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Richard H. Schilling
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Dear Mr. Schilling:

We are pleased to have Bedminster Township as a participating municipality with the Lower Delaware Wild and Scenic River Management Council. As you know, the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System was created by Congress in 1968 (Public Law 90-542; 16 U.S.C. 1271 et seq.) to preserve certain rivers with outstanding natural, cultural, and recreational values in a free-flowing condition for the enjoyment of present and future generations. The Lower Delaware Wild & Scenic River is part of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System. Some of the tributaries named as Wild and Scenic, run through the Township.

Two of the goals of our River Management Plan, water quality and natural resources, (<https://lowerdelawarewildandscenic.org/index.php/resources/documents/lower-delaware-wild-and-scenic-management-plan>) are applicable to Bedminster's proposed Pollution Control Plan and Stormwater Management Plan.

Goal 1: Water Quality: *Maintain existing water quality in the Delaware River and its tributaries from measurably degrading and improve it where practical.*

Goal 2: Natural Resources: *Preserve and protect the river's outstanding natural resources, including rare and endangered plant and animal species, river islands, steep slopes and buffer areas in the river corridor and along the tributaries.*

With these goals in mind, the Lower Delaware Wild and Scenic River Management Council submits the attached comments in response to your draft proposals. They were written by our technical expert, Mary Paist-Goldman, P.E., of Rippled Waters Engineering, LLC. Her professional credentials and any attachments are included with each letter.

For your information, the next virtual meeting of the Lower Delaware Wild & Scenic River is next Thursday, September 24 at 10:00 AM. Details can be found on the Lower Delaware website at www.lowerdelawarewildandscenic.org. We welcome any Bedminster staff, elected officials, or other volunteers to join the meeting. The submission of these letters will be announced during the meeting and will be posted to the Lower Delaware website as with our other public comment letters.

Thank you in advance for your consideration. Please acknowledge receipt.

On behalf of the Lower Delaware Wild & Scenic River,
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