

# **NPDC/Skillman Village Montgomery Township's Redevelopment Project**

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## **NPDC/Skillman Village Update**

### **Remediation by Weston Solutions**

Soil remediation and lake restoration work is proceeding as planned. Weston Solutions has put on hold the completion of the steam pipe removal work pending the development of a final schedule.

### **NPDC Sewer Treatment Plant**

Last week a presentation was made to Montgomery Township Committee by township consultant Jim Cosgrove of Omni Environmental, reporting on upgrading the sewage treatment plant at the former NPDC property. Mr. Cosgrove recommended that Montgomery Township conduct a study to determine which metals should have effluent limits in the NPDC treatment plant discharge permit, what those limits should be, and how the limits would change if the discharge point were relocated a few hundred feet from Rock Brook to Bedens Brook. Cosgrove believes the study will ultimately save the township a substantial amount of money, since the site-specific data will enable the DEP to appropriately establish metals effluent limits to protect the receiving stream.

The costs of upgrading the sewage treatment plant are offset by new users of the plant, through connection fees and capacity charges that new users pay when they hook into a sewage treatment plant. Connection fees and capacity charges are calculated based on the costs to the sewer utility of getting a plant ready to accept new users and treat additional flow.

### **Redevelopment Planning**

The Steering Committee continues to work with the staff and planners on the Skillman Village Redevelopment Plan. In their most recent meeting, they discussed various issues related to market conditions, infrastructure capacity, traffic, density, etc.

A special meeting of the Township Committee has been scheduled for late November to review and discuss the draft Redevelopment Plan. For further information, please sign up for the township's e-bulletin by clicking on the envelope on the lower right hand corner on the township's website ([www.montgomery.nj.us](http://www.montgomery.nj.us)).