



BOROUGH OF AMBLER COMMITTEE MEETING

**All matters that are deliberated could result in a vote
to take official action.**

March 7, 2023

This evening's presentation:

SWEARING IN OF SERGEANT

Eric Ioachum

Finance & Planning Committee

March 7, 2023

Nellie Forst - Chair

Karen Sheedy

Lisa Auerbach

Nancy Roecker Coates

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

1. **BOROUGH ENGINEER'S REPORT**

The Borough Engineer's report (**attached**).

2. **R-3 ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT**

Authorization was granted to advertise for a public hearing and possible adoption of an ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance changing the parking setback requirement in an R-3 Zoning District. The hearing will be scheduled for March 21st. (**attached**).

3. **ZONING-SIGN ORDINANCE**

Authorization is requested to advertise to hold a public hearing and possible adoption of an ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance sign chapter regarding sign architectural elements and other inconsistencies. Montgomery County Planning Commission and Borough Planning commission reviews (**attached**).

4. **TOD ORDINANCE**

The Planning Commission will be reviewing the revised Transit-Oriented Development Ordinance Amendment.

5. **COMMUNITY PROJECT FUNDING**

Discussion regarding submitting a Community Project Funding request to Representative Madeleine Dean for the 2024 fiscal year (**attached**).

AMBLER BOROUGH

Status

Project No.	Project Name	Status
Borough Engineer		
2003-0122-01	Ambler-2013 NPDES MS4 Permit	2022 Annual Status Report submitted to PADEP 9/30/22. Next Annual Status Report due 9/30/23 for period 7/1/22 thru 6/30/23. PADEP review of TMDL/PRP received 5/28/21. Preparation of response and map update underway.
2006-08054	Pedestrian Sidewalk Upgrade Program	Revised Safety Report, ADA, Traffic, DM-3 (plans presentation), and Environmental Report Re-Evaluation approved by PADOT. Revised construction submission made to DVRPC. Utility submission coordination with DVRPC underway.
2013-02020	Ambler Crossings	Construction underway. Escrow release for Phase 1 (Boiler House parking) provided 9/27/18. Escrow release #1 for Phase 2 provided 6/4/20. Review of amended Village Green provided 4/22/22.
2014-12015	St. Mary's Villa Residential Redevelopment - TIS	UDT provided Bethlehem/Lindenwold signal concept plans for review on 7/2/21 and were discussed with UDT on 7/22/21. UDT & Ambler coordinating with owner of 98 S Bethlehem & 359 Lindenwold.
2017-01010-01	Ambler Pocket Park - Ambler Square	SOM 9/21/2021. EOM 3/22/2023.
2020-07089	90 W. Butler Ave	Construction complete. SOM 6/3/2022. EOM 12/2/2023
2021-01010.02	Tannery Run Repairs - 33 - 57 E Butler Ave	Design underway to replace culvert and make other repairs. Anticipate bidding late winter for bidding in spring 2023.
2021-01010-01	Tannery Run Repairs	CMFA replacement at 205 E Butler awarded to Scott Contractors. Construction complete. Final payment to be processed.
2021-01136	241 N Main Street (DeCastro Enterprises)	LD review due 3/16/23.
2021-03028	Lakeview Development 5-9 N. Maple Ave.	Review of preliminary/final plans provided 10/18/22. PC recommended conditional preliminary approval at 10/25/22 meeting.
2021-04048	Edgewood Dr - PA Small Water & Sewer Program Grant Implementation	Slope protection work completed. Preparation of plans and specifications for storm sewer project underway.
2022-03102	Ambler 2022 Paving	Base bid awarded to Delaware Valley Paving. Construction complete. Punch list to be completed (pavement markings).
2022-05006	25 N Ridge - Colony Club LD Review	Engineer review of land development application provided 5/16/22. PC recommended conditional approval at 5/24/22 meeting. Council granted conditional approval at 8/23/22 meeting.
2022-05007	24 & 26 N Ridge - John's Court	Engineer review of land development application provided 5/16/22. PC recommended conditional approval at 5/24/22 meeting.
2023-03002	Court at Ambler Station (Ambler Station I, LLC)	Sketch Plan received for review 2/27/23.
9991010	Ambler Borough General Engineering Services	
Sewer Engineer		

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Project No.	Project Name	Status
Sewer Engineer		
2013-02020-01	Ambler Crossings - Sewer	Construction underway. Sanitary Sewer is complete; testing remains.
2023-01113	Chapter 94 Report	Preparation of 2022 report for sewage collection system underway.
9991050	Ambler Borough General Sewer Services	Ongoing.
Water Engineer		
2012-10043	Loch Alsh Dam Annual Inspections	Annual inspection with PADEP conducted on 11/2/22. Inspection report submitted to PADEP on 11/10/22.
2013-02020-02	Ambler Crossings - Water	Construction underway. Water main is tested/complete.
2018-01154	Gwynedd Walk (LGT)	Water main construction and testing complete. 18 month maintenance period complete. Acceptable water as-built plan received 9/13/21, and final inspection conducted by Water Dept. Solicitor preparing documents for acceptance of water system by Ambler Borough.
2018-01171	Mattison Estates (UDT)	Water construction and testing complete. 18 month maintenance period began 7/1/20. Assisting Ambler staff with water service leaks and project documentation. Maintenance Bond extended to 4/1/2023 based on observed G&A comments provided to developer on 2/8/23. Developer continues to address punch list items and as-built plans.
2020-03071	2021 MIRIA Grant Program	Assisted Water Dept. with preparation of grant application documents, including budget cost estimate for proposed PFAS treatment piping project to connect Wells 6 and 7 to proposed Well 2 treatment system. Grant awarded by MIRIA end of December 2020. Contract 21-01: Wells 2, 6 & 7 Water Mains awarded to KBC Construction on 8/18/21. Pre-construction meeting held and Notice to Proceed issued 9/29/21. Construction began 10/4/21 and is complete. Change Order processed for change in main size, pipe purchase credit, and extension of new main on Loch Alsh Ave. Final payment recommended 3/2/22. 18 month maintenance period began 2/4/22. Proposal reviewed and recommendations sent to Ambler staff for removal, inspection, incineration and replacement of carbon at both Whitemarsh treatment vessels. Provided recommendations for inspection of interior of GAC vessels during carbon changeout. Reviewed and tabulated October 2021 quarterly PFAS samples for all sources and tanks. Reviewed PA DEP proposed PFAS MCL Rule and provided summary of proposed regulation to Ambler staff.
2020-03072	Whitemarsh Plant Operations	Assisting Water Dept. with recommendations and revisions to the Whitemarsh Plant SOPs. G&A conducted a visual assessment of the clear well tank's structural condition and provided a report dated 9/19/22 with observations and recommendations.
2020-06158	Wells 2, 6, and 7 PFAS Treatment System	\$1,000,000 grant awarded by PADEP. Project advertised for bids on December 22, 2022. pre-bid meeting held at Boro Hall on January 18, 2023; bids received February 2, 2023. General/Mechanical and Electrical/HVAC contracts awarded to Blooming Glen Contractors on 2/7/23. Pre-construction meeting is to be scheduled.
2021-04054	2022 MIRIA Grant Program	Assisted Water Dept. with preparation of grant application documents, including budget cost estimate for proposed PFAS treatment system facility at Well 12 or Well 14, carbon changeout at Whitemarsh treatment plant, and 2022 quarterly PFAS sampling and laboratory testing. Reviewed and tabulated January, April, July, and October 2022 quarterly PFAS samples for all sources and tanks.

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Project No.	Project Name	Status
Water Engineer		
2021-04054.01	2022 MIRIA Grant - Design	Initial field survey and base plan for Well 14 site completed; preliminary design underway; coordinating with PADEP regarding required pilot testing and permitting.
2021-04095	Longfield Farms Development (Whitemarsh Twp)	Plan review letter #3 issued 5/17/22 recommending project approval; water construction escrow recommended per letter dated 5/5/22 for use in developer's agreement. Preconstruction meeting held on 6/27/22. Water shop drawing submittals reviewed 7/22/22. Water construction underway.
2022-01230	T-Mobile Upgrades at Houston Rd Tank	Plan review #2 issued 5/24/22 recommending project approval.
2022-02056	AT&T Upgrades at Houston Rd Tank	Plan review letter #2 issued 8/3/22 recommending project approval.
2022-02095	NWWWA Water Purchase Agreement	Meeting held on 2/14/22 between NWWWA staff, Ambler staff and G&A to discuss potential interconnection of respective water systems for emergency & permanent uses and wholesale purchase of water. NWWWA provided a draft Water Supply Agreement to Ambler on 3/9/22 for review.
2022-02104	AT&T Upgrades at Broad Axe Tank	Plan review #2 issued 6/30/22 recommending project approval. Work to follow pre-construction tank inspection by MBA.
2022-04076	Lakeview Development 5-9 N. Maple Ave.	Water/Sewer plan review #1 issued 2/23/23.
2022-04096	2023 MIRIA Grant Program	Met with Ambler staff to review scope of work to be included in MIRIA Application. Prepared MIRIA Application documents for submission by Borough on May 16, 2022. Attended MIRIA Board meeting on December 16, 2022 to provide update on completed, ongoing, and proposed Ambler MIRIA/PFAS projects. At the December 16th meeting, MIRIA awarded \$1,134,000 in grant funding for (2023) projects associated with 2022 application, including NWWWA interconnection and associated new piping, additional cost for Whitemarsh carbon replacement, and 2023 PFAS sampling. Reviewed and tabulated January 2023 quarterly PFAS samples for all sources and tanks.
2022-04096.01	2023 MIRIA Grant - Design	Consulted with PADEP regarding permitting requirements for new NWWWA Interconnection. Field survey complete. Water and interconnect design currently underway.
2022-06066	Verizon Upgrades at Houston Rd Tank	Plan review #1 issued 6/22/22 recommending project approval.
2022-07025	Wissahickon Park (Whitpain Twp)	Coordinating with Ambler staff re: proposed improvements to Wissahickon Park and need for new or upgraded water service for site. Awaiting plans from Whitpain Township to review for the proposed park.
2022-08013	Whitemarsh Plant-NPDES Permit Renewal	Prepared application for NPDES permit renewal. Application submitted to PADEP on 11/30/22.
2023-01112	DRBC Annual Water Audit	Preparation of annual audit underway.
9991049	Ambler Borough General Water Services	Ongoing assistance concerning PFAS issues, including regulatory activity, source monitoring, providing information and responses to the public. Preparing update to water distribution system map. Permit application and supporting documents submitted to PA DEP on 10/28/22 for existing interconnections with Aqua and NWWWA. Permit issued by PA DEP on 2/16/23. Met with Water Suplt on January 18, 2023 to discuss status of current projects and potential projects for 2023.

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February 28, 2023

Mary Aversa, Borough Manager
Borough of Ambler
131 Rosemary Avenue
Ambler, PA 19002

Re: Zoning Amendment
Changing Parking Setback in R-3

Dear Ms. Aversa:

At the direction of Council, the Planning Commission has been requested to review a Zoning Amendment prepared by the Borough Solicitor changing the parking setback requirement in an R-3 Zoning District.

After discussion, a motion was made and seconded to recommend to Council that it approve the Zoning Amendment prepared to change the parking setback requirement in an R-3 Zoning District. The vote taken of 7 members present was unanimous in favor of a recommendation to Council to approve the proposed Zoning Amendment.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact our Chairman, Robert Lagreca.

Very truly yours,

Carol Ann DiPietro
Secretary
Ambler Borough Planning Commission

THE BOROUGH OF AMBLER, MONTGOMERY COUNTY, PA

ORDINANCE NUMBER _____

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF AMBLER AMENDING THE PARKING SETBACK AND LANDSCAPING REQUIREMENTS IN THE R3 ZONING DISTRICT, 27-807, BY ALLOWING EXISTING SETBACKS TO REMAIN IN THE EVENT OF REDEVELOPMENT OF EXISTING BUILDINGS; CONTAINING SEVERANCE AND REPEALER CLAUSES; EFFECTIVE UPON THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR

As an incentive for the preservation of the existing inventory of buildings within the Borough, Ambler Borough Council amends the Borough zoning ordinance as follows:

1. At codified ordinance 27-807(5), "Parking", consisting of parking setback and landscape provisions applicable to single family attached housing in the R3 zoning district, the existing language in sub-paragraphs "B" and "C" is hereby amended as follows:

"B. The following parking setback and landscape requirements apply in the following circumstances:

- i. When there is land development consisting of new construction on a vacant lot, or;
 - ii. When any existing principal building is demolished and a new building or buildings is/are erected, then:
 - a. Where there is parking for three or more cars, parking spaces shall be set back 15 feet from any district boundary line, and 25 feet from the nearest road ultimate right-of-way;
 - b. Where there is parking for ten or more cars, ten percent of the parking area shall consist of landscaping compliant with the parking lot landscaping standards in the Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance.
 - iii. The foregoing setback and landscaping requirements do not apply to land development that consists of the renovation or remodeling of existing principal buildings where no principal building is razed or demolished. For purposes of this ordinance, a "principal building" is the home, office, school, institution, store, or other structure that houses a use recognized by the zoning ordinance, and does not include accessory uses or detached garages.
 - iv. When there is land development that consists of the renovation or remodeling of the existing structures on a lot, without the razing or demolition of any principal structure, existing parking setbacks(from any district boundary line or nearest road ultimate right-of-way as set forth above) may continue and the landscaping requirement shall not apply.
 - v. When a principal building is deemed unsafe for human habitation and must be razed as a matter of public safety, new land development on the lot must comply with the setback provisions herein.
2. Should any portion of this ordinance be found invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, then such invalid portion shall, to the extent possible, be severed from the remainder, which shall continue in full force and effect.
 3. Any existing ordinance inconsistent with the terms of this ordinance shall, to the extent of such inconsistency, be deemed repealed upon enactment of this ordinance.

4. This ordinance is effective when approved by the Mayor, and otherwise on the earliest applicable date as set forth in section 3301.3 of the Pennsylvania Borough Code.
SO ORDAINED this _____ day of _____, 20__.

Glynnis Siskind, Council President

Attest: _____
Mary Aversa, Secretary

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SCOTT FRANCE, AICP
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February 22, 2023

Glenn Kucher, Zoning Officer & Planning Coordinator
Ambler Borough
131 Rosemary Avenue
Ambler, PA 19002

Re: MCPC #22-0289-002
Proposal Name: R3 Parking Setbacks
Ambler Borough

Dear Mr. Kucher:

We have reviewed the above-referenced subdivision and land development ordinance in accordance with Section 609 of Act 247, "The Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code," as you requested on February 3, 2023. We forward this letter as a report of our review.

BACKGROUND

The Borough proposes to amend language in the R3 Residential District containing regulations for single-family attached developments in the district. The current ordinance requires that parking areas of three or more spaces be set back 15 feet from zoning district boundaries and 25 feet from road ultimate-right-of-ways. Any parking area of 10 or more spaces requires that 10% of the lot be landscaped.

The proposed text amendment changes these requirements so that they only apply to new construction, and would not apply for the reuse of an existing building. When existing principal buildings are being reused, the existing parking setbacks would apply for any parking on site.

We reviewed an earlier draft of this ordinance revision on December 12, 2022.

RECOMMENDATION

The Montgomery County Planning Commission (MCPC) supports the applicant's proposal without comment as we have found it to be generally consistent with good planning practices. We appreciate the borough taking into account our previous comments on the proposal.

CONCLUSION

We wish to reiterate that MCPC generally supports the applicant's proposal. Please note that the review comments and recommendations contained in this report are advisory to the municipality and final disposition

for the approval of any proposal will be made by the municipality. Should the governing body adopt this proposed zoning ordinance amendment, Section 609 of the Municipalities Planning Code requires that we be sent an official copy within 30 days.

Sincerely,



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February 28, 2023

Mary Aversa, Borough Manager
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Re: Sign Ordinance – Architectural Elements

Dear Ms. Aversa:

At the direction of Council, the Planning Commission has been requested to review the Borough Sign Ordinance amendment regarding architectural elements and other inconsistencies.

After discussion, a motion was made and seconded to recommend to Council that it approve the amendment to the Borough Sign Ordinance regarding architectural elements and other inconsistencies. The vote taken of 7 members present was unanimous in favor of a recommendation to Council to approve the proposed Amendment.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact our Chairman, Robert Lagreca.

Very truly yours,

Carol Ann DiPietro
Secretary
Ambler Borough Planning Commission

THE BOROUGH OF AMBLER, MONTGOMERY COUNTY, PA

ORDINANCE NUMBER ____

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE BOROUGH ZONING ORDINANCE, SECTIONS 27-2003 (DEFINITIONS), AND 27-2007 (SIGNS IN NON-RESIDENTIAL ZONING DISTRICTS), REMOVING ARCHITECTURAL ELEMENT SIGNS AS A SEPARATE TYPE OF PERMITTED SIGN, REMOVING FLUSH WALL SIGNS TIED TO THE ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN OF THE BUILDING, CLARIFYING THAT THE SIZE LIMIT FOR PROJECTING SIGNS IS FIVE SQUARE FEET FOR EACH SIGN FACE, AND MAKING OTHER CHANGES TO THE WORDING OF THE ORDINANCE CONSISTENT THEREWITH; EFFECTIVE UPON APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR OR THE EARLIEST DATE OTHERWISE APPLICABLE; CONTAINING SEVERANCE AND REPEALER CLAUSES

WHEREAS, it has been determined that an applicant for a sign permit is entitled to a larger sign if it can be demonstrated that the sign is an "architectural element sign", a problem that is compounded by the subjectivity inherent in determining whether a particular sign is compatible with the architecture of the building,

Ambler Borough Council does hereby ORDAIN as follows:

1. In ordinance 27-2003, "Definitions", the term "Architectural Element Sign" and its definition are hereby deleted from the ordinance.
2. In ordinance 27-2003, "Definitions", the term "Small Additional Projecting Wall Sign" and its definition are hereby deleted and replaced with the following: "Small Projecting Sign – A projecting sign of 2.25 square feet per sign face or smaller."
3. Ordinance 27-2007.C.(1) is amended as follows:
 - a. The language in subparagraph (b) shall be hereby deleted and replaced with the following: "For building frontages of 50 or more linear feet: three (3) signs."
 - b. The language in subparagraph (c) shall be hereby deleted and replaced with the following: "One wall sign up to 50 square feet in area or 15% of the building front façade area, whichever is smaller. When a lot's gross area exceeds two acres and the setback to the wall on which the sign is affixed is 70 feet or greater, each wall sign may not exceed 20% of the wall area or 60 square feet, whichever is smaller."
 - c. The language in subparagraph (d) shall be hereby deleted and replaced with the following: "No wall sign shall exceed a sign height of 15 feet above the existing grade or project above any cornice, parapet wall, roof line or building facade."
 - d. The first two sentences of subparagraph (g) are deleted and replaced with the following language: "The maximum area for projecting signs is five square feet per sign face. Signs shall not project more than three feet from the building wall."
4. The existing language in ordinance 27-2007.C.(5) is deleted entirely and is replaced with the following language:

Small projecting signs shall be permitted. Additional Regulations:

 - (a) Logo or Image. In the interest of increasing the variety and quality of commercial signs, small projecting signs shall include a logo or image as a design element (the sign shall not be comprised exclusively of words on a plain background).
 - (b) Size. Small projecting signs shall be limited to 2.25 square feet (for example, 18 inches by 18 inches).
 - (c) Sign Projection. Small projecting signs may not project more than two feet from the building wall.

(d) Sign Clearance. A minimum clearance of seven feet required between the bottom of the sign and the sidewalk.

(e) No projecting sign shall exceed a sign height of 15 feet above the existing grade or project above any cornice, parapet wall, roof line or building facade.

5. The figure 27-2007.C.(5) shall be amended such that the top right text box reads "Projecting Sign" and the right justified text box under it reads "Small Projecting Sign."
6. The language in ordinance 27-2007.C.(6)(o)6 is deleted and is replaced with the following: "A small projecting sign."

This ordinance is effective when approved by the Mayor or in the absence of mayoral approval on the earliest date applicable under the Pennsylvania Borough Code.

In the event that a court of competent jurisdiction declares any portion of this ordinance to be invalid, then to the extent possible the invalid portion shall be severed from the remainder of the ordinance, which shall remain in full force and effect.

Any existing ordinance which is inconsistent with the terms of this ordinance is, to the extent of such inconsistency, repealed.

SO ORDAINED this ____ day of _____, 2023.

Glynnis Siskind, Council President

Attest: _____
Mary Aversa, Secretary

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February 23, 2023

Glenn Kucher, Zoning Officer & Planning Coordinator
Ambler Borough
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Re: MCPC #22-0290-002
Proposal Name: Wall Signs
Ambler Borough

Dear Mr. Kucher:

We have reviewed the above-referenced zoning text amendment in accordance with Section 609 of Act 247, "The Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code," as you requested on February 3, 2023. We forward this letter as a report of our review.

BACKGROUND

The Borough proposes to amend language in the sign ordinance to eliminate "Architectural Element Signs" as a sign type. The revisions include removing regulations related to the size of an Architectural Element Sign and increasing the maximum permitted size for a Wall Sign from 5 square feet to 50 square feet.

The proposed changes to the sign ordinance also include the adjustment of the name of a sign type from "Small Additional Projecting Wall Sign" to "Small Projecting Sign" with accompanying edits to various sections to be consistent in the language referring to various sign types.

A few other edits clarify building and sign measurements as they relate to sign size.

We reviewed an earlier draft of this ordinance revision on December 13, 2022.

RECOMMENDATION

The Montgomery County Planning Commission (MCPC) supports the applicant's proposal without comment as we have found it to improve clarity in the borough's sign ordinance. We appreciate the borough taking into account our previous comments.

CONCLUSION

We wish to reiterate that MCPC generally supports the applicant's proposal. Please note that the review comments and recommendations contained in this report are advisory to the municipality and final disposition for the approval of any proposal will be made by the municipality. Should the governing body adopt this proposed zoning ordinance amendment, Section 609 of the Municipalities Planning Code requires that we be sent an official copy within 30 days.

Sincerely,



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Robert Lagreca, Chair, Ambler Borough Planning Commission

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March 2, 2023

Dear Honorable Henderson,

I am excited to inform you that the Committee on Appropriations has just informed us that it will be again accepting Community Project Funding requests from members of Congress for the 2024 fiscal year.

This appropriations process is an opportunity for our office to advocate for funding for community-based projects in our district that address our most pressing needs.

Applications can be submitted online [here](#), and can also be found on our [website](#). However, we are awaiting additional guidance and resources from the Appropriation Committee. Once we get this information, we will be sharing a resource guide to help in the submission process.

Though we are still waiting on some information, we want to send you this update as the window for applications is exceedingly short this year. We must have received your application by March 15th, 2023.

Changes from Last Year

For those of you who may have been familiar with this process in previous years, the newly Republican controlled House Appropriations Committee has narrowed the subcommittees and agencies eligible to accept CPF requests. Please see the attached for a comprehensive list of subcommittees and agencies eligible for application this year.

Note: Subcommittees no longer accepting projects:

- Labor, Health, and Human Services Education and Related Agencies
- Defense
- Financial Services and General Government

Sadly, these subcommittees have funded some of our most popular grants in previous years.

Eligible Applicants:

- State or local governmental entities

- Non-profits
 - Our office will need to provide evidence that the recipient is a non-profit organization as described under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986.
- For-profit entities are NOT eligible for Community Project Funding.

Community Support:

Community engagement and support is crucial in determining which projects are worthy of Federal funding.

The Appropriations Committee will make final determination on which projects will receive funding. Only projects with demonstrated community support will be considered. Our office will be required to present to the Committee evidence of community support that were compelling factors in our decision to submit funding request. Examples of community support include, but are not limited to:

- Letters of support from elected community leaders (e.g. mayors or other officials, community organizations);
- Press articles highlighting the need for the requested Community Project Funding;
- Support from newspaper editorial boards;
- Projects listed on State intended use plans, community development plans, or
- other publicly available planning documents; or Resolutions passed by city councils or boards.
- Reaching out to your Senator for additional support is also advised

These are intended to be examples of the type of information that can be presented to the Committee in conjunction with your project. It is not an exhaustive list.

Other Considerations:

Matching requirements.

- Several Federal programs eligible for Community Project Funding requests require a State or local match for projects either by statute or according to longstanding policy. The Appropriations Committee will not waive these matching requirements for Community Project Funding requests. Therefore, interested entities must be prepared to work with State and local officials to meet matching requirements prior to requesting a project.
 - *Note:* This does not mean that matching funds must be in-hand prior to requesting a project, but entities must have a plan to meet such requirements in order for such a project to be viable.

One-year funding

- Each project request must be prepared to obligate these funds for fiscal year 2024 (October 1, 2024 – September 30, 2025).

Disclosures:

For ethical reasons, no projects that have financial interest connections to Representative Dean or her immediate family will be considered for funding.

Please note that all final requests will be made public on our Congressional website. See [here](#) for last year's submissions.

Finally, being selected by our office for Community Project Funding consideration does not guarantee the funding will be awarded. All final funding decisions will be made by the House Appropriations Committee.

If you have additional questions, feel free to reach out to our District Director, Kathleen Joyce, kjoyce@mail.house.gov and our Deputy District Director, Mike Tucker, michael.tucker@mail.house.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Madeleine Dean".

Madeleine Dean
Member of Congress

Public Safety Committee

March 7, 2023

Jen Henderson- Chair

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OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

1. **PUBLIC WORKS & CODE REPORT**

The Code Enforcement and the Public Works reports are **attached**.

2. **CPR TRAINING**

A request to hold CPR training will be discussed. If people would like to participate, they would need to register and a fee would be charged.

Public Utilities Committee

March 7, 2023

Haley Welch- Chair

Erin Endicott

Karen Sheedy

Amy Hughes

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

1. **WWTP ENGINEER REPORT**

The WWTP Engineer's report (**attached**).

2. **PFAS TESTING**

Attached is the updated chart of PFAS sampling results, incorporating the most recent sampling in January. Results continue to be consistent with historic levels, and the results for Whitemarsh and the Broad Axe Tank are still 'ND' – Non-detectable – since the installation of the new carbon at Whitemarsh.



March 1, 2023

Ms. Mary Aversa, Borough Manager
Borough of Ambler
131 Rosemary Avenue
Ambler, PA 19002

Re: Status Report - February 2023

Dear Mary;

The status of current active projects is as follows:

1. Wissahickon Creek TMDL - We understand that the Water Quality Improvement Plan is still being prepared by the partnership.
2. Conversion of Digesters - Construction restarted in late February for the conversion of the digesters from anaerobic digestion (without air) to aerobic digestion (with air). The first digester, T-9, is ready for start-up. There is a total of 5 digesters in the scope.
3. Diversion of Upper Dublin WWTP to Ambler WWTP - PADEP has approved the Act 537 Plan prepared by Bucks County Water and Sewer Authority (BCWSA) for closing the Upper Dublin Wastewater Treatment Plant and diverting that flow to Ambler's Wastewater Treatment Plant. EEMA prepared the PADEP NPDES Permit Application and DRBC docket application for increasing the permitted annual average flow of the WWTP from 6.5 MGD to 7.7 MGD and obtaining the new effluent permit limits from PADEP. These applications had been submitted to both PADEP and DRBC. PADEP since requested the Borough submit the Part I Amendment for the work with its Part I Permit renewal application in 2023. We are proceeding with the request. The Part I NPDES Permit application is expected to be submitted in early March 2023.
4. UV Light Disinfection Replacement - The PADEP Part II Permit application was submitted and approved. We continue to work on design and anticipate letting the installation through the COSTARS program.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,
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**AMBLER WATER SYSTEM PFAS SAMPLE RESULTS
JANUARY 2023 SAMPLING**

Well No. or Location	PFOA Average of Past Results (ppt)	PFOS Average of Past Results (ppt)	PFOA* January 2023 (ppt)	PFOS* January 2023 (ppt)
2	12.3	9.5	12.0	8.8
4	10.7	10.0	12.0	10.0
6	9.6	9.1	9.6	9.4
7	9.3	8.3	9.8	8.0
8	2.3	6.8	**	**
9	11.4	9.6	13.0	10.0
11	10.1	8.2	11.0	7.5
12	7.3	6.1	7.7	6.4
14	7.3	6.8	7.5	7.8
Whitemarsh WTP Raw	7.8	6.3	8.2	6.4
Whitemarsh WTP Treated***	8.0	5.7	ND	ND
Storage Tanks				
Loch Alsh Tank	12.3	9.2	12.0	8.9
Broad Axe Tank	9.6	6.9	ND	ND
Houston Road Tank	8.8	7.5	8.3	7.6

Notes:

ppt = parts per trillion

** = Not Sampled

ND= Not Detected

Average of Past Results is the average of samples collected since 2016 (excluding ND).

January 2023 samples were collected on January 23, 2023 and analyzed by Eurofins Environment Testing Philadelphia - Horsham, PA

*PA DEP adopted "The Safe Drinking Water PFAS MCL Rule" in January 2023. The rule establishes an MCL of 14 ppt for PFOA and 18 ppt for PFOS and an MCLG of 8 ppt for PFOA and 14 ppt for PFOS. While all sources are currently testing below the MCL, several are near the MCL for PFOA. Monitoring requirements under this rule begin January 1, 2024.

***New carbon installed at Whitemarsh in August 2022. PFOS and PFOA sample results for treated water have been ND since installation of the new carbon.

Parks & Recreation Committee

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OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

1. **YMCA SUMER CAMP**

Staff is working with the YMCA to plan the 2023 Camp Program.

2. **PLASTICS- HARDSHIP REQUEST**

Consideration of hardship requests from retail establishments to temporarily exempt said retail establishment from the requirements of the single use plastics ordinance. **(attached)**

Salary & Personnel Committee

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