



## Amity approves sewer-tapping fees

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The Amity Township supervisors have adopted a tapping fee ordinance for about 65 properties along the Monocacy Creek sewer interceptor, including those in Bel Air Estates and along Valley Road.

Each property within 150 feet of the sewer line will be required to pay \$3,007 to connect.

The ordinance gives the property owners the option of paying in full by Sept. 30 or over time, in 20 equal payments. Those who opt for the payment plan will be charged 1 percent interest on their outstanding balances.

The \$3,007 does not include the cost to run a line from the township right of way to the dwelling or to fill in and seal on-site systems as required by the state Department of Environmental Protection.

Township Manager Charles E. Lyon said many of the area's on-site systems are failing and could contribute to the degradation of Monocacy Creek.

Also at Wednesday's meeting, Ed Swoyer of the Greater Berks Development Fund told officials that the township's proposed 400-acre industrial park complex on Limekiln Road is feasible.

"This has potential to be an ideal site with sewer, water and power lines within striking distance this should be considered as soon as possible," Swoyer said.

The township hopes to work with Exeter Township and St. Lawrence to get the regional comprehensive plan changed to rezone the area for mixed uses.

Chairman Robert R. Yanos said that Exeter Township officials have said they don't like the idea.

"We do want to work with Exeter, and we are disappointed in their decision," he said.

And Union Township supervisors Chairman John Salaneck III presented Amity Township with a \$483,273 check as part of an intermunicipal agreement guaranteeing Union some of the Amity sewage treatment plant's capacity.

- By Keith Smoker