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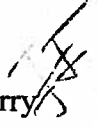
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MEMORANDUM

TO: All House Members

FROM: Representative Frank Farry 

DATE: October 21, 2011

SUBJECT: Cosponsorship of Legislation – Wastewater Processing Cooperative Planning

In the near future, I plan to introduce legislation amending the Municipalities Planning Code (MPC) to address a concern brought to my attention by local water and sewer authorities (wastewater systems). Because current law is unclear as to who has the responsibility for notification of local wastewater systems when new construction or development is approved, it is impossible for these systems to adequately plan for increased flow to their treatment plants and to avoid overflow situations.

My legislation will amend the MPC to add a new Article XI-A (Wastewater Processing Cooperative Planning). Under this new Article, applicants for approval of a development or planned residential development or for a waiver of land development under the MPC and applicants for construction permits under the Construction Code Act will be required to notify the local wastewater system of their application. The wastewater system will then be given 30 days within which to review the application and to notify both the applicant and the municipality about the expected impact of the application on the current wastewater system. The notification must include an indication of whether the application is in compliance with requirements of the wastewater system and, if it is not in compliance, the municipality may not approve the application until the wastewater system indicates the application is in compliance. Specific criteria for completion of the review by the wastewater system are included in the bill.

If you would like to join me in sponsoring this bill, please contact Dawn Pelletier at 260-6140 or via email at dpelleti@pahousegop.com.