

## SECTION VII

### UTILITIES INVENTORY

The Pennridge Area is crossed by the rights-of-way of various utilities. **Figure VII-1—Utilities Map** shows the approximate locations of the major lines of the utilities described below. Obviously, the two most important types of utility lines with regard to this Plan are the water mains and the wastewater conveyance lines. They are discussed in this section in relation to their location on the utilities map. More discussion of water and wastewater facilities is present in Section VIII of this plan.

#### A. Water Mains

As shown on the map, a water main from the Point Pleasant pumping station is located in Bedminster Township, roughly paralleling the gas line from Plumstead Township through Bedminster, as far as Center School Road. Other major water mains are located in West Rockhill Township from the reservoir on Catch Basin Road south to Sellersville, and along County Line Road from Barndt Road south to Telford Borough, and then along State Road to Meetinghouse Road; in East Rockhill Township from Ridge Road along Callowhill Road and continuing along Three Mile Run Road to the railroad crossing, and off of Old Bethlehem Pike just north of Ridge Road; in Perkasio along Fifth Street from Walnut Street to Blooming Glen Road, along Ninth Street between Park Avenue and Chestnut Street, and along Eighth Street to Race Street, along Walnut Street to Spruce Street at Constitution Avenue, and along South Perkasio Road to Blooming Glen Road in Hilltown Township, from Telford along Schoolhouse Road into Silverdale to PA Route 113, and along Diamond Street and Orchard Road, between Pheasant Hill Road and Walnut Street, then south along Walnut and PA Route 152 to Creamery Road; mains also are located around Souderton and along PA Route 309 south of Swartley Road and into New Britain Township.

#### B. Wastewater Facilities

The Pennridge Wastewater Authority owns and maintains large interceptor sewer lines that run along the East Branch Perkiomen Creek within West Rockhill Township, Sellersville Borough, Perkasio Borough, and East Rockhill Township from Lenape Drive in West Rockhill Township to Blooming Glen Road in East Rockhill Township. Another Pennridge Wastewater Authority sewer service line runs adjacent to Pleasant Spring Creek in Perkasio Borough from the East Branch Perkiomen to the Perkasio Borough border. The Hilltown Township Water and Sewer Authority owns and maintains sewer lines along Pleasant Spring and its tributaries in Hilltown Township. The Telford Borough Authority owns and maintains large interceptor lines along Mill Creek and its tributaries in Hilltown and West Rockhill townships and Telford Borough.

The *Pennridge Area Greenway Plan* identified sewer line easements and right-of-ways as providing the potential of creating greenway links. The Greenway Plan recommended that municipalities explore the feasibility of obtaining access to such easements. The easements could serve as vital links to features such as Menlo Park, the Perkasio Square Shopping Center, the Village of Glenwood Shopping Center, Moods Covered Bridge, and the South Perkasio Covered Bridge. Additionally, the sewer-service line easement along the East Branch Perkiomen would

provide access to the commercial centers of Perkasio Borough and Sellersville Borough from the adjacent municipalities.

**C. Telephone Cable**

The Cherryville-Finland "A" Cable (telephone cable) crosses through the northern portion of Bedminster and East Rockhill townships. The Airmount-Pottstown A & B Cable extends from the Middle Road/Stump Road intersection at the Hilltown/New Britain Township line westward, south of Silverdale and north of Telford to County Line Road.

**D. Oil Pipelines**

An Interstate Energy 18" residual oil line runs across the northwestern portion of West Rockhill Township.

**E. Electric Power Lines**

A Philadelphia Electric Company (PECO) right-of-way passes through the southern part of Hilltown Township from approximately where Middle Road intersects Stump Road at the New Britain Township boundary to County Line Road and the PA Route 309 bypass. All other electric lines shown are of Pennsylvania Power and Light Company (PP & L): lines running along Bethlehem Road almost to the Sellersville boundary and northwest through West Rockhill Township; from Bethlehem Road eastward to Callowhill Road, between Silverdale and Sellersville, and numerous lines in West Rockhill.

**F. Gas Lines**

A Texas Eastern gas pipeline right-of-way (3 lines: 24", 30", and 36") crosses Bedminster Township near the point where PA Route 611 enters Plumstead Township, and running northwest through East Rockhill Township, along the northern boundary line with Richland Township.