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# Butler, Biglerville, Department of Environmental Protection to confer on future sewage planning

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Biglerville Borough, Butler Township and the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) will meet privately Tuesday to discuss the current status of Biglerville's sewage plant and how Butler's impending Act 537 sewage treatment plan will impact it.

"This is a very important meeting for us to assess where we are and sort out what comes next for our plant," said Biglerville Councilman Dick Mountfort. "We have finished some major upgrades to our sewer plant and making monthly payments on that. Butler is doing a 537 plan and

that could potentially have an impact on us."

Biglerville's engineer, Gettysburg-based KPI Technology, is currently performing a study to analyze the necessary upgrades and proposed cost to the township to send additional flow to the borough's plant for treatment.

Under an intermunicipal agreement between Biglerville and Butler, the township does have the ability to increase its sewer capacity at the borough plant.

One possibility KPI is investigating for Butler is how much it would cost to send flow from a proposed 358-home development, Orchard Heights, to the Biglerville plant.

Snyder Developers, who proposed Orchard Heights, have continually expressed a desire to stick with its private sewer treatment plant plans for the proposed 358-home Orchard Heights development along Pa. Route 234.

However, DEP asked Snyder to consider sending its flow to Biglerville to avoid having two treatment plants in a short distance.

A feasibility study done by KPI earlier this year showed taking on Orchard Heights' homes would result in additional necessary upgrades to Biglerville's plant, which Butler would likely request to be paid for by the developer.

"Adding flow to our plant is not necessarily something

Butler will choose to do, but they are looking at it as an option," Mountfort said at a previous council meeting. "One scenario is 82,500 gallons per day of additional flow to our plant. Another would be 203,000 gallons per day of additional flow."

Biglerville recently completed a major upgrade to its plant, which included repairs to two digester tanks, sludge removal, replacement of wastewater pipes that carry sewage to the plant and other improvements.

"We're still in a period where we are under a corrective action plan," Mountfort said Tuesday. "This meeting on the 9th, however, will go a long way in determining what the future holds for the plant."