

RESOLUTION NO. 18 – 05

RESOLUTION OF THE NEW JERSEY ENVIRONMENTAL INFRASTRUCTURE TRUST AUTHORIZING THE STATE FISCAL YEAR 2019 SMALL SYSTEM LOAN PROGRAM

WHEREAS, pursuant to (i) Section 5(m) and Section 9(a) of the New Jersey Environmental Infrastructure Trust Act, constituting Chapter 334 of the Pamphlet Laws of 1985 of the State of New Jersey (the “State”), as the same has been, and in the future may from time to time be, amended and supplemented (N.J.S.A. 58:11B-1 *et seq.*) (the “Act”), and (ii) the regulations promulgated pursuant to the Act (N.J.A.C. 7:22-2.1 *et seq.*), as the same have been, and in the future may from time to time be, amended and supplemented (the “Regulations”), the New Jersey Environmental Infrastructure Trust (the “Trust”), a public body corporate and politic under the laws of the State, created pursuant to the Act, is authorized to make and contract to make loans (each, a “Trust Loan”) to project sponsors (each, a “Project Sponsor”) to finance a portion of the costs of the respective environmental infrastructure system projects thereof (each, a “Project”), which Project Sponsors may lawfully undertake or acquire and for which they are authorized by law to borrow funds, subject to such terms and conditions as the Trust shall determine to be consistent with the Act and the purposes of the Trust; and

WHEREAS, the Trust has partnered with the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (the “NJDEP”) for the purpose, among others, of making loans to Project Sponsors for the financing of water supply projects pursuant to the New Jersey Environmental Infrastructure Financing Program (the “NJEIFP” or the “Financing Program”); and

WHEREAS, specifically, the Trust and the State, acting by and through the NJDEP, make loans pursuant to the Financing Program in order to finance improvements to water supply systems serving populations of 10,000 or fewer (“Small Water Systems”), which loans are extended primarily to Project Sponsors consisting of small water companies and home owner associations; and

WHEREAS, Small Water Systems generally possess relatively limited financial and professional resources and, therefore, generally require a significantly greater commitment by the Financing Program in order to evaluate such Small Water Systems and the Projects thereof, in order to ensure that such Small Water Systems satisfy the conditions precedent to participation in the Financing Program, including, in particular and without limitation, the creditworthiness standards of the Financing Program; and

WHEREAS, notwithstanding the challenges for the Financing Program in assessing, among other things, the credit risks associated with the making of Financing Program loans to Small Water Systems, the NJDEP has concluded that the continued provision of Financing Program loans to Small Water Systems in order to finance Projects consisting of water supply system improvements is necessary and appropriate in order to address important public health issues for the affected communities throughout the State; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the Trust (the “Board”) desires to establish the Small System Loan Program, also known as the Nano Infrastructure Loan Program, (the “SSLP”) for State Fiscal Year 2019 (“SFY2019”) in order to serve as the Financing Program funding mechanism for water supply system improvements to Small Water Systems, while also addressing the credit risks posed by such Financing Program applicants in a manner satisfactory to the Trust.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the Trust, as follows.

Section 1. The Board hereby authorizes the establishment of the SFY2019 SSLP for the purpose of making loans to qualifying Project Sponsors that operate a Small Water System, provided, however, that each of the following SSLP requirements must be satisfied, in full, as a condition precedent to the making by the Trust of a SSLP loan to a qualifying Project Sponsor for its Small Water System:

- a) all SSLP loans (each, an “SSLP Loan”) made to all qualifying Project Sponsors by the Trust and the NJDEP during SFY2019 pursuant to the SSLP shall not exceed \$4,000,000 in aggregate principal amount plus any funds remaining from any prior year SSLP Program (the “SSLP Cap”). For purposes of complying with the SSLP Cap, the following shall be subject to the SSLP Cap and the calculation thereof: (i) any short term loan made by the Trust during SFY2019 in anticipation of a future, long term SSLP Loan, and (ii) any long term SSLP Loan (or portion thereof) made during SFY2019, provided that such long term SSLP Loan (or such portion thereof) was not preceded by a prior short term loan; in the event that any portion of the SSLP Cap remains unutilized during SFY2019, the remaining SSLP funds that remain available pursuant to the SSLP Cap and that consist of the Trust’s Available Funds (as hereinafter defined) may be used by the Trust for the financing of other programs within the NJEIFP during SFY2019, subject to any other limitation that may be applicable thereto;
- b) the aggregate principal amount of the SSLP Loan made by the Trust and the NJDEP to any given qualifying Project Sponsor for its Small Water System during SFY2019 pursuant to the SSLP shall be no greater than \$1,000,000 and shall be no less than \$100,000;
- c) each long term SSLP Loan shall consist of the following components: (i) an NJDEP principal forgiveness loan in the amount of fifty percent (50%) of the allowable costs of the applicable Project; (ii) an NJDEP zero interest loan in the amount of twenty-five percent (25%) of the allowable costs of the applicable Project; and (iii) an interest bearing Trust Loan in the amount sufficient to finance twenty-five percent (25%) of the allowable costs of the applicable Project (the “Trust Loan Component”);

- d) the maximum principal forgiveness that shall be applied to each SSLP Loan extended to any qualifying Project Sponsor for its Small Water System during SFY2019 pursuant to the SSLP is \$500,000;
- e) the Trust Loan Component of each SSLP Loan made by the Trust to a qualifying Project Sponsor for its Small Water System during SFY2019 pursuant to the SSLP shall not exceed \$250,000 in aggregate principal amount;

allowable costs of any qualifying Project for a Small Water System in excess of that which is permitted to be financed through the SSLP shall be financed pursuant to the terms for which the project qualifies for under the Financing Program;

- f) the source of funds for the Trust Loan Component of each SSLP Loan made by the Trust during SFY2019 pursuant to the SSLP shall consist of one or both of (i) operating funds of the Trust that are not required for, or committed to, the operations of the Trust for State Fiscal Years 2019 and 2020 (the "Available Funds"), and/or (ii) the proceeds of bonds to be issued by the Trust ("Trust Bonds"); provided, however, that the Trust may, in the future, issue Trust Bonds for the purpose of replacing the Available Funds used to finance the Trust Loan Component of SSLP Loans made by the Trust during SFY2019, which Trust Bonds shall be issued pursuant to a bond resolution to be adopted by the Board prior to the issuance thereof;
- g) unless otherwise authorized pursuant to a resolution of the Board, the Trust Loan Component of each SSLP Loan made pursuant to the SSLP during SFY2019 shall bear interest at a rate per annum equal to either (i) the rate of interest on the bonds issued by the Trust in connection with the SSLP for the purpose of funding the Trust Loan Component, or (ii) if no such bonds are issued for the purpose of funding the Trust Loan Component and, therefore, Available Funds are used to fund the Trust Loan Component, as calculated pursuant to the "Interest Rate Calculation", as set forth in that certain Resolution adopted by the Trust on February 9, 2012 and entitled "Amended and Restated Resolution of the New Jersey Environmental Infrastructure Trust Relating to the Direct Loan Program and Certain Policies Regarding the Administration Thereof and the Granting of Direct Loans", as such resolution thereafter may be amended and supplemented from time to time;
- h) the Chairman, the Vice Chairman and the Executive Director of the Trust, or any other person or persons designated by the Board by resolution to act on behalf of the Trust, but in each case subject to the limitations of the by-laws of the Trust (each, an "Authorized Officer"), are each hereby authorized, at their respective discretion, (i) after consultation with Bond Counsel to the Trust, the Office of the Attorney General of the State, and the Financial Advisor to the Trust, and (ii) if and to the extent that a credit assessment of the Project Sponsor in question so

warrants, to require a Project Sponsor to establish a loan guarantee fund (the "Guarantee Fund"), in addition to the LLR Fund (as defined in and to the extent required by Section 3 hereof), in the event that (A) the principal amount of the SSLP Loan for which such Project Sponsor currently is applying, together with (B) the aggregate principal amount of all other SSLP Loans of such Project Sponsor then outstanding, exceed \$1,000,000 in aggregate principal amount, which Guarantee Fund shall serve as additional collateral for the repayment of the Trust Loan Component of each of the outstanding SSLP Loans of such Project Sponsor; to the extent required by an Authorized Officer pursuant to the terms hereof, the Guarantee Fund shall be established in an amount deemed appropriate thereby, but shall not exceed maximum annual debt service for the aggregate then-outstanding principal amount of the Trust Loan Components of the SSLP Loans of such Project Sponsor, multiplied by 2;

- i) any applicant with respect to the SSLP (in addition to satisfying all other SFY2019 NJEIFP loan conditions) shall demonstrate that its Small Water System is (and shall continue to be during the term of its SSLP Loan) managed in a professional manner that is consistent with the Federal Fiscal Year 2019 Drinking Water Intended Use Plan;
- j) SSLP Loan recipients shall not be subject to the imposition by the NJDEP of an NJDEP loan origination administrative fee; and
- k) SSLP Loan recipients shall not be subject to the imposition by the Trust of an administrative fee to cover any portion of the financing costs of the SSLP Loan, but (i) shall be subject to an annual Trust administrative fee for loan servicing in the annual amount of 0.30% of the original principal amount of the Trust Loan Component of the SSLP Loan, and (ii) shall be assessed the annual fee required in connection with the LLR Fund, as defined in and to the extent required by Section 3 hereof.

Except as otherwise provided by this Resolution, as a condition precedent to the receipt by an applicant of an SSLP Loan pursuant to the SFY2019 SSLP, such applicant shall comply fully with each eligibility requirement that shall apply to any applicant for participation in the SFY2019 NJEIFP.

Section 2. Any SFY2019 SSLP Loan made by the Trust shall be evidenced by the following:

- (a) a bond, note or other appropriate obligation of the Project Sponsor to be issued to the Trust (the "Obligation"), with the following covenants (in addition to other, programmatically-required SFY2019 NJEIFP loan covenants): (i) a municipality shall provide to the Trust a general obligation ("GO") pledge of the unlimited *ad valorem* taxing power thereof; (ii) a utility authority that has entered into a service agreement

containing one or more GO pledges from its municipal or county participants shall pledge to the Trust its right to receive payments pursuant to such service agreement; (iii) each such authority shall provide to the Trust a pledge of its revenues, and shall be subject to the various covenants and requirements of its general indenture or bond resolution, as applicable, including, without limitation, its obligation to raise and collect annual fees and charges to the extent necessary to fund all operating, capital and debt service expenses in order to manage and operate its water supply system in good working condition; (iv) a water company shall provide to the Trust a pledge of its revenues and shall be subject to the various covenants and requirements of its general indenture or bond resolution, including, without limitation, its obligation to raise and collect annual fees and charges to the extent necessary to fund all operating, capital and debt service expenses in order to manage and operate its water supply system in good working condition; and

- (b) any other documentation as shall be deemed necessary and appropriate by the Authorized Officer, after consultation with Bond Counsel to the Trust and the Office of the Attorney General of the State (collectively, the requirements of (a) and (b) of this Section 2 shall be referred to herein as the "Loan Instruments").

Each Obligation and all other Loan Instruments shall be in such form as shall be approved by an Authorized Officer, after consultation with Bond Counsel to the Trust and the Office of the Attorney General of the State. The Loan Instruments shall include such terms and provisions relating to, and required by, the SFY2019 NJEIFP as shall be determined by the Authorized Officer, after consultation with Bond Counsel to the Trust and the Office of the Attorney General of the State, as being necessary in connection with (i) the satisfaction of the requirements of the Act and the Regulations, and (ii) the implementation of the terms of this Resolution.

Section 3. Each SSLP Loan recipient that does not provide as security for its Obligation a direct or indirect municipal or county GO pledge shall be assessed an annual loan loss reserve fee consisting of 1% of the total outstanding principal amount of the Trust Loan Component of such recipient's SSLP Loan as of the given calculation date. This fee shall be non-refundable and shall be deposited by the Trust upon receipt thereof into a loan loss reserve fund ("LLR Fund") that shall be established and held by the Trust or a fiduciary thereof. All monies deposited into the LLR Fund shall be applied by the Trust solely to provide additional security for SSLP Loans. In addition, the Trust is hereby authorized and directed to accept any supplement to the LLR Fund that shall be paid by the NJDEP, initially from loan repayments of its Drinking Water annual capitalization grants, which supplement shall be in such amount as shall be necessary to secure any and all default risks with respect to the SSLP Loans, as such default risks are assessed and determined by an Authorized Officer, after consultation with Bond Counsel to the Trust, the Office of the Attorney General of the State and the Financial Advisor to the Trust. To the extent that, at any time, the amount on deposit in the LLR Fund, inclusive of any NJDEP contribution thereto, exceeds total outstanding SSLP Loan amounts, the NJDEP contribution to the LLR Fund in an amount equal to the excess outstanding SSLP Loan amount may, at the discretion of an Authorized Officer, be withdrawn from the LLR Fund and repaid to the NJDEP.

Section 4. The Authorized Officers are hereby severally authorized and directed to execute (i) any Loan Instrument to which the Trust is a party (the “Trust Loan Instruments”) and (ii) any certificates, instruments or documents contemplated therein or otherwise related to the participation of any Project Sponsor in the SFY2019 SSLP.

Section 5. Upon execution of the Trust Loan Instruments by an Authorized Officer, the Secretary and the Assistant Secretary of the Trust are each hereby severally authorized and directed, where required, to affix the corporate seal of the Trust, and to attest to the signature of such Authorized Officer, thereon and on any certificates, instruments or documents contemplated therein or related thereto.

Section 6. Any Authorized Officer is hereby authorized and directed to take such other actions that such Authorized Officer, in his respective sole discretion after consultation with Bond Counsel to the Trust and the Office of the Attorney General of the State, deems necessary, convenient or desirable in order to effect the establishment of the SFY2019 SSLP and the transactions contemplated hereby.

Section 7. The SSLP at all times shall fully comply with the provisions of the Act, the provisions of the Regulations applicable thereto, and the terms of this Resolution.

Section 8. This Resolution shall become effective in accordance with the terms of Section 4(i) of the Act (N.J.S.A. 58:11B-4(i)).

Adopted Date:	January 11, 2018
Motion Made By:	Michele Putnam
Motion Seconded By:	Roger Ellis
Ayes:	4
Nays:	0
Abstentions:	0

[NAME OF MUNICIPALITY]
NOTE
RELATING TO:
THE CONSTRUCTION FINANCING TRUST LOAN PROGRAM
(NANO INFRASTRUCTURE LOAN PROGRAM)
OF THE NEW JERSEY ENVIRONMENTAL INFRASTRUCTURE TRUST

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FOR VALUE RECEIVED, _____, a municipal corporation duly created and validly existing pursuant to the laws of the State (as hereinafter defined), and its successors and assigns (the “Borrower”), hereby promises to pay to the order of the **NEW JERSEY ENVIRONMENTAL INFRASTRUCTURE TRUST**, a public body corporate and politic with corporate succession, duly created and validly existing under and by virtue of the Act (as hereinafter defined) (the “Trust”), the Principal (as hereinafter defined), together with all unpaid accrued Interest (as hereinafter defined), fees, late charges and other sums due hereunder, if any, in lawful money of the United States of America, on the Maturity Date (as hereinafter defined) or the date of any optional prepayment or acceleration in accordance with the provisions of this note (this “Note”).

SECTION 1. Definitions. As used in this Note, unless the context requires otherwise, the following terms shall have the following meanings:

“**Act**” means the “New Jersey Environmental Infrastructure Trust Act”, constituting Chapter 334 of the Pamphlet Laws of 1985 of the State (codified at N.J.S.A. 58:11B-1 *et seq.*), as the same may from time to time be amended and supplemented.

“**Administrative Fee**” means a fee of up to four-tenths of one percent (.40%) of that portion of the Principal identified in clause (i) of the definition thereof (as set forth in this Section 1), or such lesser amount, if any, as the Trust may determine from time to time.

“**Anticipated Financing Program**” means the financing program of the Trust, pursuant to which the Trust will issue its Trust Bonds for the purpose of financing, on a long term basis, the Project and other projects of certain qualifying borrowers.

“**Anticipated Long Term Loan**” means the long term loan made by the Trust to the Borrower from the proceeds of its Trust Bonds, as part of the Anticipated Financing Program.

“**Authorized Officer**” means any person authorized by the Borrower or the Trust, as the case may be, to perform any act or execute any document relating to the Loan or this Note.

“**Code**” means the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as the same may from time to time be amended and supplemented, including any regulations promulgated thereunder, any successor code thereto and any administrative or judicial interpretations thereof.

“Cost” means those costs that are allocable to the Project, as shall be determined on a project-specific basis in accordance with the Regulations, as further set forth in Exhibit B hereto, (i) as such Exhibit B shall be supplemented by an Authorized Officer of the Trust by means of either a substitute Exhibit B or an additional Exhibit B, such supplement to be implemented concurrently with the supplement to Exhibit A-1 hereto (as provided in the definition of “Project” as set forth herein), and (ii) as the then-current Exhibit B may be amended by subsequent changes to eligible costs as evidenced by a certificate of an Authorized Officer of the Trust.

“Environmental Infrastructure Facilities” means Wastewater Treatment Facilities, Stormwater Management Facilities or Water Supply Facilities (as such terms are defined in the Regulations).

“Environmental Infrastructure System” means the Environmental Infrastructure Facilities of the Borrower, including the Project, for which the Borrower is receiving the Loan.

“Event of Default” means any occurrence or event specified in Section 6 hereof.

“Fund Portion” means, on any date, an amount equal to seventy-five percent (75%) of the Principal of the Loan on such date.

“Interest” means the interest charged on the outstanding Principal of the Loan at a rate of (a) with respect to the Trust Portion of the Principal, the applicable Trust Portion Interest Rate and (b) with respect to the Fund Portion of the Principal, 0.00%, and payable by the Borrower to the Trust (i) on the Maturity Date or (ii) with respect to any optional prepayment or acceleration of the Loan pursuant to the terms of this Note, on the date of such optional prepayment or acceleration, as the case may be.

“Loan” means the loan of the Principal, made by the Trust to the Borrower to finance or refinance a portion of the Cost of the Project, as evidenced by this Note.

“Loan Disbursement Requisition” means the requisition, to be executed by an Authorized Officer of the Borrower and approved by the NJDEP, in a form to be determined by the Trust and the NJDEP.

“Maturity Date” means June 30, [2021][2022], or (i) such earlier date as shall be determined by an Authorized Officer of the Trust in his or her sole discretion, which date shall be determined by such Authorized Officer of the Trust to be the date of the closing for the Anticipated Financing Program, or (ii) such later date (subject to the then-applicable limits of the Act) to be determined by an Authorized Officer of the Trust in his or her sole discretion, pursuant to a written certification thereof, as acknowledged and approved by an Authorized Officer of the Borrower.

“NJDEP” means the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection.

“Principal” means the principal amount of the Loan, at any time being the lesser of (i) _____ Dollars (\$ _____), or (ii) the aggregate outstanding amount as shall actually be disbursed to the Borrower by the Trust pursuant to one or more Loan Disbursement Requisitions, which Principal shall be payable by the Borrower to the Trust (i) on the Maturity Date or (ii) with respect to any optional prepayment or acceleration of the Loan pursuant to the terms of this Note, on the date of such optional prepayment or acceleration, as the case may be.

“Project” means the Environmental Infrastructure Facilities of the Borrower which constitutes a project for which the Trust is making the Loan to the Borrower, as further described in Exhibit A-1 hereto; provided, however, that the description of the Project, as set forth in Exhibit A-1 attached hereto, shall be supplemented by means of either (i) the substitution of a revised and updated Exhibit A-1 for the current Exhibit A-1 or (ii) the inclusion of an additional Exhibit A-1, in either case, promptly following the certification for funding by the NJDEP of the remaining components of the Project, as applicable, such supplement to be undertaken by an Authorized Officer of the Trust.

“Regulations” means the rules and regulations, as applicable, now or hereafter promulgated pursuant to N.J.A.C. 7:22-3 *et seq.*, 7:22-4 *et seq.*, 7:22-5 *et seq.*, 7:22-6 *et seq.*, 7:22-7 *et seq.*, 7:22-8 *et seq.*, 7:22-9 *et seq.* and 7:22-10 *et seq.*, as the same may from time to time be amended and supplemented.

“State” means the State of New Jersey.

“Trust Bonds” means the revenue bonds of the Trust to be issued, as part of the Anticipated Financing Program.

“Trust Portion” means, on any date, an amount equal to twenty-five percent (25%) of the Principal of the Loan on such date.

“Trust Portion Interest Rate” means, with respect to each disbursement of proceeds of the Trust Portion of the Loan, (a) to the extent that such disbursement is funded from moneys appropriated to the Trust, for the Construction Financing Trust Loan Program of the Trust, pursuant to an appropriations act of the State, the Trust Portion Interest Rate shall equal 0.00%, (b) to the extent that such disbursement is funded from available moneys of the Trust that are neither (i) appropriated to the Trust as provided by the preceding clause (a), nor (ii) borrowed from a financial institution pursuant to a line of credit or other similar financial instrument as provided by the succeeding clause (c), the Trust Portion Interest Rate shall equal the interest rate that is published as either the Thompson Financial TM3 “AAA” Municipal Market Data General Obligation Index (Tax-Exempt) or the “BVAL” Index (relating to general obligation, tax exempt credits) of Bloomberg L.P. (or any subsidiary thereof), (with the particular index that is used by the Trust to be selected by an Authorized Officer of the Trust) or, if such indexes are no longer published on such date, such successor index as may be selected by an Authorized Officer of the Trust, in each case for the number of years that corresponds to the length of time from the date such disbursement is made available to the Borrower by the Trust to the Maturity Date, rounding up to the nearest year, or (c) to the extent that such disbursement is funded from available

moneys of the Trust borrowed from a financial institution pursuant to a line of credit or other similar financial instrument, the Trust Portion Interest Rate shall equal the actual rate of interest established by the applicable financial institution pursuant to a competitive or negotiated solicitation by the Trust with respect to such line of credit or other financial instrument.

SECTION 2. Representations of the Borrower. The Borrower represents and warrants to the Trust:

(a) Organization. The Borrower: (i) is a municipal corporation duly created and validly existing under and pursuant to the Constitution and laws of the State; (ii) has full legal right and authority to execute, attest and deliver this Note, to sell this Note to the Trust, and to perform its obligations hereunder, and (iii) has duly authorized, approved and consented to all necessary action to be taken by the Borrower for: (A) the issuance of this Note, the sale thereof to the Trust and the due performance of its obligations hereunder and (B) the execution, delivery and due performance of all certificates and other instruments that may be required to be executed, delivered and performed by the Borrower in order to carry out and give effect to this Note.

(b) Authority. This Note has been duly authorized by the Borrower and duly executed, attested and delivered by Authorized Officers of the Borrower. This Note has been duly sold by the Borrower to the Trust and duly issued by the Borrower and constitutes a legal, valid and binding obligation of the Borrower, enforceable against the Borrower in accordance with its terms, except as the enforcement thereof may be affected by bankruptcy, insolvency or other laws or the application by a court of legal or equitable principles affecting creditors' rights.

(c) Pending Litigation. There are no proceedings pending or, to the knowledge of the Borrower, threatened against or affecting the Borrower that, if adversely determined, would adversely affect (i) the condition (financial or otherwise) of the Borrower, (ii) the ability of the Borrower to satisfy all of its Loan repayment obligations hereunder, (iii) the authorization, execution, attestation or delivery of this Note, (iv) the issuance of this Note and the sale thereof to the Trust, and (v) the Borrower's ability otherwise to observe and perform its duties, covenants, obligations and agreements under this Note.

(d) Compliance with Existing Laws and Agreements; Governmental Consent. (i) The due authorization, execution, attestation and delivery of this Note by the Borrower and the sale of this Note to the Trust, (ii) the observation and performance by the Borrower of its duties, covenants, obligations and agreements hereunder, including, without limitation, the repayment of the Loan and all other amounts due hereunder, and (iii) the undertaking and completion of the Project, will not (A) other than the lien, charge or encumbrance created by this Note and by any other outstanding debt obligations of the Borrower that are at parity with this Note as to lien on, and source and security for payment thereon from, the general tax revenues of the Borrower, result in the creation or imposition of any lien, charge or encumbrance upon any properties or assets of the Borrower pursuant to, (B) result in any breach of any of the terms, conditions or provisions of, or (C) constitute a default under, any existing ordinance or resolution, outstanding debt or lease obligation, trust agreement, indenture, mortgage, deed of trust, loan agreement or other instrument to which the Borrower is a party or by which the Borrower, its Environmental

Infrastructure System or any of its properties or assets may be bound, nor will such action result in any violation of the provisions of the charter or other document pursuant to which the Borrower was established or any laws, ordinances, injunctions, judgments, decrees, rules, regulations or existing orders of any court or governmental or administrative agency, authority or person to which the Borrower, its Environmental Infrastructure System or its properties or operations are subject. The Borrower has obtained all permits and approvals required to date by any governmental body or officer for the authorization, execution, attestation and delivery of this Note, for the sale of this Note to the Trust, for the making, observance and performance by the Borrower of its duties, covenants, obligations and agreements under this Note, and for the undertaking and completion of the Project.

(e) Reliance. The Borrower hereby acknowledges that the Trust is making the Loan to the Borrower pursuant to the terms hereof in reliance upon each of the representations of the Borrower set forth in this Section 2.

SECTION 3. Covenants of the Borrower.

(a) Participation in the Anticipated Financing Program. The Borrower covenants and agrees that it shall undertake and complete in a timely manner all conditions precedent identified by the Trust relating to (i) the participation by the Borrower in the Anticipated Financing Program and (ii) the qualification by the Borrower for receipt of the Anticipated Long Term Loan.

(b) Full Faith and Credit Pledge. To secure the repayment obligation of the Borrower with respect to this Note, and all other amounts due under this Note, the Borrower unconditionally and irrevocably pledges its full faith and credit and covenants to exercise its unlimited taxing powers for the punctual payment of any and all obligations and amounts due under this Note. The Borrower acknowledges that, to assure the continued operation and solvency of the Trust, the Trust may, pursuant to and in accordance with Section 12a of the Act, require that if the Borrower fails or is unable to pay promptly to the Trust in full any Loan repayments, any Interest or any other amounts due pursuant to this Note, an amount sufficient to satisfy such deficiency shall be paid by the State Treasurer to the Trust from State-aid otherwise payable to the Borrower.

(c) Disposition of Environmental Infrastructure System. The Borrower covenants and agrees that it shall not sell, lease, abandon or otherwise dispose of all or substantially all of its Environmental Infrastructure System without the express written consent of the Trust, which consent may or may not be granted by the Trust in its sole discretion.

(d) Financing With Tax-Exempt Bonds. The Borrower acknowledges, covenants and agrees that it is the intention of the Borrower to finance the Project on a long term basis with proceeds of Trust Bonds now or hereinafter issued, the interest on which is excluded from gross income for purposes of federal income taxation pursuant to Section 103(a) of the Code (“tax-exempt bonds”). In furtherance of such long term financing with tax-exempt bonds, the Borrower covenants that, except to the extent expressly permitted in writing by the Trust, the Borrower will not take any action or permit any action to be taken which would result in any of

the proceeds of the Loan being used (directly or indirectly) (i) in any “private business use” within the meaning of Section 141(b)(6) of the Code, (ii) to make or finance loans to persons other than the Borrower, or (iii) to acquire any “nongovernmental output property” within the meaning of Section 141(d)(2) of the Code. In addition, the Borrower covenants and agrees that no portion of the Project will be investment property, within the meaning of Section 148(b) of the Code. The Borrower covenants and agrees that any Costs of the Borrower’s Project to be paid or reimbursed with proceeds of the Loan will result in the expenditure of proceeds under Treasury Regulations §1.148-6(d) and Treasury Regulations §1.150-2.

(e) Operation and Maintenance of Environmental Infrastructure System. The Borrower covenants and agrees that it shall maintain its Environmental Infrastructure System in good repair, working order and operating condition, and make all necessary and proper repairs and improvements with respect thereto.

(f) Records and Accounts; Inspections. The Borrower covenants and agrees that it shall keep accurate records and accounts for its Environmental Infrastructure System (the “System Records”), separate and distinct from its other records and accounts (the “General Records”), which shall be audited annually by an independent registered municipal accountant and shall be made available for inspection by the Trust upon prior written notice. The Borrower shall permit the Trust to inspect the Environmental Infrastructure System.

(g) Insurance. The Borrower covenants and agrees that it shall maintain insurance policies providing against risk of direct physical loss, damage or destruction of its Environmental Infrastructure System, in an amount that will satisfy all applicable regulatory requirements. The Borrower covenants and agrees that it shall include, or cause to be included, the Trust as an additional “named insured” on any certificate of liability insurance procured by the Borrower and by any contractor or subcontractor for the Project.

(h) Reliance. The Borrower hereby acknowledges that the Trust is making the Loan to the Borrower pursuant to the terms hereof in reliance upon each of the covenants of the Borrower set forth in this Section 3.

SECTION 4. Disbursement of the Loan Proceeds; Amounts Payable; Prepayment; and Late Fee. The Trust shall effectuate the Loan to the Borrower by making one or more disbursements to the Borrower promptly after receipt by the Trust of a Loan Disbursement Requisition, and the approval of such Loan Disbursement Requisition by an Authorized Officer of the Trust or designee thereof, each such disbursement and the date thereof to be recorded by an Authorized Officer of the Trust on the table attached as Exhibit A-2 hereto; provided, however, that no Loan Disbursement Requisition shall be approved by the Trust for disbursement unless and until the portion of the Project to which such Loan Disbursement Requisition relates has been certified for funding by the NJDEP. It is expected that the proceeds of the Loan will be disbursed to the Borrower in accordance with Exhibit C hereto, as Exhibit C shall be supplemented by an Authorized Officer of the Trust by means of either a substitute Exhibit C or an additional Exhibit C, such supplement to be implemented concurrently with the supplement to Exhibit A-1 hereto (as provided in the definition of “Project” as set forth herein). The latest date upon which the Borrower may submit to the Trust a Loan Disbursement

Requisition is the business day immediately preceding the date fixed by the Trust for the sale of its bonds in connection with the Anticipated Financing Program, or such alternative date as shall be identified by the Trust for the Borrower in writing. On the Maturity Date, the Borrower shall repay the Loan to the Trust in an amount equal to: (i) the Principal; (ii) the Interest; (iii) the Administrative Fee, if any; and (iv) any other amounts due and owing pursuant to the provisions of this Note. The Borrower may prepay the Loan obligations hereunder, in whole or in part, upon receipt of the prior written consent of an Authorized Officer of the Trust. Each payment made to the Trust shall be applied to the payment of, first, the Interest then due and payable, second, the Principal, third, the Administrative Fee, if any, fourth, any late charges, and, finally, any other amount due pursuant to the provisions of this Note. In the event that the repayment obligation set forth in this Note is received by the Trust later than the Maturity Date, a late fee shall be payable to the Trust in an amount equal to the greater of twelve percent (12%) per annum or the prime rate as published in the Wall Street Journal on the Maturity Date plus one half of one percent per annum on such late payment from the Maturity Date to the date it is actually paid; provided, however, that any late payment charges incurred hereunder shall not exceed the maximum interest rate permitted by law.

Notwithstanding the provisions of this Note to the contrary with respect to the funding, pursuant to this Section 4, of any Loan Disbursement Requisition relating to all or any portion of the Project: (i) the Borrower hereby acknowledges and agrees that the Trust shall not, and shall not be required to, commit funds, pursuant to the Construction Financing Trust Loan Program of the Trust, to any portion of the Project until such time as the particular portion of the Project in question has been certified for funding by the NJDEP; (ii) no Loan Disbursement Requisition shall be approved by the Trust for disbursement pursuant to this Section 4 unless and until the portion of the Project to which such Loan Disbursement Requisition relates has been certified for funding by the NJDEP; and (iii) the Trust has no obligation pursuant to this Note to make all or any portion of any disbursement pursuant to the provisions of this Section 4 if the Borrower lacks the authority to pay interest on this Note in an amount equal to the Trust Portion Interest Rate.

SECTION 5. Unconditional Obligations. The direct, general obligation of the Borrower to make the Loan repayments and all other payments required hereunder and the obligation to perform and observe the other duties, covenants, obligations and agreements on its part contained herein shall be absolute and unconditional, and shall not be abated, rebated, set-off, reduced, abrogated, terminated, waived, diminished, postponed or otherwise modified in any manner whatsoever while any Loan repayments, or any other payments due hereunder, remain unpaid, regardless of any contingency, act of God, event or cause whatsoever, including (without limitation) any acts or circumstances that may constitute failure of consideration, eviction or constructive eviction, the taking by eminent domain or destruction of or damage to the Project or Environmental Infrastructure System, commercial frustration of the purpose, any change in the laws of the United States of America or of the State or any political subdivision of either or in the rules or regulations of any governmental authority, any failure of the Trust to perform and observe any agreement or any duty, liability or obligation arising out of this Note, or any rights of set-off, recoupment, abatement or counterclaim that the Borrower might have against the Trust or any other party; provided, however, that payments hereunder shall not constitute a waiver of any such rights.

SECTION 6. Events of Default. The following events shall constitute an “Event of Default” hereunder: (i) failure by the Borrower to pay, when due, any and all of its Loan repayment obligations hereunder, and any other payment obligations due hereunder; (ii) failure by the Borrower to observe and perform any duty, covenant, obligation or agreement on its part to be observed or performed pursuant to the terms of this Note; (iii) any representation made by the Borrower contained in this Note or in any instrument furnished in compliance with or with reference to this Note is false or misleading in any material respect; and (iv) a petition is filed by or against the Borrower under any federal or state bankruptcy or insolvency law or other similar law in effect on the date of this Note or thereafter enacted, unless in the case of any such petition filed against the Borrower such petition shall be dismissed within thirty (30) days after such filing and such dismissal shall be final and not subject to appeal, or the Borrower shall become insolvent or bankrupt or shall make an assignment for the benefit of its creditors, or a custodian of the Borrower or any of its property shall be appointed by court order or take possession of the Borrower or its property or assets if such order remains in effect or such possession continues for more than thirty (30) days.

SECTION 7. Remedies upon Event of Default. Whenever an Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing pursuant to the terms hereof, the Borrower hereby acknowledges and agrees to the rights of the Trust to take any action permitted or required at law or in equity to collect the amounts then due and thereafter to become due hereunder or to enforce the observance and performance of any duty, covenant, obligation or agreement of the Borrower hereunder. If an Event of Default shall have occurred, the Borrower hereby acknowledges and agrees that the Trust shall have the right to declare all Loan repayments and all other amounts due hereunder to be due and payable immediately without further notice or demand. The Borrower hereby acknowledges and agrees that no remedy herein is intended to be exclusive, and every remedy shall be cumulative and in addition to every other remedy given under this Note or now or hereafter existing at law or in equity. The Borrower hereby further acknowledges and agrees that no delay or omission by the Trust to exercise any remedy or right accruing upon any Event of Default shall impair any such remedy or right or shall be construed to be a waiver thereof, but any such remedy or right may be exercised as often as may be deemed expedient. The Borrower hereby agrees that upon demand it shall pay to the Trust the reasonable fees and expenses of attorneys and other reasonable expenses (including, without limitation, the reasonably allocated costs of in-house counsel and legal staff) incurred in the collection of Loan repayments or any sum due hereunder or in the enforcement of the observation or performance of any obligations or agreements of the Borrower upon an Event of Default. Any moneys collected by the Trust pursuant to this Section 7 shall be applied first to pay any attorneys’ fees or other fees and expenses owed by the Borrower.

SECTION 8. Certain Miscellaneous Provisions. The Borrower hereby acknowledges and agrees as follows: (a) all notices hereunder shall be deemed given when hand delivered or when mailed by registered or certified mail, postage prepaid, to the Borrower at the following address: [Name and Address of Borrower, Attention: Name of Authorized Officer]; and to the Trust at the following address: New Jersey Environmental Infrastructure Trust, 3131 Princeton Pike, Building 4, Suite 216, Lawrenceville, New Jersey 08648-2201, Attention: Executive Director; (b) this Note shall be binding upon the Borrower and its successors and assigns; (c) in

the event any provision of this Note is held illegal, invalid or unenforceable by any court of competent jurisdiction, such holding shall not invalidate, render unenforceable or otherwise affect any other provision hereof; (d) the obligations of the Borrower pursuant to the terms of this Note may not be assigned by the Borrower for any reason, unless the Trust shall have approved said assignment in writing; (e) this Note may not be amended, supplemented or modified without the prior written consent of the Trust; (f) this Note shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State; (g) the Borrower shall, at the request of the Trust, execute and deliver such further instruments as may be necessary or desirable for better assuring, conveying, granting, assigning and confirming the rights, security interests and agreements granted or intended to be granted by this Note; and (h) whenever the Borrower is required to obtain the determination, approval or consent of the Trust pursuant to the terms hereof, such determination, approval or consent may be either granted or withheld by the Trust in its sole and absolute discretion.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Borrower has caused this Note to be duly executed, sealed and delivered on the date first above written.

[NAME OF BORROWER]

[SEAL]

ATTEST:

By: _____
Mayor

Clerk

By: _____
Chief Financial Officer

