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## **Public Workshop on the Long-Range Planning for the Wastewater Treatment Plant**

Dear Valued Customers,

The service, safety, and reliability of our wastewater treatment plant continues to be a high priority for the Lewes Board of Public Works. To assist the BPW in its ongoing review of the plant's performance and long-term sustainability, the Board of Directors recently decided to pursue an evaluation of a long-range plan for the wastewater treatment plant's future needs.

During recent discussions with the Sussex County engineer related to the BPW's and Sussex County's mutual wastewater demands, the possibility of the BPW and Sussex County working together to meet our respective needs was raised.

While on the surface this possibility appears to bring forward an opportunity to significantly reduce the BPW's future long-term capital costs concerning sustainability of the wastewater treatment plant, especially compared to other potential options, the details will be very important in determining whether this is a viable option.

For this important reason, at this time, this is only being raised for public discussion and public input; no agreements have been prepared or signed, and no detailed planning or design has been completed. Instead, the BPW has scheduled a presentation and public discussion on what this type of coordination could look like aimed at gathering public input on this important topic. This discussion has been scheduled for March 31 at 6:00 PM at the Margaret Rollins Community Center.

The Board realizes that the public will have many questions, comments, and potential concerns on this option. We have questions ourselves that must be vetted before this proves to be a viable path to consider. Ultimately, public input will be an important factor in the BPW's consideration of this possibility. We hope you are able to join us.

Lewes Board of Public Works,

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