

Highlands Council Meeting

January 20, 2022





Highlands Applicability Determination (HAD) Exemption #11 with request for Health and Safety Waiver

Butler Water Treatment Plant Upgrades



Project Summary

- Butler Water Department Butler Reservoir
- Improvement of existing filtration vessels
- Consolidation of treatment processes to one area at Block 46001,
 Lot 101

Construction of a new access road

Municipality: Kinnelon Borough

County: Morris

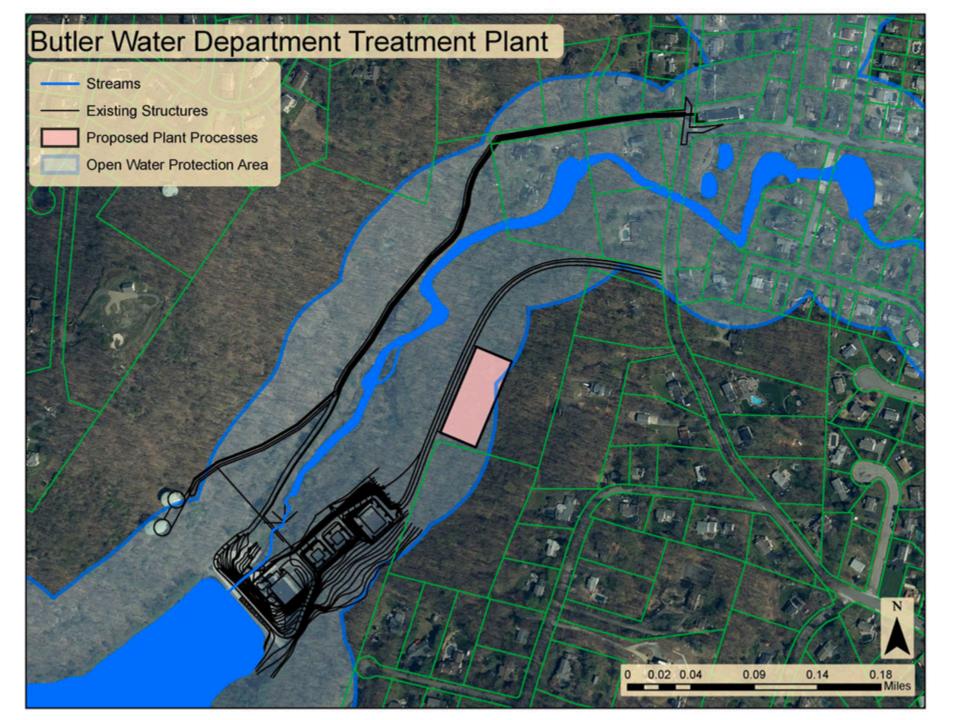
Highlands Act Area: Preservation Area

LUCZ Location: Protection Zone

Property: Block 45301, Lot 110; Block 46001, Lot 101

Proposed Use: Water Treatment Plant and Access Road















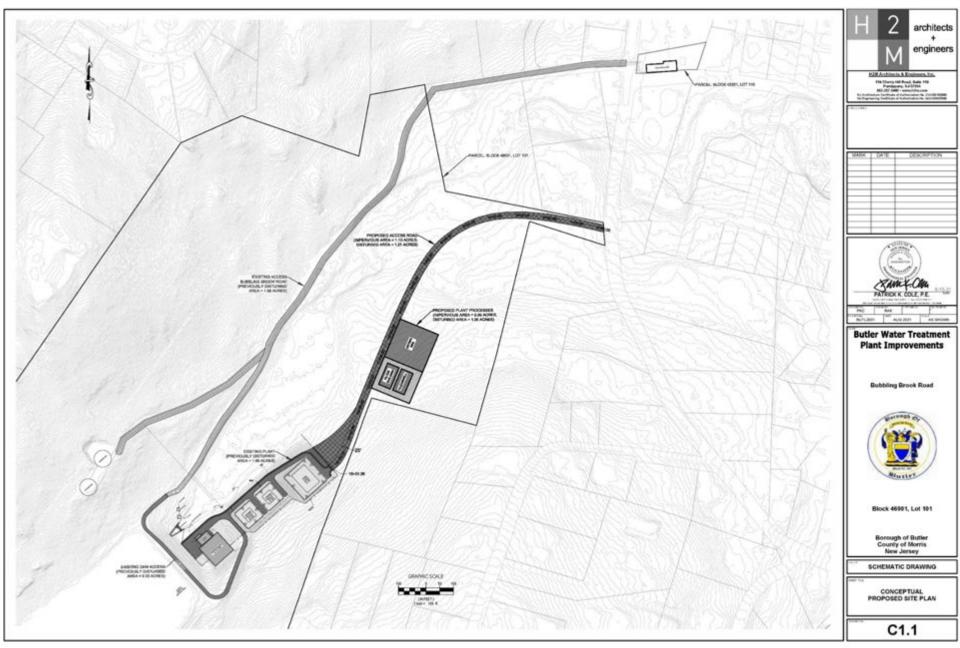














Summary of Impacts to Highlands Resources

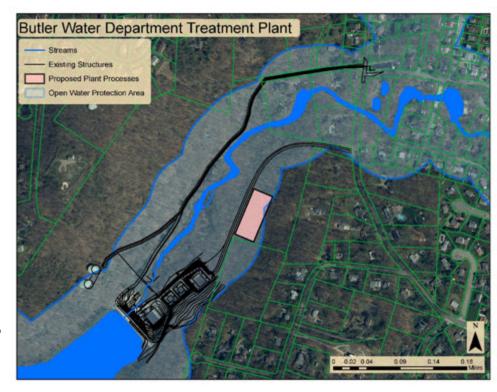
Highlands Layer	Disturbance Area of Proposed Road	Disturbance Area of Proposed Building	Total Proposed Disturbance Area	Percentage of Parcel Disturbed
Total Forest Area	47,975 ft ²	41,250 ft ²	89,225 ft ² / 2.05 acres	0.48%
Forest Resource Area	47,975 ft ²	41,250 ft ²	89,225 ft ² / 2.05 acres	0.48%
Highlands Open Water Protection Area	46,632 ft ²	40,280 ft ²	87,521 ft ² / 2.01 acres	0.47%
Highlands Riparian Area	46,632 ft ²	22,382 ft ²	65,484 ft ² / 1.50 acres	0.35%
Prime Groundwater Recharge Area	47,975 ft ²	41,250 ft ²	89,225 ft ² / 2.05 acres	0.48%
Critical Wildlife Habitat	47,975 ft ²	41,250 ft ²	89,225 ft ² / 2.05 acres	0.48%
Steep Slope Protection Area (Severely Constrained)	16,688 ft ²	7,040 ft ²	23,728 ft ² / 0.54 acres	0.13%

All impacts can be mitigated to achieve consistency with the Highlands Act and RMP, except impact to Highlands Open Water Protection Area, which is why health and safety waiver is required.

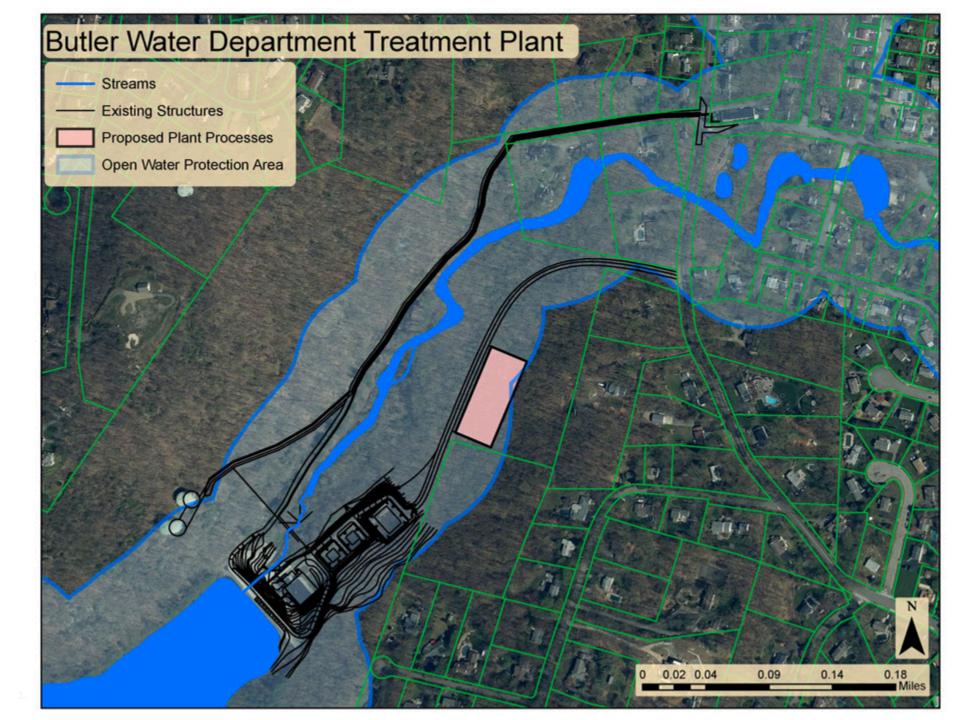


Impacts to Highlands Open Waters

- The creation of the proposed road and new processes will create disturbance within the Highlands Open Water Buffers.
- The proposed road presents the least impacts to existing resources compared to alternate options presented in the application materials.
- Impacts to Highlands Open Water Protection Area buffers cannot be fully mitigated or avoided, therefore the Borough of Butler requests a public health and safety waiver.







Highlands Council Review

- Exemption 11 issued by NJDEP must first be found consistent with the Act and RMP by the Highlands Council.
- Approval of a public health and safety waiver to permit Highlands Open Waters Buffer encroachment required to deem project consistent.
- Public Comment Period from December 3 to January 3, no comments were received.
- Staff recommends finding that the proposed Butler Water
 Department Treatment Plant Upgrades are Consistent with the
 Highlands Act with conditions as outlined in the Consistency Report
 provided to Council.

