



***Rapho Township***  
***971 N. Colebrook Road***  
***Manheim, PA 17545-9680***

March 24, 2023

Rapho Township Property Owner

Rapho Township has been directed by the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) to begin gathering information regarding sewage disposal conditions along the Lebanon Road corridor between Manheim Borough and the Rapho Township/Lebanon County Line (the Study Area). This information will be used by the Township to update the Township's Pennsylvania Sewage Facilities Plan (Act 537 Plan), as required by DEP.

As a first step in gathering the information necessary for our study, we are required to collect a water sample and visually observe septic systems within the study area. The water sample will be tested for nitrates and bacteria that may be present. Sampling will be completed by representatives of RETTEW Associates, the Township's Engineer. Please contact RETTEW to schedule a sample date. These individuals will have picture identification tags indicating that they are indeed with RETTEW. When they arrive, they will explain the purpose of the sampling again and will answer questions that you may have. You will receive a copy of the test results, and **there will be no cost to you for this testing.**

We ask that you complete the enclosed Sewage Needs Survey to the best of your ability. For our survey to be considered valid and useable by state regulatory agencies, we need to receive responses from all property owners in the Study Area. Therefore, your response is very important to the success of the planning process. You can either complete your survey and return it to Rapho Township or go to the Rapho Township website and download the digital form (<https://www.raphotownship.com/>).

We thank you in advance for your cooperation in allowing this sampling to be completed and the Sewage Needs Surveys to be provided to the Township Engineer. If you have any questions concerning any of the above information, please feel free to call our Township Engineer representative, Susan Phillips of RETTEW Associates, at (717) 394-3721 x2005, at your convenience.

Sincerely,



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