



# BENNER TOWNSHIP WATER AUTHORITY

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Benner Township Planning Commission  
Attn: Nate Campbell  
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RE: Source Water Protection

Dear Mr. Campbell:

Thank you for speaking with Andy Swales regarding the Township's new zoning ordinances and how this instrument can potentially be used to protect the residents of the Township including the natural resources located within the boundaries of Benner Township.

We (Benner Township Water Authority – BTWA) have struggled protecting our Grove Park Wellhead. There has been no action taken by Benner Township to prevent the Borough of Bellefonte from applying bio-solids from their Wastewater Treatment facility within our Grove Park well aquifer recharge area. We believe that such application has a high probability of tainting that water supply due to the nature of the geology in that area. The BTWA also has concerns with the high nitrate levels that exist in that same well. The dearth of regulations covering BTWA's supervised wells could lead to a serious potable water shortage in Benner Township.

With a lack of existing Township-sponsored protection, zoning ordinances can provide the means to ensure that our water resources remain stable and safe.

We look forward to meeting with your group and formulating some meaningful protections for our community.

Sincerely,

Thomas N. Eby  
Board Chairman

CC: File  
Benner Township Supervisors