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Dear Residents and Business Owners:

In accordance with the NJDEP Tier A Municipal Storm-water General Permit, the Township has adopted various Ordinances to regulate the impact of storm-water runoff and pollutants on the environment. As part of our Local Public Education Program, the purpose of this letter is to highlight the requirements and environmental benefits of these Ordinances.

1. **Pet Waste:** This Ordinance requires pet owners to pick up and properly dispose of waste dropped on public or other people's property. It prevents fecal contamination from impacting the local waterways.
2. **Litter:** This Ordinance states that it is unlawful to throw, drop, discard or otherwise place litter of any nature upon any public or private property, other than in a litter receptacle. The purpose of the Ordinance is to prevent unsightly and unsanitary conditions and prevent litter from impacting waterways.
3. **Improper Disposal of Waste:** This Ordinance states that it is illegal to dispose of waste in any place not specifically designated for the purpose of solid waste storage or disposal. The purpose of the Ordinance is to prevent unsanitary conditions and groundwater pollution.
4. **Wildlife Feeding:** Feeding of water fowl on municipal park property is prohibited by Ordinance. The Township enacted the Ordinance as a method to reduce water fowl population in response to health concerns regarding bacteria which is harmful to human and fish populations.
5. **Yard Waste:** Yard Waste is regulated via Ordinances which establish the area contracted for collection by the ACUA and the methods used for preparing leaves, brush and other yard waste for that collection. The purpose of the Ordinance is to keep leaves and grass out of the storm sewer system.

6. **Illicit Connections:** This Ordinance makes it unlawful to connect any pipe or device to the Municipal storm sewer system that is intended to discard, spill or dump any material other than storm-water runoff or groundwater (sump pumps) into the system. The purpose of this Ordinance is to prevent pollution and contamination of waterways which receive discharge from our storm sewers.

7. **Refuse Containers / Dumpsters:** All dumpsters and other refuse containers that are outdoors or exposed to storm-water must be covered at all times. The purpose of this legislation is to prohibit the spilling, dumping, leaking or otherwise discharge of liquids semi-liquids or solids from the containers to the municipal storm sewer system.

8. **Private storm drain inlet retrofitting:** This Ordinance requires the retrofitting of existing storm drain inlets which are in direct contact with repaving, repairing, reconstruction, or resurfacing or alterations of facilities on private property to prevent the discharge of solids and floatables (such as plastic bottles, cans, food wrappers and other litter) to the storm water system operated by the municipality.

The transport of pollutants into local water bodies can result in the destruction of fish, wildlife and habitats; threats to public health and the loss of recreational and aesthetic value.

We have enacted the above Ordinances to protect our environment, and to keep pollutants that are commonly conveyed by storm-water from adversely impacting our waterways and the groundwater supplies. These Ordinances can be found in the section entitled "Township Code/Ordinances on the official Weymouth Township website at www.weymouthnj.org.

Thank you for your continued cooperation with our environmental protection efforts.

Sincerely,



Kenneth R. Haeser
Mayor