clarification must be provided for limits of the proposed driveway to Basin 2A. It is unclear where the end of the driveway is located. Clarification is also requested whether the volume analysis and peak rate control analysis accounted for the impervious coverage of this proposed driveway.

viii. Culverts:

1. The existing 36” culvert at Station 1100+50 is proposed to discharge into a level spreader. Currently this pipe discharge outlets at a point discharge. Initially this change from a point discharge to a level spreader appears to be a positive modification but this should be
reviewed further with the Township to ensure no negative affects will occur due to this change.

2. The existing storm pipe at station 1105+45 is proposed to be hard piped through wetland F. This may have already been addressed by the Turnpike, and if so the plans should be updated to show the current proposed easement and storm sewer drainage configuration, and if not it should be reviewed with DEP as the removal of the base flow may negatively impact the wetland area.

3. The configuration of the proposed level spreader at the station 1109+50 culvert should be reviewed with the Township to minimize the affect on wetland G.

d. Point of Interest RD/RE
   i. A pre and post flow analysis for the level spreader / point discharge outlets must be provided for the outfall locations at approximate stations 1117+50, 1124+00, 1130+00, 1141+00. For the culvert at 1117+50, the change from the point discharge to a level spreader should be reviewed with the Township.
   ii. North Valley Road, including the state route number, must be labeled on drawing 32 and 33 of 98.
   iii. Clarification as to the point of interest must be provided for this watershed (adjacent to Basin 3A or downstream at the basin outlet pipe).
   iv. Within this sub-watershed area, the bio-retention basins do not meet the requirements for the Township Groundwater Recharge and Volume Control Standards. The Township volume control requirement is 84,641 cf. The proposed volume control is 55,321 cf. This proposed volume control is being provided via soil amendments. Calculations justifying this provided volume must be included in the report. The lack of volume control within the sub-watershed must be reviewed with the Township.

e. Point of Interest RF
   i. The channel / drainage swale downslope of POI RF must be analyzed to determine if it has adequate capacity for the discharge of Basin 4. The drainage area A-RF-9 which consists of 4.53 acres of land and portions of A-RF-7 had not previously discharged to the channel directly downslope of POI RF. A-RF-9 flowed in a sheet flow condition to an area below the POI. The net increase in area per the volume calculations for this watershed is 3.0 acres.
   ii. A pre and post flow analysis for discharge location at 1153+00 right must be provided.

f. Point of Interest RG
   i. Runoff to this point of interest is controlled via Underground Vault 5 (230’ x 20’ x 8.5’). Based upon the configuration of the Turnpike storm sewer conveyance system, the drainage area to this point of interest is proposed to decrease by 4.2-acres. No infiltration is proposed to occur within this watershed. Even with the decrease in area, the Township Groundwater
Recharge and Volume Control Standards are not met. This must be reviewed with the Township.

g. Point of Interest RH
   i. The loading ratios for Basins 6A and 6B are very high compared to the ratios per the Township Ordinance (39:1 and 26:1 for total area). The design engineer should evaluate the design and attempt to reduce the ratios to the greatest extent.
   ii. The design engineer should review the pre-developed drainage area A-RI-2. It appears portions of this area discharges to POI RH during the pre-developed condition.

h. Point of Interest RI
   i. A significant portion of the runoff from this watershed discharged to the channel / ditch between Main Street and Basin 7-1. The basin is proposed to discharge at the tributary to Valley Creek. The impacts to the upper reach of this tributary (above the point of conveyance) must be reviewed to ensure no negative effects from the flow adjustment.
   ii. Easement documentation must be provided for Basin 7-1 & 7-2 (Chesterbrook Masters Association).

i. Point of Interest RJ/RK
   i. Drainage plans and calculations must be revised so the drainage areas and subwatershed areas are consistently labeled (references to both RJ and RK).
   ii. Within this sub-watershed area, the bio-retention basins, vaults and infiltration basin do not meet the requirements for the Township Groundwater Recharge and Volume Control Standards. The Township volume control requirement is 119,509 cf. The proposed volume control is 76,978 cf. This proposed volume control is being provided an infiltration basin and the bioretention basins. The lack of volume control within the sub-watershed must be reviewed with the Township.
   iii. The outlet structure for Basin 8 should be reviewed in relationship to the grading to ensure adequate cover is located over the outlet pipe and the anti-seep collars.
   iv. The design engineer should verify the drainage area boundaries for Areas A-8-3 and A-Bio-8B2 indicated on the Drainage Map for Routing Analysis Proposed Condition.
   v. Improvements are proposed within the Valley Creek floodplain area including the stream crossing, grading and Basin 8B. A review of the floodplain impacts (H&H Study) will be completed in subsequent reviews. The PTC should identify and coordinate all necessary zoning approvals required for work within the floodplain area. The limits of the floodplain, existing and proposed, should be clearly identified on the PCSWM plans.

j. Point of Interest RL
   i. Stormwater management for this watershed consists of two concrete vaults and infiltration basin 10 (a modification to an existing offsite stormwater
management basin). Ownership and maintenance of this offsite basin must be detailed in the O&M documentation.

ii. Basin 10 is proposed to control offsite stormwater management due to the inability to provide volume control at the proposed vaults. Clarification should be provided if this basin is used to account for the peak rate control (compensatory).

iii. Additional design information is requested for Basin 10 including the following:
   1. Outlet structure detail (existing and proposed modifications, if any).
   2. Basin cross section (existing and proposed).
   3. A tabulation of the existing basin volume and the proposed basin volume.

iv. Clarification is requested for the following related to level spreader / infiltration trench LS-RL-1.
   1. Assuming the top of stone elevation is proposed to be level, proposed grading must be added to the plan (drawing 65 of 98). The elevation of the top grade of the stone should be labeled on the plan.
   2. The infiltration trench is proposed to be approximately four (4) feet deep adjacent to the Wilson Run tributary. The design engineer should review area to ensure the trench will not be within the seasonal high water table.

k. Point of Interest RM
   i. On drawing 75 of 98, clarification must be provided for the improvements shown at approximately Station 1294+50 left (data ghosted out).

l. Point of Interest RN
   i. As per the landscaping plans, it appears the rest stop parking area from Station 1297+00 right to 1306+00 is proposed to be removed and restored as a meadow area. The PCSWM plan (drawing 74 of 98) should note this information (asphalt removal).
   
   ii. Clarification regarding the 24” pipe at Station 1318+00 must be provided. It appears this is the outlet pipe for the existing detention basin which discharges to the north side of the Turnpike. Based upon the storm sewer layout, it appears this basin discharge is proposed to connect to the 30” pipe from the inlet at 1317+50 right and outlet into the Basin 12-1 forebay. Information on how this existing basin was modeled should be noted in the PCSWM report.
   
   iii. The existing contours at Basins 12-1 to 12-3 must be clearly identified on the plans. It is unclear as to the impacts of the earthen berm (sound barrier) on the drainage patterns from the offsite areas. It appears the berm may restrict the flow of water from the offsite area creating a point discharge of runoff onto Thomas Road.
   
   iv. Design information for the proposed work in Thomas Road must be provided (area south of Station 9+00 does not appear to be indicated in the PCSWM plan set). Township Roadway Opening Permits are required for work within the Township road cartway and/or right-of-way. Amount of
impact should be clearly identified on the plans and permits submitted to the Township.

v. An easement for the Detention Basin 14 outlet pipe appears to be required as it is partially outside the PTC right-of-way.

vi. Clarification related to the sanitary sewer located at approximate Station 1315+00 right must be provided. Fill is proposed to be installed in depths of excess of twenty (20) feet. The ownership and maintenance of the sewer main must be noted on the plans (PTC or Township). It is recommended that the condition of the main be evaluated prior to the placement of the fill to determine if the pipe should be replaced prior to the placement of the fill. The Turnpike should discuss the sanitary sewer line fill further with the Township Public Works Department.

vii. Discharge from Basin facility 12-4 should be clearly identified to indicate the end discharge location on the proposed plans to Trout Creek. Discharge is not shown on the 10-24-12 plan submission package, and has changed from previous Design roundtable plans.

m. Point of Interest RQ

i. Clarification should be provided on how access to Basins 15-1 and 15-1A will be provided for future maintenance.

ii. Specifications for the geomembrane should be noted on the construction details for Basins 15-1 and 15-1A (drawing 93 of 98).

iii. Channel capacity north of the existing Turnpike culvert on Trout Creek is a concern. Substantial debris is evident within the limits of the main channel between the Turnpike underpass and Richards Road which may affect discharge conveyance. The downstream channel capacity analysis should be performed below this POI.

20. Construction improvement plans that indicate the limits of roadway resurfacing for all Township owned roadways must be provided for review and approval.

21. Zoning Ordinance Section 208-15.1.H - Within the Flood Hazard District, all uses not allowed as permitted uses or authorized by grant of variance shall be prohibited. The following uses, when authorized as a conditional use, are subject to the general standards prescribed in §§ 208-105 and 208-117, provided that the applicant demonstrates to the reasonable satisfaction of the Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors that the grant thereof will not result in increasing the elevation of the one-hundred-year flood. No conditional use may be granted within the floodway if any increase in the one-hundred-year flood elevations would result.

1. Permeable improved parking areas and roads to serve other permitted uses in the Flood Hazard District or where required by the regulations for any contiguous district.

2. Roads, bridges and utility transmission lines.

3. A change in grade by either cut or fill, or a combination of both, may be permitted as a conditional use, but only upon the following conditions:

   a. The effect is not to alter the cross-sectional area of the profile of the floodplain.
   b. The effect is not to increase the elevation of the one-hundred-year flood.
   c. The effect is not to increase the runoff characteristics of the area disturbed.
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The PTC should review the proposed impacts to the Flood Hazard District with the
Township to determine the required zoning relief necessary.

If you should have any questions or require any additional information, please feel free to contact me.

Very truly yours,
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