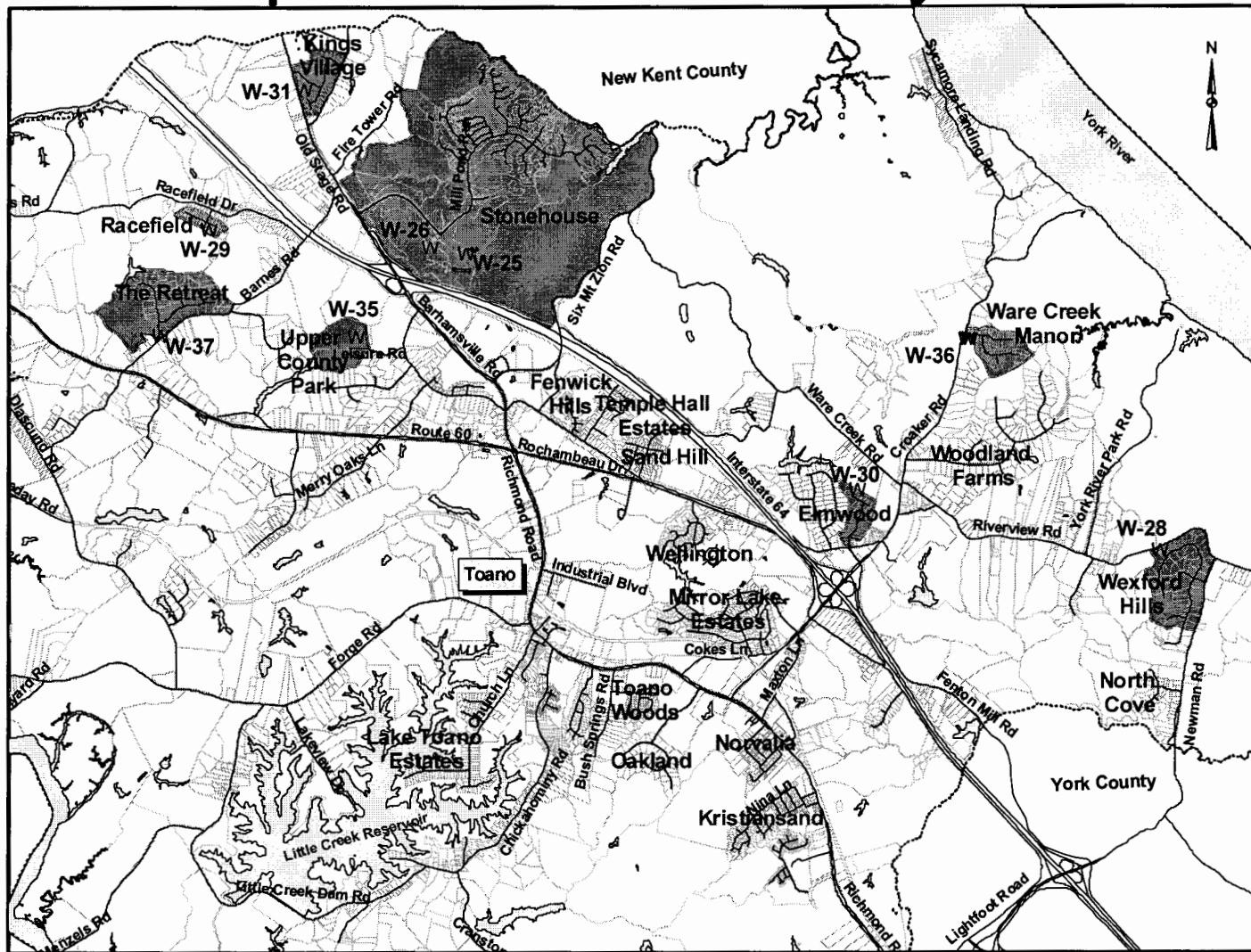


Independent Water System Connection Fee (Proposed)



Independent Water Systems



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Subdivisions	Customers Served
Stonehouse	138
Wexford Hills	30
Racefield	35
Glenwood Acres	32
Kings Village	49
Ware Creek	64
The Retreat	07
Total Customers	405

- JCSA currently operates seven Independent Water Systems



Independent Water System Code Requirement

- Section 19-57 –Major Subdivision- 6 Lots or Greater
 - Developer required to build water system
 - Dedicate to JCSA
- Why
 - Ensure adequate water supply with capable operator
 - Provide enhanced water supply and fire protection
 - Protection of aquifers
 - Preclude County or JCSA from incurring expense of retrofitting neighborhood with public water system(i.e. Sandhills)



Background

- Results of December 3, 2003 work session with Municipal Finance and Service Group:
 - Determined that costs to operate Independent Water Systems exceeded revenues
 - Recommended assessing a \$4,000 fee for each lot created
 - Revenues go to restricted fund proceeds to offset deficit
 - Option: Increase Service Fees as follows:

Fiscal Year	<u>2004</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2007</u>
(collective)	\$4.93	\$5.01	\$5.10	\$5.18 per 1,000gals
(individual)	\$3.83 - \$12.00 per 1,000 gals			

- **Board agreed in concept to assessing fee**



Recommendation

- Amend regulations governing utility services as follows:
 - Create \$4,000 per Lot fee for Independent Water System
 - Fees assessed on lots created by development plans submitted after August 1, 2004
 - Fee paid before acceptance by JCSA
 - Revenue to be deposited in restricted fund
 - Investment returns to be used will offset expense of operating system
 - If System is converted to Central Water System, fees can be used to cover the cost of the connection
 - Remaining fee revenue to stay in fund

