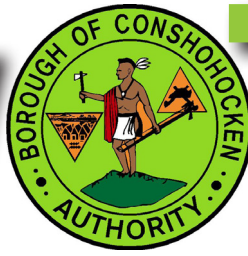


# Authority Times

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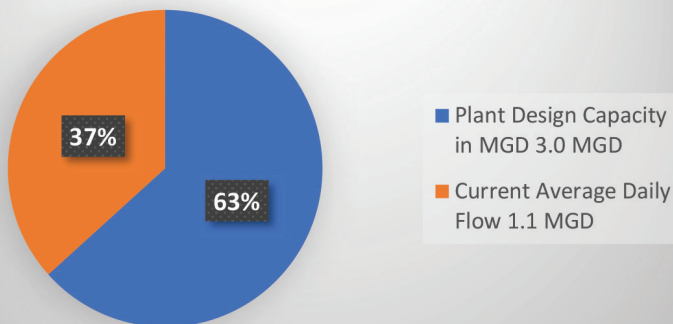
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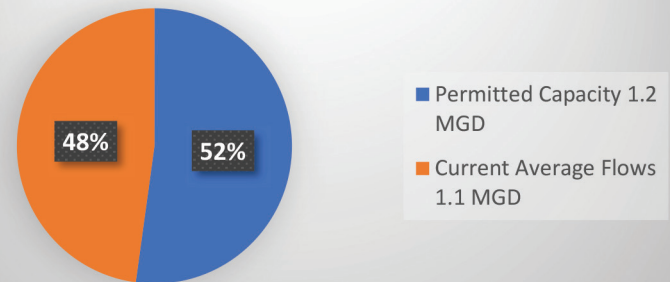
## BCA Looks to Expand Capacity

The Borough of Conshohocken Authority (BCA) is regulated by the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) program, which issues a personalized permit to each discharging entity every five years. The NPDES permit limits the amount of treated wastewater discharge or “flow” that can be fed into the waterway. The BCA’s facility was designed to treat daily flows up to 3 million gallons per day (MGD). Our current permit allows for

Daily Maximum Design Capacity 3.0 MGD



Daily Permitted Capacity 2.3 MGD



2.3 MGD or less to be treated. Out of the 2.3 MGD, our facility is currently treating 1.1 MGD on average.

We are currently utilizing 48 percent of our permitted capacity and 37 percent of our design capacity.

We could double the flows from Conshohocken, West Conshohocken, and the portion of Plymouth Township that we serve without meeting our daily limit in our NPDES permit. Even with the proposed development in town, we will certainly be up to the task of properly treating every gallon.

## Water Fountain Promotes Waste Reduction

In less than five years’ time, Authority employees helped eliminate the use of 10,000 plastic bottles.

In November 2017, the Authority installed a refillable bottle water fountain to enable staff to refill reusable drinking containers instead of plastic water bottles. Staff takes advantage of having fresh, cold water on demand, especially on hot summer days.



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### AUTHORITY MEETINGS

**July 26**  
**August 23**  
**September 27**  
**October 26**  
**November 22**  
**December 27**

**Meetings are held in  
the Authority office:  
601 East Elm St.  
Conshohocken  
Meeting time 6:30 pm**

## A Safety Milestone



# Authority to Begin 5-Year Rate Study

With an eye on continued fiscal responsibility, the Borough of Conshohocken Authority has authorized a rate study to determine if a rate increase is needed over the next five years, and, if so, how much.

The Authority has commissioned Howard J. Woods Jr. & Associates, LLC to conduct the rate study, which will be used to review the adequacy of present sanitary sewer rates. The Authority last adjusted its volumetric rate for service provided to its Conshohocken area customers in 2018.

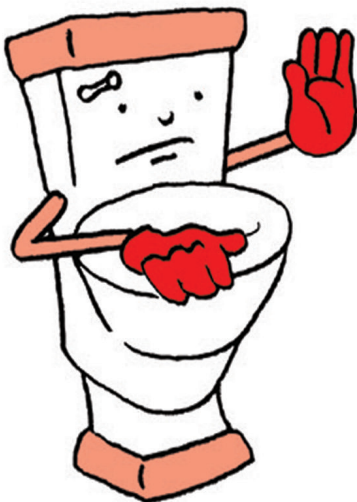
This study evaluates the likely cost of providing sewer service over the coming five years and develops the rates that would be required to recover the full cost of service through sewer billings. Some recently incurred expenses include the inflated cost of fuel which affects delivery costs, as well as increases in product prices due to the shortage of materials.

Since the mid-1990s water use throughout the United States has been declining. The principal reasons are related to changes in plumbing codes and conservation-oriented manufacturing standards for water-using appliances. As homes are renovated and appliances are replaced, typical average residential water use declines. From a rate setting perspective, while the cost of service are increasing, the number of gallons sold over which that cost can be recovered is declining on a per customer basis.

The Authority has been implementing new strategies that will minimize costs in plant operations. Neighboring municipal authorities are facing astronomical wastewater rate increases of as much as 90 percent. The Authority is taking the appropriate measures to avoid rate increases of such excessive proportion. The full study can be viewed on the Authority's website at [www.conshohockensa.com](http://www.conshohockensa.com).

# To Flush or Not to Flush?

These items should NOT be flushed down the toilet



- Baby wipes
- Cat litter
- Diapers
- Disposable wipes
- Fat, grease, oil
- Feminine products
- Paint
- Paper towels
- Pesticides
- Pharmaceuticals