



A Fact Sheet for the Catlett & Calverton Wastewater Project

And Application for Community Development Block Grant Funds

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What is this project about?

The Fauquier County Board of Supervisors has hired consultants to develop plans for an affordable and effective wastewater system to meet the sewer treatment needs in Catlett and Calverton.

Who will benefit from this project?

If you own or rent a home or business that is located within the potential Catlett or Calverton Wastewater Treatment Service Area, as designated by the Fauquier County Board of Supervisors, then you might be eligible for public sewer.

Come to Community Meeting March 1st

We will go over the details of this project at a community meeting, to be held at **7:00 p.m. on March 1st at the Cedar Run Rescue Squad, where BINGO is held** on Route 28. You are invited to attend. If you have special needs, or cannot attend, call us so we can meet with you at another time.

The County is applying for a grant and funding.

The County is applying for a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) to compete with other localities in Virginia for up to \$1 Million to help finance this project. Other funding sources will be pursued to improve the project's financial feasibility.

We need your help to succeed!

You can help us by filling out a simple survey at the community meeting March 1st. County staff and volunteers will be going door-to-door collecting information. The application requires us to demonstrate need.

Will you keep my income information private?

Yes, all information collected on the surveys will be kept confidential. We will only use it to apply for this grant application and other programs that also require the information. We will not ask for things like your

How will you collect this information?

birth date, social security number, or ask to see bank statements. Join us at the community meeting at the Catlett Fire Station March 1st. We hope you will fill out a survey that night. We will also be sending out authorized volunteers to households who might not have been able to be at the meeting.

If you are unsure of anyone *asking for your household income*, call County Administration, at (540) 422-8001, and ask to speak with Tony Hooper.

The County Board has contracted for a P.E.R.

The consultants include two groups. One is an engineering firm, Resources International, based in Ashland. That firm is preparing a **Preliminary Engineering Report (called a P.E.R.)** that contains the treatment system plan. The other firm, Eldon James & Associates, is experienced in assisting rural communities with planning a wastewater system and in securing funding for construction.

What is a P.E.R.?

All wastewater treatment systems contain three parts – a collection system (pipes from the house), a treatment process (commonly called the treatment plant), and a dispersal system.

Wastewater systems should be developed to match the particular circumstances of the community where they are built. This particular P.E.R. will document the details of the most appropriate wastewater plan for Catlett and Calverton.

A Project Management Team has been formed.

A Project Management Team (PMT) was formed in August to tell the consultants about the septic problems in Catlett and Calverton, and to help determine what collection, treatment, and dispersal systems would best eliminate the septic problems in both Catlett and Calverton.

Who is representing Catlett and Calverton in this work?

The PMT includes residents from Catlett and Calverton, and is chaired by the County's Deputy Administrator, Tony Hooper. Also participating on the PMT are staff from the Fauquier County Water and Sewer Authority (WSA), the Health Department, the Planning Commission, the Planning Office and the County's Soil Scientist. A list of the PMT members is attached to this letter.

The PMT has been meeting since August 18, 2010. At each meeting, the Resources International engineers present their work on the Catlett/Calverton P.E.R. The WSA's engineers and other PMT members ask questions, and share thoughts about ways to improve the P.E.R.

What are the goals of the project?

At an October 14th work session for the Board of Supervisors, the consultants presented the Board of Supervisors with an overview of what the P.E.R. contains so far. The collection, treatment, and dispersal systems have been developed to treat 80,000 gallons per day and to disperse the treated water to land. Estimated construction costs were reported to be at about \$7 million.

The Board also heard the State's current thinking about how best to protect water resources, and what funding might be available to support the system's construction costs.

These costs are early estimates. There are still questions that must be answered before the final P.E.R. (engineering report) is presented to the Board. For example, the costs to purchase land for treated water dispersal and the costs to users of the system are not known yet.

Why haven't you mentioned the costs to me yet?

There will be a monthly utility cost in exchange for not having to take care of a septic system anymore.

There are also "connection" or "hook-up" fees for each user, but our grant application will hopefully reduce or eliminate these fees for households that qualify as low-to-moderate income.

At this time, we really don't know what your monthly cost might be, or how much the connection fee might be. We will do our best to keep you informed as the decisions that shape those costs are made.

What's different this time?

You probably know that the Board has studied wastewater treatment for Catlett and Calverton in the past. Why should this time be any different?

Last spring, representatives from Fauquier visited a wastewater project built in rural Caroline County that serves over 180 homes and businesses. After that visit, the Board felt that now is the time to look again at the Catlett/Calverton problems. New systems being built throughout Virginia are less costly and very effective in treating wastewater. The Catlett/Calverton draft P.E.R. shows that the early construction cost estimates are lower than in previous studies.

Is this the same as the Catlett Farm, LLC proposal for a residential subdivision?

No. This project is not the same work as the Catlett Farm LLC, the group that is proposing new residential units at Catlett. However, the Board's ultimate decision on their proposed development will impact the work done by the PMT working on this project. It is expected that the Board will make a decision on the pending Catlett Farm LLC development proposal by March 10, 2011.

The Catlett and Calverton citizen members of the PMT, and staff working on the grant application recommended this fact sheet. They want you to know this work is going on, and who you can call if you have questions.

Still have questions?

We are here to serve you and answer your questions. Written materials from the PMT meetings are available online at this County website: ccwtp.fauquiercounty.gov Any member of the PMT will be happy to talk with you about their work. Specific questions will also be answered by Tony Hooper at (540) 422-8001.

Thank you!

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter. And should you have questions or comments, please be sure to visit the County's website, talk with members of the PMT, or call Tony Hooper.

Attachments:

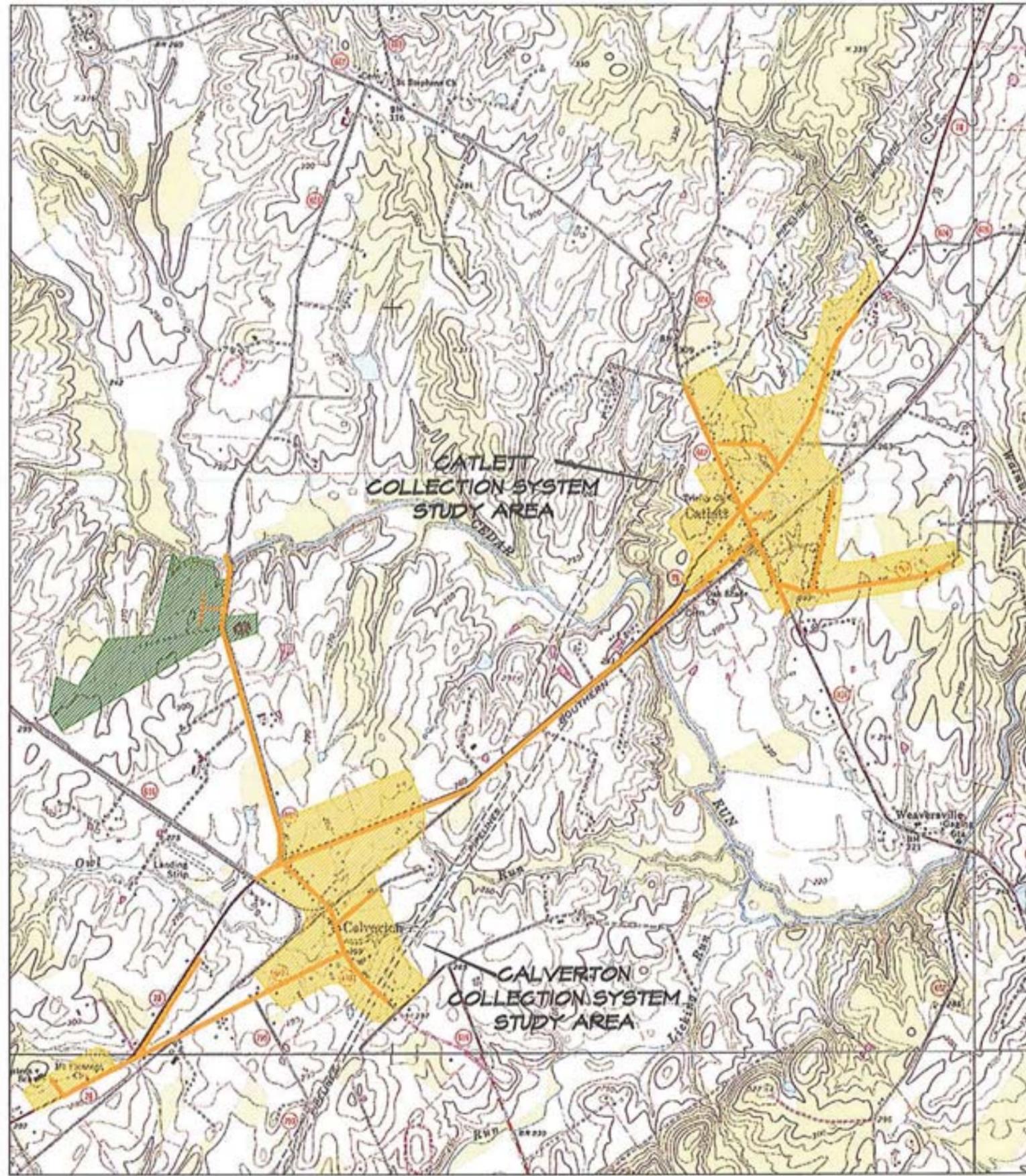
PMT Member List

Map of the Service Areas



Project Management Team Member List

David Burton	Community Member
Carolyn Hartman	Community Member
William Armstrong	Community Member
Bobbie Trenis	Community Member
Jim Stone	Fauquier Planning Commission (Cedar Run District)
Tony Hooper	Fauquier County, Deputy County Administrator
Charlie Riedlinger	Project Consultant, Resources International
Sue Rowland	Project Consultant
Eldon James	Project Consultant
Jim Sawyer	Fauquier County Soil Scientist
Kristen Slawter	Fauquier County, Planning Office
Ted Bullard	Health Department
Wayne Stephens	Fauquier County Water & Sanitation Authority
Barney Durrett	Fauquier County Water & Sanitation Authority
Butch Farley	Fauquier County Water & Sanitation Authority



U.S.G.S. 7.5 SERIES QUADRANGLES
CATLETT, VIRGINIA, 1966 (PHOTOREVISED 1970)
MIDLAND, VIRGINIA 1967, (PHOTOREVISED 1983)
SCALE: 1" = 2,500'

LEGEND

-  GRINDER COLLECTION SYSTEM
-  SEWER REMEDIATION AREA
-  POTENTIAL REMEDIATION AREA

FIGURE 15
 COMBINED GRINDER COLLECTION
 SYSTEM
 CATLETT/CALVERTON
 WASTEWATER COLLECTION SYSTEM
 FAUQUIER COUNTY, VIRGINIA
 OCTOBER 4, 2010
 NOTE: ALL LOCATIONS ARE APPROXIMATE.



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