## **NEWBERRY** TOWNSHIP - PUBLIC NOTICE

# Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission (PUC) Docket No. A-2025-3057974 Southern Crossings Development – Sewer Service Information

**As of October 25, 2025**, Pennsylvania-American Water filed an application with the **Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission (PUC)** for official approval to extend its certificated wastewater service area into a portion of **Newberry Township**. The public notice appeared in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin* under **Docket No. A-2025-3057974**.

This request applies only to the future 99 townhomes located within the Southern Crossings development in Newberry Township. It has no connection whatsoever to Newberry Township's existing municipal sewer system or customers.

# Newberry Township is not, nor does it have any plans to, sell or transfer ownership of its sewer system.

#### **Background**

Southern Crossings is a new residential development planned across both Fairview Township and Newberry Township. The majority of the townhomes (about two-thirds) will be built in Fairview Township, with roughly 99 units located within Newberry Township.

## **Sewer Service Arrangement**

Several years ago, Newberry Township and Fairview Township reached an agreement allowing the Fairview Township Sewer System (now owned by Pennsylvania-American Water Company) to provide sewer service to both sides of the development.

Under that 2024 EDU Transfer Agreement, Newberry Township approved the transfer of up to 99 Equivalent Dwelling Units (EDUs) to Pennsylvania-American Water. In return, Fairview's system (now PA American Water) will handle treatment and service for the Newberry portion, and Newberry Township received a one-time payment of **\$57,420** for the EDU transfer.

#### **What This Means for Residents**

- Only the 99 Southern Crossings townhomes in Newberry Township will connect to PA American Water's sewer and water systems.
- This does NOT affect any existing Newberry Township sewer customers.
- Service will operate under PA American Water's Rate Zone 1 wastewater tariff, regulated by the PUC.
- Newberry Township's Act 537 Plan will be updated to reflect this limited change, but the Township will not be directly operating or maintaining these sewer lines.
- Residents of Southern Crossings will receive a single utility bill for both water and sewer service from PA American Water once homes are occupied.

Prepared by Aaron Schwartz, Newberry Township Manager for resident information and transparency.