



INTERDEPARTMENTAL COMMUNICATION

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TO: Don Johnson, Town Manager
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SUBJECT: Feasibility Study for Sewer System Expansion
Powder Mill Plaza/ Acton Ford

Attached please find the Draft Letter Report from Woodard & Curran on the Feasibility Study for Sewer Expansion to the Powdermill Plaza and Acton Ford. This study indicates that the project is feasible and provides recommendations for issues that must be resolved before a final determination can be made to include these properties in the sewer service area. Woodard & Curran's recommendations are as follows:

1. The Town should enter into preliminary negotiations with the Powdermill Plaza and Acton Ford to determine proposal schedules, the limits of public sewer flows, and the cost structure of pursuing this plan of action.
2. The Town should contact the other properties in the area to determine the probability of demand.
3. Once preliminary demand has been quantified, the Town should hold preliminary meetings with DEP and EPA to present the justification for expanding the sewer collection system without exceeding the permitted average daily flow or limiting any of the service connections within the previously approved sewer service area.

We request the Sewer Commissioners authorize Staff to proceed forward with W&C's recommendations and formulate a complete proposal for the Sewer Commissioner's review and approval, if appropriate.