Preliminary Feasibility Study for Sewage Treatment and Disposal

RONKONKOMA HUB PROJECT TOWN OF BROOKHAVEN, NEW YORK

PRELIMINARY FEASIBILITY STUDY FOR SEWAGE TREATMENT AND DISPOSAL

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FOREWARD

This Preliminary Report has been prepared in compliance with the requirements of *Appendix B* - *Standards For Approval and Construction of Sewage Collection Systems and Treatment Works* (issued by Suffolk County Department of Health Services (SCDHS)), requirements of Suffolk County Department of Public Works (SCDPW) and in general follows the outline of Chapter 10 of the *Recommended Standards For Wastewater Facilities* (Ten State Standards).

This Preliminary Report has been prepared to address sewage treatment and disposal for the proposed Ronkonkoma HUB development.

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SECTION I

GENERAL INFORMATION

Project Name:	Ronkonkoma HUB
Applicant:	Town Board Town of Brookhaven Town Hall 1 Independence Hill Farmingville, NY 11738
Project Description:	The applicant proposes to form a new sewer district to service a proposed HUB redevelopment. A new sewage treatment plant will service the proposed district.
Project Location:	The site is located in the Town of Brookhaven. The overall site is 54 acres.
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SECTION II

INTRODUCTION

General

This Preliminary Report has been prepared for the Town Board of the Town of Brookhaven, New York. The proposed Ronkonkoma HUB area is generally located south of Union Avenue, north of the Ronkonkoma Long Island Railroad station, east of Ronkonkoma Avenue, and west of Village Plaza Drive in the Town of Brookhaven, New York.

The project area considered for rezoning and development is approximately 54 acres and is located in Groundwater Management Zone I. In this zone, the maximum allowable sewage flow is 600 gallons per acre per day without formal sewage treatment with nitrogen removal. The projected build-out of the HUB is greater than the 32,400 gpd allowable flow for this area if onsite sanitary systems are used. Therefore, formal sewage treatment including nitrogen removal will be required for the proposed district.

Project Site

The Ronkonkoma HUB area is relatively flat, with grade elevations within a reasonable vicinity of 100 feet above mean sea level. The STP will be located in the southeast corner of the HUB area.

There are no public water supply wells within 1,500 Ft. of the HUB area. The nearest public water supply wells are:

- Lincoln Avenue Well Field $1,700 \text{ ft} \pm \text{to the Southeast}$
- Easton Street Well Field 1,800 ft ± to the Southwest

The groundwater flow direction in the area is generally to the south based on Suffolk County Department of Health Services (SCDHS 1997) Water Contour Maps. Groundwater elevation in the vicinity of the proposed district is 45± feet above MSL.

Six-inch, eight-inch, and 12-inch public water mains owned by Suffolk County Water Authority serve the Ronkonkoma HUB area.

SECTION III

PROPOSED TREATMENT PLANT CAPACITY

The average daily design flow is the average of the daily volumes to be received for a continuous 12 month period. The average daily design flow of the proposed STP for the HUB area is derived as shown in Appendix A of this report.

The Theoretical Full Build Plan – attached as Drawing No. 1 at the end of this report – depicts the boundary of the proposed sewer district, as envisioned in the Ronkonkoma HUB Transit-Oriented Land Use and Implementation Plan prepared by VHB Engineering, Surveying, and Landscape Architecture, P.C. This plan shows theoretical development of the HUB area, including the construction of a sewage treatment plant (STP) within the boundaries of the HUB area. If this proposed plan is followed, the design average daily flow required will be approximately 169,000 GPD, inclusive of existing properties to remain.

The Theoretical Max Build Plan – attached as Drawing No. 2 at the end of this report – also depicts the boundary of the proposed sewer district, as envisioned in the Ronkonkoma HUB Transit-Oriented Land Use and Implementation Plan prepared by VHB Engineering, Surveying, and Landscape Architecture, P.C. This plan shows theoretical development of the district, including the construction of the STP outside the boundaries of the 54 acre HUB area, in the Town of Islip, and a contribution to the flow from a property that is also outside the boundaries of the ± 54 acre HUB area, in the Town of Islip. Under this scenario, the area to be redeveloped would be expanded to ± 106 acres to include the area utilized by the STP and the LIRR Station parking lot. If this proposed plan is followed, the design average daily flow required will be approximately 213,000 GPD, inclusive of existing properties to remain.

Since future development density of this area cannot be precisely determined, the proposed STP capacity will be 275,000 GPD. This will allow for changes in the land use and implementation plan, as well as offer excess capacity for future expansion of the district.

In accordance with "Figure 1", page 10-5 of the Ten State Standards, the peak hourly flow for a population of approximately 3,667 (275,000 gpd \div 75 gpd per person) is 3.37. Peak hourly flow is therefore calculated to be 275,000 gpd x 3.37 = 926,750 gpd (643.6 gpm).

SECTION IV INFLUENT SEWAGE CHARACTERISTICS

The influent raw sewage characteristics used for the purpose of designing the proposed HUB area STP, as required by SCDHS are as follows:

BOD ₅ :	272 mg/l
SS:	320 mg/l
TKN:	65 mg/l
Alkalinity:	250 mg/l

Based on the above influent sewage characteristics and influent flow of 275,000 gallons per day, the influent loads are expected to be as follows:

Lbs. of pollutants = mg/l pollutant x 8.34 lb./gal. X flow in MGD

272 mg/l x 8.34 lb./gal. X 275,000 gpd x 10 ⁻⁶	=	623.8 lb. BOD ₅ /day
320 mg/l x 8.34 lb./gal. X 275,000 gpd x 10 ⁻⁶	=	733.9 lb. S.S./day
65 mg/l x 8.34 lb./gal. X 275,000 gpd x 10 ⁻⁶	=	149.1 lb. TKN/day
250 mg/l x 8.34 lb./gal. X 275,000 gpd x 10 ⁻⁶	=	573.4 lb. Alk./day

SECTION V EFFLUENT REQUIREMENTS

The treated effluent from the proposed STP will be recharged to the ground via subsurface leaching pools. Consequently, we expect the State Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (SPDES) permit will require a daily maximum total nitrogen concentration of 10 mg/l as the limiting value and a pH limit of 5.5 to 8.5 SU. The 30-day arithmetic average flow limit will be the design flow of 275,000 gpd.

The following effluent quality is anticipated:

BOD ₅	< 10 mg/l
TSS	< 10 mg/l
Total N	< 10 mg/l
pН	5.5 to 8.5 SU

The effluent quality is expected to meet or do better than the effluent requirements.

SECTION VI TREATMENT OPTIONS

Based on density restrictions, formal sewage treatment must be provided for the proposed project. Generally, two options are available:

- Off-Site Treatment and
- On-Site Treatment.

Off-Site Treatment

Off-site treatment requires that there be an existing STP which:

- Is sufficiently close to the project site to allow for economical transfer of sanitary sewage flow from the project site to the host STP;
- Has sufficient uncommitted excess capacity for the expected proposed and future sanitary sewage flow for this project; and
- Is capable of treating the sewage to the required effluent quality.
- The Owner of a host STP must be amenable to accepting sewage from the proposed project.

The following three (3) STP's were investigated for the possibility of receiving sanitary sewage flows generated within the proposed district:

No.	Name	Permitted Flow	Distance to Proposed District	SPDES Permit No.
1	Browning Hotel	56,000 GPD	1,100 ft. ±	NY 0253162
2	Waverly Park Condominium	60,000 GPD	3.3 mi. ±	NY 0077381
3	Heatherwood House @	30,000 GPD	2.1 mi. ±	NY 0079375
	Lake Ronkonkoma			

Review of the above STPs indicates that no nearby STP has enough uncommitted excess capacity to treat an additional 275,000 gpd flow.

In addition, several STPs exist on the Islip side of the proposed district. These STPs also do not have enough uncommitted excess capacity to treat an additional 275,000 gpd flow.

Based upon the above, the off-site treatment option is not viable.

In addition to this analysis, the Suffolk County Department of Public Works (SCDPW) is planning to award Capital Project No. 8185, in which six (6) areas within Suffolk County are to be studied with respect to districting and combining contributing areas for the purpose of sewage treatment. One (1) of those six (6) areas is a similar area to the proposed district being analyzed here.

On-Site Treatment

Many treatment plants have been constructed in Suffolk County using the extended aeration process followed by a deep bed Denitrification filter. Some treatment plants use rotating biological contactors (RBCs) followed by a deep bed Denitrification filter. Other STPs use Sequencing Batch Reactors (SBR) and the Biologically Engineered Single Sludge Treatment (BESST) process.

The BESST process was selected for this project because of its process stability and ability to constantly achieve design goals.

B. Description of Selected BESST Treatment Process:

The BESST Process is a continuous flow modified extended aeration process. Sewage enters first into the anoxic chamber where it mixes with return activated sludge (RAS) from the clarifier. The nitrogen removal process is completed here as nitrite (NO₂-N) and Nitrate (NO₃-N) produced in the aeration zone are converted to Nitrogen gas (N₂). Some of the

influent BOD_5 is consumed in this denitrification process. The dissolved oxygen (DO) level is maintained below 0.2 mg/l, and submerged mixers keep MLSS in suspension.

The mixed liquor is transferred by gravity from the anoxic chamber to the far end of the aeration chamber through a submerged transfer pipe. BOD_5 removal and nitrification take place here as the mixed liquor is aerated by fine bubble air diffusers. The aerated mixed liquor then flows into the bottom of the clarifier by means of a uniquely designed baffle.

In the clarifier, solids settle to the bottom as the supernatant flows over the overflow weir and is gravity fed to the micro screen drum filters. Unfiltered sludge and backwash waste are returned to the sludge holding tank. Clean filtered effluent flows by gravity to the effluent leaching pools.

SECTION VII STP SITING

There are two (2) possible locations for the proposed STP:

- 1. For the Theoretical Full Build Plan, the STP will be sited in the southeast corner of the HUB area (the "primary site") in the Town of Brookhaven. This parcel is a 5.47± acre site, which will accommodate at least the 275,000 GPD capacity STP being proposed, pending analysis of soil characteristics and potential hydrogeological effects of effluent on drinking water supplies. The soil type for this site is Plymouth loamy sand, 0 to 3 percent slopes (PlA), which is a rapidly permeable soil. This is an ideal type of soil for disposing of sewage treatment plant effluent, because it allows for recharge beyond the minimum leaching rate required by the SCDHS for the disposal of effluent. The site is relatively flat, with little concern for grading issues. The site is generally clear, and would require minimal removal of trees to complete the construction of the STP building and the effluent leaching pools. The proposed primary STP site is within the proposed district.
- 2. For the Theoretical Max Build Plan, the STP would be sited outside the proposed HUB area, just south of the railroad (the "alternative site") in the Town of Islip. Alternatively, this parcel, and the parcel containing the parking garage and shops on the Islip side may be included in the HUB redevelopment area, which would obviously expand the district and sewage flow. This parcel is a 9.00± acre site, which will accommodate at least the 275,000 GPD capacity STP being proposed, pending analysis of soil characteristics and potential hydrogeological effects off effluent on drinking water supplies. The soil types for this site are Plymouth loamy sand, 3 to 8 percent slopes (PlB) and Riverhead sandy loam, 0 to 3 percent slopes (RdA). These are ideal types of soils for disposing of sewage treatment plant effluent, because they allow for recharge beyond the minimum leaching rate required by the SCDHS for the disposal of effluent. The site is relatively flat, with little concern for grading issues. The site is generally wooded, and would require clearing of the existing trees to allow for the construction of the STP building as well as

placement of the subsurface leaching pools. The proposed alternative STP site is located outside of the proposed district, or would require an expansion of the proposed district. The proposed alternative STP site lies within the boundary of the Town of Islip.

In comparing the two (2) alternatives, both sites are generally similar. The basic differences include the size of each parcel ($5.47\pm$ Ac. vs. $9.00\pm$ Ac.) and the existing terrain of each parcel (generally cleared vs. generally wooded). The primary site is within the HUB area, and the alternative site would either be outside the HUB area or would require an expanded HUB area. The alternative site is significantly larger than the primary site, offering greater opportunity for expansion of the STP in the future to accommodate, for example, a theoretical expansion of the district, if desired, in the future. Depending on the needs of the Town of Brookhaven, and the vision for this project, the primary site would be preferable if the desire was to keep the project entirely in the Town of Brookhaven, and to keep the district smaller. The alternative site would be preferable if the desire was to offer greater expansion opportunity. Ultimately, the decision is one which is beyond the scope of this report.

APPENDIX A PRELIMINARY FLOW CALCULATIONS

Ronkonkoma HUB Project Sewage Treatment Design Calculations Existing to Remain July 8, 2010

	Gross				Total
	Floor Area	Design	Design	Design	Flow
Description	(sq.ft.)	Category	Flow	Units	(GPD)
Hawkins Ave					
Vacant Auto-Repair	2,876	Gen. Ind.	0.04	GPD/sq.ft.	115.04
Residential 1		Residential	300	GPD/unit	300.00
Residential 2		Residential	300	GPD/unit	300.00
A-1 Car Care	2,186	Gen. Ind.	0.04	GPD/sq.ft.	87.44
Union Ave	-				
Lawn Mower Service	1,261	Gen. Ind.	0.04	GPD/sq.ft.	50.44
Residential 3		Residential	300	GPD/unit	300.00
Spring & Wheel Alignment, Inc.	3,552	Gen. Ind.	0.04	GPD/sq.ft.	142.08
Tom's Auto Services	5,603	Gen. Ind.	0.04	GPD/sq.ft.	224.12
Carroll Ave					
Islandwide Food Service	8,752	Dry Store	0.03	GPD/sq.ft.	262.56
Residential 4		Residential	300	GPD/unit	300.00
Auto Pro Automotive	2,412	Gen. Ind.	0.04	GPD/sq.ft.	96.48
Tutor Time	10,613	School	7.5	GPD/capita	3,979.88
Abco Electric Corp.	1,062	Gen. Ind.	0.04	GPD/sq.ft.	42.48
Residential 5		Residential	300	GPD/unit	300.00
Residential 6		Residential	300	GPD/unit	300.00
Residential 7		Residential	300	GPD/unit	300.00
Elm St.				•	
Residential 8		Residential	300	GPD/unit	300.00
Residential 9		Residential	300	GPD/unit	300.00
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Ronkonkoma HUB Project Sewage Treatment Design Calculations Full Build-out July 8, 2010

Site 1

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Description	Count	Unit Flow	Total Flow
Housing Unit (601-1200 sq.ft.)	123 units	225 GPD/unit	27,675 GPD

Site 2

Description	Count	Unit Flow	Total Flow
Housing Unit (601-1200 sq.ft.)	60 units	225 GPD/unit	13,500 GPD
Retail	38,375 sq.ft.		
1/2 Dry Store	19,188 sq.ft.	0.03 GPD/sq.ft.	576 GPD
1/2 Wet Store	19,188 sq.ft.	0.10 GPD/sq.ft.	1,919 GPD
Office	24,375 sq.ft.		
1/2 Medical	12,188 sq.ft.	0.10 GPD/sq.ft.	1,219 GPD
1/2 Non-medical	12,188 sq.ft.	0.06 GPD/sq.ft.	731 GPD
Subtotal			17,944 GPD

Site 3

Description	Count	Unit Flow	Total Flow
Health Club	30,000 sq.ft.	0.30 GPD/sq.ft.	9,000 GPD
Retail	22,500 sq.ft.		
1/2 Dry Store	11,250 sq.ft.	0.03 GPD/sq.ft.	338 GPD
1/2 Wet Store	11,250 sq.ft.	0.10 GPD/sq.ft.	1,125 GPD
Office	25,000 sq.ft.		
1/2 Medical	12,500 sq.ft.	0.10 GPD/sq.ft.	1,250 GPD
1/2 Non-medical	12,500 sq.ft.	0.06 GPD/sq.ft.	750 GPD
Housing Unit (601-1200 sq.ft.)	66 units	225 GPD/unit	14,850 GPD
Subtotal			27,313 GPD

Site 4

Description	Count	Unit Flow	Total Flow
Restaurant	100 seats	30 GPD/seat	3,000 GPD

Site 5

Description	Count	Unit Flow	Total Flow
Housing Unit (601-1200 sq.ft.)	196 units	225 GPD/unit	44,100 GPD

Description	Count	Unit Flow	Total Flow
Restaurant	100 seats	30 GPD/seat	3,000 GPD

Site 7

Description	Count	Unit Flow	Total Flow
Housing Unit (601-1200 sq.ft.)	125 units	225 GPD/unit	28,125 GPD

Description	Count	Unit Flow	Total Flow
Housing Unit (601-1200 sq.ft.)	45 units	225 GPD/unit	10,125 GPD

Totals		
Site 1	27,675	
Site 2	17,944	
Site 3	27,313	
Site 4	3,000	
Site 5	44,100	
Site 6	3,000	
Site 7	28,125	
Site 8	10,125	
Existing to Remain	7,701	
TOTAL	168,983	

Ronkonkoma HUB Project Sewage Treatment Design Calculations Max Build-out July 8, 2010

Site 1

Description	Count	Unit Flow	Total Flow
Housing Unit (601-1200 sq.ft.)	123 units	225 GPD/unit	27,675 GPD

Site 2

Description	Count	Unit Flow	Total Flow
Housing Unit (601-1200 sq.ft.)	60 units	225 GPD/unit	13,500 GPD
Retail	38,375 sq.ft.		
1/2 Dry Store	19,188 sq.ft.	0.03 GPD/sq.ft.	576 GPD
1/2 Wet Store	19,188 sq.ft.	0.10 GPD/sq.ft.	1,919 GPD
Office	24,375 sq.ft.		
1/2 Medical	12,188 sq.ft.	0.10 GPD/sq.ft.	1,219 GPD
1/2 Non-medical	12,188 sq.ft.	0.06 GPD/sq.ft.	731 GPD
Subtotal			17,944 GPD

Site 3

Description	Count	Unit Flow	Total Flow
Health Club	30,000 sq.ft.	0.30 GPD/sq.ft.	9,000 GPD
Retail	22,500 sq.ft.		
1/2 Dry Store	11,250 sq.ft.	0.03 GPD/sq.ft.	338 GPD
1/2 Wet Store	11,250 sq.ft.	0.10 GPD/sq.ft.	1,125 GPD
Office	25,000 sq.ft.		
1/2 Medical	12,500 sq.ft.	0.10 GPD/sq.ft.	1,250 GPD
1/2 Non-medical	12,500 sq.ft.	0.06 GPD/sq.ft.	750 GPD
Housing Unit (601-1200 sq.ft.)	66 units	225 GPD/unit	14,850 GPD
Subtotal			27,313 GPD

Site 4

Description	Count	Unit Flow	Total Flow
Housing Unit (601-1200 sq.ft.)	60 units	225 GPD/unit	13,500 GPD
Housing Unit (>1200 sq.ft.)	6 units	300 GPD/unit	1,800 GPD
Retail	16,400 sq.ft.		
1/2 Dry Store	8,200 sq.ft.	0.03 GPD/sq.ft.	246 GPD
1/2 Wet Store	8,200 sq.ft.	0.10 GPD/sq.ft.	820 GPD
Subtotal			16,366 GPD

Description	Count	Unit Flow	Total Flow
Housing Unit (601-1200 sq.ft.)	196 units	225 GPD/unit	44,100 GPD

Site 6

Description	Count	Unit Flow	Total Flow
Restaurant	100 seats	30 GPD/seat	3,000 GPD

Site 7

Description	Count	Unit Flow	Total Flow
Housing Unit (601-1200 sq.ft.)	252 units	225 GPD/unit	56,700 GPD

Site 8

Description	Count	Unit Flow	Total Flow
Housing Unit (601-1200 sq.ft.)	45 units	225 GPD/unit	10,125 GPD

Description	Count	Unit Flow	Total Flow
Retail	25,000 sq.ft.		
1/2 Dry Store	12,500 sq.ft.	0.03 GPD/sq.ft.	375 GPD
1/2 Wet Store	12,500 sq.ft.	0.10 GPD/sq.ft.	1,250 GPD
Subtotal			1,625 GPD

Totals			
Site 1	27,675		
Site 2	17,944		
Site 3	27,313		
Site 4	16,366		
Site 5	44,100		
Site 6	3,000		
Site 7	56,700		
Site 8	10,125		
Site 10	1,625		
Existing to Remain	7,701		
TOTAL	212,548		

DRAWING No. 1 THEORETICAL FULL BUILD PLAN



WHB Engineering, Surveying and Landscape Architecture, P.C.



Note: Parking based on ITE parking generation rates as follows: 1.33 Spaces/Unit Res:

2.84 Spaces/Unit Office: 2.65 Spaces/Unit 1 Space/3 Seats Restaurant:

Note: Study Area totals are as follows...

Brookhaven: 53.73 Acres Islip: 52.16 Acres

Data sources: Ω 250

Retail:

Aerial Imagery – New York State Geographic Information Systems 500 Feet Assessors Parcels, LIR Rail, Land Use and Zoning – Suffolk County GIS Basemap, Town of Brookhaven, Long Island, NY



Ronkonkoma Hub Transit-Oriented Land Use and Implementation Plan

Theoretical Full Build Plan

DRAWING No. 2 THEORETICAL MAX BUILD PLAN



WHB Engineering, Surveying and Landscape Architecture, P.C.



Note: Parking based on ITE parking generation rates as follows:



Res:1.33 Spaces/UnitOffice:2.84 Spaces/UnitRetail:2.65 Spaces/UnitRestaurant:1 Space/3 Seats

Note: Study Area totals are as follows...

Brookhaven: 53.73 Acres Islip: 52.16 Acres

Data sources: Aerial Imagery 0 250 500 Feet Assessors Par

Aerial Imagery – New York State Geographic Information Systems 500 Feet Assessors Parcels, LIR Rail, Land Use and Zoning – Suffolk County GIS Basemap, Town of Brookhaven, Long Island, NY Site 5 — ±6.28 acres 3 Story Residential Over Grade Parking 196 Units · Avg Size: 1,000 SF Parking · 261 Spaces Amenity · Club with Pool

Site 6 — ±1.8 acres Restaurant · 100 Seats Parking · 33 Spaces

Site 7 — ±8.21 acres 4 Story Residential Over Grade Parking 252 Units · Avg Size: 1,000 SF Parking · 335 Spaces

Site 8 — ±1.13 acres 4 Story Residential Over Grade Parking 45 Units · Avg Size: 1,000 SF Parking · 60 Spaces

Site 9 — ±9.00 acres



Ronkonkoma Hub Transit-Oriented Land Use and Implementation Plan

Theoretical Maximum Build Out Plan