

3.12 UTILITIES COMMENTS AND RESPONSES

Comment 3.12-1 (Letter 22, Allen Elliott, May 18, 2005): What about the sewers? We on Jennifer Court have had sewer pipes in the street for over 30 years and are still not connected, even when a new pipeline is laid along Route 6, just two blocks away. The Town of Yorktown should be more responsive to our requests for sewers.

***Response 3.12-1:** The availability of water and sewer service in this part of the Town make this an appropriate location for housing development. Site generated sewage would be collected and conveyed to the Westchester County Peekskill treatment plant via a new extension to the sewer district in the area. The project proposal includes extension of sanitary sewer service to the site via Gay Ridge Road as well as connections for 66 existing area homes and a church now served by dry (nonfunctioning) sewers. The proposed sewer district is shown in FEIS Figure 1-2.*

Comment 3.12-2 (Letter 5, William and Laura Fox, May 20, 2005): Water pressure will be greatly affected by the proposed project.

***Response 3.12-2:** The proposed residences will be served by an extension of the existing public water supply system and not by individual wells. No impacts to water pressure in the surrounding area were projected in the DEIS, nor any draw on the local groundwater aquifer. Furthermore, the proposed project has been reduced in size and now includes 18 percent fewer residences than the DEIS plan, with a similar reduction in the amount of water demand by the project.*

Comment 3.12-3 (Letter 16, Alice Kiely, May 22, 2005): Sewer issues associated with the capacity of the Peekskill Plant need to be considered.

***Response 3.12-3:** The proposed residences are not expected to overburden the capacity of the area's sewers. As stated in the DEIS, existing treatment facilities are expected to have ample capacity to accommodate sewage generated by the proposed new residences. Furthermore, the proposed project has been reduced in size and now includes 18 percent fewer residences than the layout described in the DEIS, with a similar reduction in the amount of sewage generated by the project site once the new homes are completed and fully occupied.*

Comment 3.12-4 (Letter 18, Marie and Richard Panella, May 22, 2005; Letter 9, Ottavio and Margaret Saraceno): An increase in water pressure on an already very high water table will affect area residents who rely on septic systems that in some cases are over 30 years old.

***Response 3.12-4:** The proposed project is not expected to cause any significant change in groundwater conditions in the surrounding area. Further, the proposed plan to connect 67 existing facilities in the site area to the municipal sewer system would eliminate reliance on existing septic systems at these facilities.*