

## Frequently Asked Questions

### Article 2 Special Town Meeting December 14, 2009 Completion of the Phase 6 Sewer Project

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#### 1. Where is Phase 6?

Phase 6 is the Town's primary industrial and business zoned land along South Street, Elmwood Park, Lumber Street and a portion of West Main Street in the vicinity of Lumber Street.

#### 2. What is different about this project from the project approved by Town Meeting in 2007?

The original project in 2007 was for the construction of the Fruit Street Wastewater Treatment Plant. This plant would provide 100,000 gallons per day (gpd) of treatment capacity since we are nearing the limit of the 400,000 gpd capacity of our contract with the Westborough wastewater treatment plant. The project as currently proposed includes the 100,000 gpd Fruit Street Wastewater Treatment Plant and a sewer connection to Milford which will provide an additional 200,000 gpd of capacity. Since the Comprehensive Wastewater Management Plan (CWMP) was completed in 2005 the Town has seen several changes that affect the estimated amount of treatment capacity to support the needs of Phase 6. These changes include re-zoning areas in Phase 6 to allow hotels, an increase in allowed building heights and a major expansion of the South Street biotechnology firm, Lonza Biologics Inc (Lonza). The Lonza expansion by itself has sewer capacity needs of 75,000 gpd, an increase of about 60,000 gpd over its current use. Also there has been approval of several yet to be constructed projects throughout the Town outside of Phase 6 that also will use our overall available sewer treatment capacity. These include Collela's Market expansion, Hopkinton Village, expansion of Bills Pizza, Golden Pond Assisted Living, Hopkinton Square and the recently completed Hopkinton Pediatrics building. The project as proposed under this article will provide the Town with 300,000 gpd of additional treatment capacity to serve existing needs and provide capacity for the growth promoted by the Town's Master Plan and anticipated by the zoning changes.

Other changes to the project resulted from the several appeals to the permits granted for the Fruit Street Wastewater Treatment Plant. In an effort to amicably resolve these appeals the Town has revised some aspects of the project. Most notably the earthen fill previously installed to cross a wetland will be removed and replaced with a bridge to access the wastewater treatment plant. Also the leach beds used to recharge the aquifer have been moved further from Whitehall Brook.