

**FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION**

**ACTION ITEMS**

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**1. Lehigh County Authority Suburban SCADA System Improvements – June 28, 2021**

This project focuses on having a consultant provide an engineering document that will allow LCA to build two bid documents, one for equipment and installation and one for programming and commissioning. The document will include, but not limited to a current status report of each station, future state recommendations, drawings and specifications. The consultant will also provide bidding assistance by attending pre-bid meetings, answering bidder questions and assistance of bid review. This project will be funded from the LCA Suburban Division and board approval will be requested in the June 28<sup>th</sup>, 2021 board meeting.

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**1. Recently Purchased Investments – Certificates of Deposit (CDs)**

2-Jun-21						
Fund	Bank	Location	Gross Amount	Date of Purchase	Date Due	Net Rate %
WW Capac	The Washington Trust Company of Westerly	Westerly, RI	245,000.00	4/21/21	5/21/23	0.150

Cons Wtr (2)	Consolidated Water (2)
LLRI CR	Little Lehigh Relief Interceptor Capital Reserves
Cons LL2 (314)	Consolidated Little Lehigh Relief Interceptor 2
WW Capac	Wastewater Capacity
2010 Wtr Cons A	2010 Water Construction, Series A Bond
Wtr R&R	Renewal and Replacement

**Developments**

Water system construction is occurring in the following developments:

- 1047 Cetronia Road, 8-unit apartment building, UMT
- 5420 Crackersport Road, 1 commercial lot, UMT
- 8323/8449 Congdon Hill Drive, 2 industrial lots with warehouses, LMT
- 8615/8783 Congdon Hill Drive, 2 industrial lots with warehouses, LMT
- Fields at Indian Creek, Phases 4 & 5, 86 residential units (sfd), water and sewer, UMiIT & Emmaus
- Kohler Tract, 123 residential lots (sfa), water and sewer, UMiIT
- Hidden Meadows, Phase 2, 86 townhouse units (sfa), UMT
- Lehigh Hills, Lot 5 Phase 2, 240 residential units (sfd.), UMT
- Lehigh Hills Townhouses, 24 townhouse units (sfa), UMT
- Shepherds Corner, 1 commercial lot, LMT

Water system plans are being reviewed for the following developments:

- 749 Route 100, 1 industrial lot with warehouse, UMT
- 5329-5347-5357 Hamilton Blvd., 1 commercial lot, LMT
- ABE Doors & Windows Redevelopment, 1 commercial lot, LMT

ATAS International, 1 industrial lot, UMT  
Estates at Maple Ridge, 30 residential units (sfd), UMiIT  
Laurel Field, Phase 5, 25 townhouses, UMT  
Madison Village at Penn's View, 66 manufactured homes, 1 lot, water and sewer, LynnT  
Mertztown Residential Subdivision, 264 sf units & 136 townhouse units, LMT  
Mosser Road Subdivision, 10 sf units, UMT - New  
Mountain View Estates, 27 residential units (sfd), LMT  
Parkland Crossing (formerly 1224 Weilers Rd Twins), 144 townhouse units, UMT  
Ridings at Parkland – Phase 2, 38 residential units (sfd), NWT  
Sauerkraut Lane Extension – Roadway & water line extension, LMT - New  
Self-Storage Facility – Cedarbrook Road – 1 Commercial Lot, LMT - New  
Schoeneck Road, Lot 1, 1 lot warehouse, LMT  
Sheetz – Cetronia Road, 1 commercial lot, UMT  
The Annex at Fields at Indian Creek, 22 S.F. residential units, Emmaus Borough  
Towneplace Suites by Marriott, 91-room hotel, UMT  
West Hills Business Center-Bldg H – 1 Commercial Lot, Weisenberg T

Sewage Facilities Planning Modules Reviewed in Prior Month:

4724 Hoffman Drive, Whitehall, 215 gpd.  
Iacocca Home, LMT, 223 gpd.  
Allentown Industrial, Allentown, 5,198 gpd.

## WATER

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1. **Allentown Division – Water Filtration Plant: High Lift Pump VFD Replacements**

The High Service Pumping System (HSPS) at the WFP is the primary means of conveying treated water into the distribution system. The HSPS has experienced regular failures from aging electrical components in recent years. The July 2017 Allentown Water Master Plan categorizes the pump variable frequency drives (VFDs) in very poor condition and notes that the VFDs are no longer supported by the manufacturer. This project will replace two of the existing VFDs and add a third VFD to the constant speed pump. Design phase was completed in late 2020. Capital Works' submitted a funding application and supporting documentation to PennVEST in early November 2020. The application for funding was approved at the 1/20/21 PennVEST meeting, and the construction bids were opened on 3/8/21. The board authorized award of construction phase contracts at the 3/22/21 board meeting. Per 5/20/21 letter from PennVEST, consent has been granted to proceed with construction prior to PennVEST loan closing, which will follow completions of construction in 2022. Notices to Proceed have been issued to the two contractors.

2. **Suburban Division – Upper Milford-CLD Interconnection Project (Kohler Tract)**

The project features the installation of a new booster pumping station and water main extension to interconnect the Central Lehigh Division (CLD) with the Upper Milford Division (UMD) allowing the abandonment of the UMD water supply facilities, and to provide water service to the proposed 123-lot Kohler Tract subdivision in Upper Milford Township. Costs are being shared between the LCA Suburban Division and the developer of the Kohler Tract (Jasper Ridge). Pumping station bids were opened on 4/25/19. Board approval for the construction phase of the project was granted at the 5/13/19 meeting and a preconstruction meeting was held on 6/25/19. The NPDES permit was issued on 3/9/20 and a premobilization teleconference was held on 3/19/20. As of April 2021, construction is more than 96% complete. The contractors are addressing the remaining punch list items. The station went on-line on 11/19/20. **(No Change)**

3. **Suburban Division – Watershed Monitoring Program**

The project involves construction of a surface water flow-monitoring network for the Little Lehigh Creek. The work is in response to the Watershed Monitoring Plan that was developed and reported to LCA by AI Guiseppe (SSM, Inc.) in 2017. Two project updates meetings have been scheduled: 5/25/21 with AI Guiseppe from Spotts, Stevens and McCoy, and 6/8/21 with Maria Stuckey of USGS. Further updates will be provided after those meetings.

4. **Suburban Division – Buss Acres Pump Station Replacement Construction**

The project consists of the consolidation and replacement of two well stations with a single new pump station and a new water storage tank to replace two antiquated hydropneumatic pump stations. The new station will be a variable frequency drive controlled double pumping system with full SCADA control. The design will include radon reduction elements and also accommodate the future installation of additional radon removal equipment, to be implemented upon DEP's mandate of a regulatory limit. The project is in construction phase. The Notice to Proceed was issued to the contractors on 9/24/19. Construction began in February 2020 and is approximately 90% complete. Equipment delivery delays from the pre-cast building manufacturer have slowed the progress of this project. Substantial completion is anticipated to be in June 2021, with start-up operations scheduled for May and June 2021. **(No Change)**

5. **Suburban Division – Water Meter Reading Equipment Upgrade**

LCA's capital program includes the replacement of 20,000 transceiver units, and 10,000 units will be replaced 2019 with the remaining to be replaced in 2020 under separate authorization. The new units have a 20-year battery life and are compatible with the new meter reading software purchased in 2017. This project will replace 100% of the remaining old style radio units over a two-year period. Construction phase services for the first round of 10,000 units was approved at the 5/13/19 Board meeting. Construction began in July 2019 and a change order was issued to the contractor for the installation of the remaining transceiver units that were originally scheduled for replacement in 2020, in order to expedite the completion of the work under the program and take advantage of favorable contract unit pricing. The project is in final closeout. **(No Change)**

6. **Suburban Division - Additional (Redundant) Water Supply - Small Satellite Divisions**

This Project focuses on the development of an additional well for the Madison Park North (MPN) system per DEP guidelines to have a backup source of water supply. An agreement is in place with an adjoining property owner to MPN to drill a test well on their property. The "step drawdown test" was performed on 3/26/19 and indicated that the test well is a viable backup source to Well 1. A Pre-Drilling and Aquifer Test Plan was approved by DEP in late September of 2019. Authorization was granted at the June 22 Board meeting for aquifer testing of the proposed well as per the combined Pre-Drilling and Aquifer Test Plan. Well testing was performed in August in coordination with LCA's engineer. Testing was halted upon discovery of a water bearing zone blocked by casing pipe grouting. A second test well location has been identified on the same property and well drilling has been completed with positive results. Test Well 2 is more productive than the existing source for the system (Well 1). A sustained aquifer test of Well 2 was performed in March; however, an unpredicted heavy rainfall event invalidated the test. Another aquifer test will be completed as soon as hydrogeologic conditions are favorable, with DEP permitting to follow. **(No Change)**

7. **Allentown Division – 36" DI Water Main Condition Assessment**

Water distribution system consultant Gannett Fleming, Inc is working with Pure Technologies to develop a condition assessment project focusing on the 36" ductile iron transmission line that feeds the north end of Allentown and Huckleberry Ridge Reservoir. This line has had two recent major failures and it would be beneficial to determine if there is a root cause for these failures that can be corrected to prevent further damage and water loss. The work was performed on December 14-15, 2020. A draft report is in-hand and LCA is working with the contractor towards finalization.

8. **Suburban Division – Fixed Base Meter Reading Stations**

The project focuses on securing land development and zoning approvals to construct eight fixed base water meter reading stations located throughout the Suburban Division water service area. The land development and zoning approvals will allow for the future construction of the stations as part a program to transition to a centralized advanced metering infrastructure system which will provide more consistent, timely and accurate billing to the customers. Capital Works is going to conduct additional investigatory work to refine construction costs and identify all zoning restrictions and limitations with the prospective tower sites, and present that information to the Board at a future date.

9. **Allentown Division – Water Main Replacement Program Cycle 5**

The project is for the annual replacement of aged and/or failing cast iron water mains in multiple locations throughout the City, in accordance with the new amended lease requirements (one mile per year), based on the design engineer's risk prioritization protocol. The design engineer (Gannett Fleming) halted work on Cycle 5 in 2019 following City Compliance office acceptance

of the Cycle 5 main replacement prioritization, pending available funding. LCA restarted Cycle 5 design phase for construction in 2021 of a water main replacement project. As of November 2020, LCA began the process of negotiations for cost sharing agreement with the City for road surface restoration. In December 2020 LCA formally submitted the substantially complete plans and specifications to the City for approval, and City comments were reviewed on January 19, 2021. The project was advertised for bid on March 1, 2021, pre-bid meeting was held on March 17, 2021, and bids opened on March 31, 2021. The Board authorized bid award and approval for the construction phase of this project at the April 12, 2021 LCA Board meeting. It is anticipated that construction will begin mid to late June 2021.

10. **Allentown Division – Water Filtration Plant: 2021 Indenture Upgrades – Construction Phase Authorization**

As a condition of the financing of LCA's up-front concession payment to the City, LCA entered into a Trust Indenture with the Manufacturers and Traders Trust Company that requires the preparation of an annual Consulting Engineer's Report (Report). The Report, which is prepared each year by Arcadis, documents the condition of the water and wastewater facilities (KIWWTP and WFP) based on physical inspections by the engineer, identifies repairs and upgrades required, and reflects progress made in addressing deficiencies. This project consists of addressing structural deficiencies at the Water Filtration Plant, with work located at various concrete structures in exterior areas. D'Huy Engineering completed design in February 2021, the project was advertised for bid in late March 2021, and bids were opened on April 22, 2021. Award of bids and construction phase authorization was approved at the May 10, 2021 LCA Board meeting.

11. **Suburban Division – Arcadia West Water Storage Tank Replacement - Construction Phase Authorization**

The Arcadia West water storage tank has had several leaks in recent years and the coating system has reached the end of its useful life. A condition assessment study was done in 2019 which determined that the most cost-effective solution is to replace the aging tank with a new concrete tank. This project is for the replacement of the existing steel tank with a new tank of the same size, demolition of the existing tank, and miscellaneous yard piping and site work. Entech Engineering completed design in March 2021, the project was advertised for bid in late March 2021, and bids were opened on April 22, 2021. A Notice of Award was issued to the contractor following approval at the May 10, 2021 LCA Board meeting.

## WASTEWATER

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### DISCUSSION ITEMS

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1. **Kline's Island Sewer System – Interim Act 537 Plan & Trexlertown Upgrade Project Update – June 28, 2021**

Following several months of discussion with the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (PA-DEP), all municipalities flowing into the Kline's Island Wastewater Treatment Plant submitted an Interim Act 537 Plan ("Interim Plan") on September 4, 2020. This Interim Plan primarily consisted of projecting new connections to the regional sewer system from 2021 through 2025 and outlining steps to be taken during this timeframe to prepare a long-term Regional Act 537 Plan ("Regional Plan"). At the June 28, 2021 Board meeting, LCA staff will provide an update on the status of the Interim Plan, ongoing work on the Regional Plan, and review current plans and approaches for addressing needs in the Trexlertown area of the system that is slated for upgrade prior to submission of the Regional Plan to PA-DEP in 2025.

### INFORMATION ITEMS

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1. **Allentown Division – Kline's Island WWTP: Phase 1 AO Design Improvements**

This project includes the design of the AO improvements at the wastewater treatment plant. This conceptual design concept was approved by the City and the relevant final deliverables were received by LCA. The City then directed LCA to proceed with the final design of improvements related to the blending alternative. Board approval for the Professional Services Authorization with Kleinfelder East, Inc. was granted at the September 11, 2017 Board Meeting. The project is identified as Administrative Order Work and will be funded by the City. The 30% design drawings and specifications have been received. The City directed to "pause" the design phase of the project. The City has now directed LCA to keep this project on indefinite hold. **(No Change)**

2. **Allentown Division – Kline's Island WWTP: Max Monthly Flow Capacity Evaluation**

DEP has noted that the KIWWTP has been performing at a high level and meeting its permitted effluent quality limits during a period of prolonged wet weather since early 2018. This study will provide the basis for confirming the plant's maximum monthly average that can be sustained during prolonged periods of wet weather – while remaining in full compliance with effluent quality requirements of the plant's permit. Approval of the study was granted at the 8/26/19 Board Meeting. The study was completed in mid-October 2019 and a Part II Permit was sent to DEP on 10/18/19. The permit was resubmitted in late January 2021 (without formal action yet taken by DEP on the Interim Act 537 Plan - submitted in September 2020). This project is considered an AO expense under terms of the Lease and is City funded. **(No Change)**

3. **Allentown Division – Lehigh Street (Rte. 145) Water and Sewer Main Relocation Project**

As part of the Pennsylvania Rapid Bridge Replacement Program, the proposed replacement of the Lehigh Street Bridge near the intersection with MLK Boulevard has required the relocation of existing City water and sewer lines that are located within the PennDOT right of way. Because the bridge is owned by Lehigh County and not the Commonwealth, the normal PennDOT relocation reimbursement schedules do not apply. Therefore, the County and LCA have executed an agreement on cost reimbursement on similar terms. LCA's engineer is working on behalf of LCA on a final sewer relocation design that minimizes the extent of the relocation. There will be less water infrastructure relocation work required since the existing water main is attached under the bridge and will be reattached after the new bridge is constructed. Construction will commence in 2021. **(No Change)**

4. **Kline's Island Sewer System – Regional Sewer Capacity & Wet-Weather Planning – Interim Act 537 Plan Preparation**

Following several months of discussion with the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (PA-DEP), all municipalities flowing into the Kline's Island Wastewater Treatment Plan have agreed to complete an Interim Act 537 Plan ("Interim Plan") by September 2020. This Interim Plan will primarily consist of projecting new connections to the regional sewer system from 2021 through 2025 and outlining steps to be taken during this timeframe to prepare a full Regional (Long-Term) Act 537 Plan ("Regional Plan"). This two-step planning process has been developed to allow all municipalities to work cooperatively toward a Regional Plan to meet future sewer capacity needs of the region, and to provide proper regulatory oversight and control of new connections to the system while the Interim Plan is in force from 2021 to 2025. To begin the process of compiling the Interim Plan, a consulting engineer has been preliminarily retained, and approval of their full Professional Service proposal was granted at the February 10, 2020 Board meeting. Costs associated with the development of the Interim Plan will be paid by the City of Allentown and reimbursed through existing intermunicipal agreements and by City customers through the use of the Administrative Order Fee. As of late August 2020, the Interim 537 Draft was 100% completed and was delivered to sixteen planning commissions on 3/16/2020. Planning commission meetings occurred with public advertisement opening on 6/10/20 and closing on 7/10/20. Municipal resolution adoptions occurred in August and the Plan was delivered to DEP on 9/4/20. In late January 2021, DEP requested an additional 60 days to review the Interim Act 537. As of late May 2021, verbal responses from DEP have been received and the Plan was resubmitted. The KISS Region is proceeding on schedule with its commitments as outlined in the Plan.

5. **Kline's Island Sewer System – Regional Sewer Capacity & Wet-Weather Planning – Sewage Billing Meter QA/QC Data Analytics and 2021 Flow Metering Preparation**

As part of the Interim Act 537 Plan, the municipalities served by the Kline's Island Sewer System have committed to completing a flow metering and modeling project beginning in 2021. The flow metering data will be used to prepare modeling and identify the capital improvements needed to meet the future sewage capacity needs of the region through 2050. The flow metering will include a mix of temporary meters and the existing sewage billing meters. Data delivery and storage procedures, quality assurance, and flow analytics were implemented in 2020 for these sewage billing meters. Without this meter development program, the data cannot be used from these billing meters. A consulting engineer's professional service proposal was granted at the April 27, 2020 Board meeting. Costs associated with the development of the QA/QC data analytics and the 2021 flow metering preparation will be paid by the City of Allentown and reimbursed through existing intermunicipal agreements and by City customers through the use of the Administrative Order Fee. As of late May 2021, the flow metering program continues to utilize 22 existing sewer billing meters.

6. **Regional Act 537 Plan Alternatives Analysis: Pretreatment Plant Upgrade Option**

To begin the process of developing the long-term Regional Act 537 Plan, the evaluation of the LCA Pretreatment Plant Alternatives was identified as an immediate need to assist with completing the full alternatives analysis to be completed within the next five years. The alternative to upgrade the Pretreatment Plant to full treatment was previously evaluated in the 2011-2016 timeframe. Additional study is required to fully evaluate the facility's capacity to treat current and future dry-day, wet-weather, and peak flows. To complete this evaluation, LCA staff has received proposals for two engineering firms that will serve in Program Manager and Technical Lead roles. The Program Manager will oversee all alternatives being evaluated at both the Pretreatment Plant and Kline's Island Wastewater Treatment Plan in Allentown as the Act 537 Plan is being developed. The Technical Lead will provide specific engineering and treatment plant modeling services to support evaluation of the Pretreatment Plant alternatives. Board

approval for these professional services authorizations was granted at the 8/24/2020 meeting. Final reports are expected by June 2021. **(No change)**

7. **Suburban Division – Western Lehigh Service Area: 2020 Flow Metering Program**

Future flow metering work is anticipated over the next several years for both the Western Lehigh service area as well as the entire regional Kline's Island Sewer System. In 2020, the Western Lehigh group will conduct flow metering for a period of eight months to gather additional data on inflow and infiltration and the impact of prior rehabilitation work. It is anticipated that more extensive flow metering will be required in 2021 and 2022 to develop a Regional Plan. Approval of a Professional Services Authorization and three-year contract with Flow Assessment Services was granted at the February 10, 2020 Board meeting. On February 10, 2020, the Board approved a Professional Services Authorization for Arcadis to provide quality assurance and data analysis services for the 2020 flow monitoring program. As of late May 2021, the main tasks are completed and the Rain Derived I&I (RDII) analysis discussions have occurred with the LCA Partners.

8. **Suburban Division – Western Lehigh Service Area: 2020 Sewer Modeling**

The Western Lehigh Sewer Partnership (WLSP) hydraulic model has been calibrated using 2019 flow meter and rainfall data and is available to support long-term Act 537 planning for the Western Lehigh Interceptor (WLI). Five separate modeling tasks will be performed in order to facilitate broader Kline's Island Sewer System (KISS) planning need discussions. The results of this 2020 modeling will help to inform further future modeling decisions and alternative analyses that will occur during the full KISS model calibration period in 2022. A consulting engineer has been retained and full authorization was granted at the 5/11/2020 Board meeting. A presentation was presented to the Board at the 8/10/20 Board Meeting. Various modeling alternatives are still ongoing and the full model results will be available by the third quarter of 2021. The project is funded by the LCA Suburban Division.

9. **Suburban Division – Park Pump Station Force Main Rehabilitation**

The Park Pump Station and Force Main line were constructed in 1980 to provide wet weather relief to the Little Lehigh Creek Interceptor, which conveys wastewater from ten municipalities from outlying areas to the Kline's Island Wastewater Treatment Plant (KIWWTP). The force main consists of 8,715 linear feet of prestressed concrete cylinder pipe (PCCP) of various sizes (2,615' of 24"; 2,695' of 30"; and 3,405' of 36") and connects with the 54" sanitary sewer interceptor that runs to KIWWTP. PCCP is particularly sensitive to deterioration due to hydrogen sulfide gas from wastewater, and corrosion of exposed reinforcing steel can result in structural degradation and pipe failure. An internal investigation of the pipe is required to assess the condition of the PCCP pipe and identify damage areas, in order to determine the locations and extent of rehabilitation needed to restore the level of service, prolong service life, and mitigate the risk of failure. LCA will conduct a limited manned inspection (tentatively Q2 of 2021) of the force main pipe at 5 air release valve (ARV) locations, 100 feet in both directions from the ARV manhole, which will be used as the initial evaluation of the representative condition of the pipe. Three, one-day trial runs (on a Saturday) were completed in Q4 of 2020 to verify the amount of time available to keep Park Pump Station offline. Full scale evaluations were done on April 10, 2021. A draft report is in-hand and LCA staff is currently working with our consultant to finalize the report.

10. **Suburban Division – Wynnewood WWTP Upgrade Project**

Wynnewood Terrace WWTP was constructed in 1980 by the developer to serve the Wynnewood Terrace subdivision, located in the Laury's Station area in North Whitehall Township. Sewer service is provided to approximately 217 residential and 2 commercial



properties. LCA acquired the system in 2003. The plant, while meeting effluent limits, has reached the end of its useful life with respect to corroded structural steel tanks and outdated mechanical equipment and is to be replaced with this project. The new facility shall meet the effluent limits criteria established in the DEP and DRBC permits, including new or additional limits that may be imposed during the permitting process. Design phase was authorized in February 2017 and was concluded in late Summer 2018. The DEP Part 2 Water Quality Management Permit was received in March 2018. The project was advertised for bid in August 2018, bids were opened in September 2018, and bids were authorized for award at the October 22, 2018 Board meeting. Construction work mobilized in early 2019 and was substantially completed in October 2020, with testing, start-up and training tasks completed. Construction is approximately 99% complete as of November 2020. Outstanding work consists of final restoration and addressing final punchlist items. **(No Change)**

11. **Suburban Division - Lynn Township Corrective Action Plan**

Excessive inflow and infiltration (I&I) and high wet-weather flows into the Lynn Township sewer system has been ongoing and increasingly challenging to address. As noted in LCA's monthly operations reports, treatment plant bypasses and sanitary sewer overflows have occurred in this system and must be addressed. On 6/4/19 a meeting was held with DEP, Lynn Township and LCA representatives as a result of a hydraulic overload at the wastewater treatment plant, based on 2018 Chapter 94 Report monthly plant flows. At the meeting, DEP directed LCA to submit an amendment to the pre-existing Corrective Action Plan (originally submitted by Lynn Township Sewer Authority) to include an updated system condition assessment and an outline of steps to be taken to mitigate I/I flows and maintain NPDES permit compliance. The Corrective Action Plan (CAP) includes structural and non-structural initiatives and involves coordination with the host municipality. The framework for the CAP was shared with the Board in February 2019. A meeting was held at Lynn Township with DEP in June 2019 to discuss the Lynn Township CAP and Township sewer planning/growth issues, and DEP directed LCA to submit a CAP Amendment by the end of summer 2019. The CAP Amendment contained an updated sewer system condition assessment and a corrective plan to further mitigate I/I flows. Updated CCTV work of the entire system was substantially completed in August 2019, and the inspection data was summarized in the CAP Amendment and is being used to scope a capital repair project. The Lynn Township Board of Supervisors adopted a sewer system rules and regulations ordinance on 9/12/19, which gives LCA the authority to inspect private laterals and facilities for illegal connections and perform follow-up enforcement. A meeting with DEP and Lynn Township representatives was held on 1/15/20 to discuss the CAP Amendment and plan moving forward. DEP sent a letter to LCA dated 6/8/20 granting 55 EDUs of sewer allocation relief for new connections to the system. **(No Change)**

12. **Suburban Division - Heidelberg Heights Corrective Action Plan**

On 2/11/19, DEP submitted a notice of violation to LCA regarding bypasses and permit exceedances at the Heidelberg Heights wastewater treatment plant. As discussed with the LCA Board during several meetings in 2018, this small satellite system has been challenged by high groundwater levels and significant infiltration and inflow (I&I) of clear water into the sewer system during rain events. LCA staff met with DEP officials on March 6, 2019 to discuss the problems and, as a result, LCA prepared a comprehensive Corrective Action Plan (CAP) and submitted DEP on 5/5/19. A draft of the plan was attached for Board review at the 4/22/19 Board meeting. The final CAP was submitted to DEP on 4/29/19. The Heidelberg Heights Board of Supervisors approved the advertisement for adoption of a sewer system rules and regulations ordinance on 9/19/19, which gives LCA the authority to inspect private laterals and facilities for illegal connections and perform follow-up enforcement. The ordinance was adopted by the township the in October 2019. A Consent Order & Agreement (CO&A) was drafted by DEP and sent to LCA in May 2020, which incorporates the projects and

schedule outlined in LCA's proposed CAP. The final CAP was adopted by resolution by the LCA board at the 6/22/20 meeting. The annual CAP report was submitted to DEP per Contact Order and Agreement requirements in late March 2021. **(No Change)**

**13. Suburban Division – Sand Spring WWTP Upgrade Project Construction**

The Sand Spring WWTP was constructed in 1972 by the developer to serve the Sand Spring development, located in the Schnecksville area in North Whitehall Township. Sewer service is provided to approximately 248 apartment units, 8 commercial properties, and an elementary school. Lehigh County Authority (LCA) acquired the system in 2005.

The plant, while meeting effluent limits, has reached the end of its useful life. The plant is constructed of in-ground steel tanks that are in poor condition, with areas of corrosion and loss of structural integrity. The mechanical and electrical systems are also at the end of their service life and in need of replacement. The proposed project includes replacement of the existing treatment facility in entirety with new technology and concrete tanks appropriate for the wastewater flows and loading characteristics. The new facility shall meet the effluent limits criteria established in the respective DEP and DRBC permits, including new or additional limits that may be imposed during the permitting process. Design phase was authorized in February 2017 and final design was delayed due to DEP Part 2 Water Quality Management and NPDES permitting issues. DEP approval of the Water Quality Management Permit was received in late December 2018, the design was finalized in late Spring 2019, and the project was advertised for bid in July 2019. Bids were opened on 8/13/19 and construction phase authorization was approved at the 8/26/19 Board meeting. A pre-construction meeting was held on 11/1/19 following execution of contract documents. Conditional Use approval and land development waiver were granted by North Whitehall Township in Spring 2020. Construction mobilization for site work occurred in late winter 2020 and construction is proceeding. Substantial completion and start-up of the new facility will occur in late April and early May 2021. **(No Change)**

**14. Suburban Division - Trexlertown Area Capacity Solution Alternative**

As part of the Western Lehigh service area's Sewer Capacity Assurance & Rehabilitation Program (SCARP), a conveyance capacity "bottleneck" was identified in the Trexlertown area of the Western Lehigh Interceptor, and this area was assigned a high priority due to occurrence of sanitary sewer overflows and basement backups in the vicinity. A parallel interceptor was originally conceived to run approximately from Cetronia Rd to Spring Creek Rd. The concept was modified to focus on providing storage capacity in the system for this area, due to concerns about downstream hydraulic impacts. This project is an interim solution to address local impacts of the system bottleneck and will become part of the future long-term solution to alleviate regional conveyance capacity challenges. A pre-design feasibility study is being performed to evaluate various engineering alternatives, including an "in-line" parallel storage tank, conventional concrete tank (flow equalization basin), or other options. Award of the pre-design feasibility study to HDR was authorized at the 10/21/2019 Board meeting. A final report was received in March 2021 and is being reviewed. Presentation of the feasibility study findings will follow interim Act 537 plan DEP approval. **(No Change)**

**15. Suburban Division – Lynn Township Manhole Rehabilitation Project**

This project involves the rehabilitation of manholes in the Lynn Township service area found to be structurally deficient &/or leaking. The project includes frame and cover replacement, interior pipe connection grouting, exterior concrete work and sealing of manholes, and sealing around manhole frames located within roadway surfaces that are found experiencing infiltration through the frame and cover. The purpose of the project is to eliminate inflow and infiltration into manholes in the system. The project scope includes approximately 185 manholes will be rehabilitated in 2020. The project was advertised for bid in early June 2020, bids were opened

on 6/26/20, and construction phase authorization was approved at the 7/13/20 LCA board meeting. Construction will be completed by early 2021. **(No Change)**

**16. Suburban Division - Heidelberg Heights 2020 Sanitary Sewer Replacement Project**

In accordance with the adopted, executed Corrective Action Plan mandated by DEP, LCA is required to complete annual I/I mitigation projects to eliminate hydraulic overloads and bypass events at the Heidelberg Heights wastewater treatment plant. The Order requires that all original vitrified clay sewer main and lateral pipe be replaced within the next 5 years. This project was originally advertised for bid in March 2020 and bids were opened on 3/24/20. The low bid price exceeded this capital project construction budget for 2020, and the LCA board authorized rejection of bids at the 4/13/20 board meeting. The project scope was modified to reduce cost and the project was re-advertised for bid in June 2020, bids were opened on 7/13/20, and board authorization of construction phase was approved at the 7/27/20 LCA board meeting. As of May 24, 2021 final completion of construction has occurred with a few remaining punch-list items needing to be addressed.

**17. Suburban Division – Western Lehigh Manhole Rehabilitation Project – Phase 2**

This project involves the rehabilitation of key manholes in the Western Lehigh Interceptor service area. The project includes flood-proofing, interior pipe connection grouting, exterior concrete work and sealing of manholes, particularly those manholes in close proximity to the floodway, which experience floodwater inundation. The purpose of the project is to eliminate floodwater inflow into the system. The project scope for Phase 1 included 50 manholes that were rehabilitated in 2020 as part of a phased manhole rehabilitation program. The project was advertised for bid in April 2020, bids were opened on 5/12/20, and construction phase authorization was approved at the 6/8/20 board meeting. The Phase 1 project construction was completed in early 2021. Phase 2 of the WLI Manhole Rehabilitation Project, which includes manholes moving downstream in the WLI drainage basin, is in design phase at this time and is anticipated to be bid in late Spring 2021. **(No Change)**

**18. Allentown Division – Kline’s Island WWTP: Sodium Hypochlorite System Installation Project – Construction Phase**

This project involves the replacement of the existing gaseous chlorination system at the Kline’s Island Wastewater Treatment Plant (KIWWTP). The use of gaseous chlorine for effluent disinfection, while reliable, is outdated and creates significant public health and employee safety risks. In addition, the existing equipment has reached the end of its useful life. The 2018 KIWWTP Master Plan recommended abandoning gaseous chlorine and switching to (liquid) sodium hypochlorite. The design commenced in March of 2019 and was completed in early 2020. The project was advertised for bid in February 2020 and bids were opened on 4/14/20. Construction phase was authorized at the 6/8/2020 Board meeting and the contractor mobilized in late summer 2020. The project is anticipated to be completed in early Summer of 2021. The project is funded by the LCA Allentown Division. **(No Change)**

**19. Suburban Division – Western Lehigh Service Area: Revenue Planning Tool**

As part of the long-term Act 537 planning process, a revenue planning tool is required to help predict the impact of proposed system modifications in the Western Lehigh Service Area. This tool will simulate financial impacts based on current and future flows and loads and utilizing the terms of existing inter-municipal agreements. For the alternatives being evaluated by LCA’s engineering consultants for potential upgrade of the Pretreatment Plant to full treatment, the revenue planning tool will simulate changes in future flows and loads and general financial analyses to assist with decision-making regarding these alternatives. Prior phases of this work were completed in 2019 and 2020 to review the assumptions and parameters required to develop the financial model. Authorization for Phase 2 (development of the actual revenue

planning tool) was approved at the 12/14/2020 Board Meeting. Final tool delivery is expected in June 2021.

20. **Kline's Island Sewer System – Regional Sewer Capacity & Wet-Weather Planning: 2021 Model Expansion and Calibration**

The prior KISS sewer model from 2014 included only the City of Allentown and LCA/Western Lehigh municipalities. The primary goal of this work is to expand the sanitary sewer model into the surrounding Signatories (Coplay, Whitehall, North Whitehall, Hanover, South Whitehall, Salisbury, and Emmaus). Calibration of this expanded model to current flow characteristics will aid in the identification and evaluation of regional alternatives for solutions to both treatment and conveyance through the year 2050 Act 537 planning horizon (the LCA/Western Leigh portion of this model calibration work was completed in 2019 and 2020). The end result of this proposed work will provide one comprehensive, calibrated sewer model for the entire KISS system using 2021 temporary meter flow data and rainfall data. On February 22, 2021, Board approval was granted for this next phase of Act 537 planning efforts. The model is anticipated to be complete by June 2022.

21. **Allentown Division – Sanitary Sewer Collection System: Rain Derived Inflow and Infiltration (RDII) Analysis**

The main goal of this work is to conduct an RDII analysis of storm events during the flow monitoring period to determine the nature and extent of infiltration and inflow (I&I) leakage, and to use hydrograph interpretation to help the City focus their rehabilitation work (both secondary Sanitary Sewer Evaluation Survey (SSES) investigations and rehabilitation efforts) toward the sources contributing the leakage. It will also be determined where the flow meters should be installed for the next monitoring period and where SSES future work should be completed. Data from approximately 43 temporary flow meters and five rain gauges from the 2021 flow metering program will be used for this analysis. The analysis itself will begin in late 2021 and will be concluded by March of 2022. On February 22, 2021, Board approval was granted for this project. **(No Change)**

22. **Kline's Island Sewer System – Act 537 Planning: 2021 Flow Data QA/QC**

As part of the Interim Act 537 Plan, the municipalities served by the Kline's Island Sewer System have committed to completing a sewage flow metering and modeling project beginning in 2021. The flow metering data will be used to prepare sewer modeling and identify the capital improvements needed to meet the future sewage capacity needs of the region through 2050. The flow metering program will include a mix of temporary meters (~63), existing sewage billing meters (~24), and various permanent, non-billing Signatory meters (~11). Flow metering services will be provided by Flow Assessment Services, as previously authorized in 2020. To ensure the data collected from the nine-month monitoring period are accurate and to ensure the validity of the resulting hydraulic model, a rigorous quality assurance and quality control program must be implemented. Approval of a consulting engineer's proposal for this work was granted at the January 25, 2021 Board meeting. Costs associated with these services will be paid by the City of Allentown and reimbursed through existing intermunicipal agreements and by City customers through the use of the Administrative Order Fee. The 2021 flow characterization study will be completed by October or November of 2021, with the first round of QA/QC currently underway.

23. **Suburban Division – Park Pump Station Phase 2 Upgrade**

The Park Pump Station Phase 1 Upgrade was completed in early 2020, and consisted of new pumps, new pump control center with variable frequency drives, new automatic transfer switch, new wet well level control system, upgraded HVAC system, roof replacement, new pump removal access hatch, new pump hoist system, and associated mechanical and instrumentation

equipment. The existing 40-year old generator does not have the capacity to handle the full loads of the upgraded station at 100% design flow and is at the end of its useful life. The Phase 2 Upgrade project consists of replacement of the original station backup generator system. The designer of record for the Phase 1 Upgrade was Whitman, Requardt & Associates, LLP (WRA). As WRA is already very familiar with the power systems and controls at the station, Capital Works requested a design phase proposal from the firm for the Phase 2 project. Authorization of design phase was granted at the March 22, 2021 Board meeting. Design is anticipated to be completed by the end of 2021. **(No Change)**

24. **Allentown Division – Sanitary Sewer Collection System: I&I Source Reduction Program Plan (Year 2)**

This project includes the design of the City of Allentown's I&I Source Reduction Program Plan. In 2014, Video Pipe Services complete various CCTV inspections throughout twenty Primary and Secondary Basins. All pipe segments that called for complete pipe replacement have already been repaired. The remaining source reduction activities within the twenty Basins have been organized into a 5-Year Plan, with each year focusing on a different geographic region of the City's sewer collection system. Design has been approved for all five years, with the first project completed in 2020 and the last project finishing in 2024. Board approval for the construction phase was granted at the March 22, 2021 Meeting. Construction began in May 2021 and will be completed by November 2021. This project is considered an AO expense under terms of the Lease and is City funded.

25. **Suburban Division – Heidelberg Heights 2021 Sanitary Sewer Replacement Project**

In accordance with the adopted Consent Order and Agreement (CO&A) executed by LCA and DEP, LCA is required to complete annual inflow and infiltration mitigation projects to eliminate hydraulic overloads and bypass events at the Heidelberg Heights wastewater treatment plant. The CO&A requires that all original vitrified clay sewer main and lateral pipe be replaced within the next 5 years. This year's sewer replacement project was advertised for bid on March 9, 2021 and bids were opened on March 31, 2021. Only two bids were received which significantly exceeded the engineer's estimate. The Board approved rejection of bids at the 4/26/21 Board meeting. The project will be expanded in scope re-bid in Q3 of 2021. **(No Change)**

26. **Allentown Division – Kline's Island WWTP: 2021 Indenture Upgrades**

As a condition of the financing of LCA's up-front concession payment to the City, LCA entered into a Trust Indenture with the Manufacturers and Traders Trust Company that requires the preparation of an annual Consulting Engineer's Report (Report). The Report, which is prepared each year by Arcadis, documents the condition of the water and wastewater facilities (KIWWTP and WFP) based on physical inspections by the engineer, identifies repairs and upgrades required, and reflects progress made in addressing deficiencies. This project consists of addressing structural deficiencies at KIWWTP, with work located at the Main Pump Station, Auxiliary Pump Station, Effluent Pump Station, and Plastic Media Trickling Filters. Work includes masonry repointing and restoration, door and window lintel replacement, concrete crack repair and resurfacing, and pipe painting. D'Huy Engineering completed design in February 2021, the project was advertised for bid in mid-March 2021, and bids were opened on April 19, 2021. Award of bids and construction phase authorization was approved at the May 10, 2021 LCA Board meeting.

27. **Allentown Division – Kline's Island WWTP: Solids Process Boiler and HVAC System Upgrade Project**

The solids process boiler system is more than 25 years old and provides critical heat to the anaerobic digesters and solids dewatering and processing buildings. The equipment has

reached the end of its service life, and replacement of the equipment is identified as a near-term (0 – 5 years) project priority in the KIWWTP Master Plan. This project includes replacement of the boilers and associated solids processing HVAC equipment. A preliminary engineering Basis of Design Report was prepared by GHD Engineering and submitted to the City Office of Compliance in January 2021. The City granted approval of the report in a letter dated 3/22/21 and the project is classified as a Major Capital Improvement. Approval of design phase engineering was granted at the May 24, 2021 LCA Board meeting.