**IMPORTANT NOTICE REGARDING**

**SOUTHMONT SEWER PROJECT**

 This notice serves as a request that you execute the enclosed “Temporary Sewer Easement/Right-of-Way” (hereafter “Easement”) with Southmont so that your private sewer lateral is replaced as part of Southmont’s two-phase comprehensive sanitary sewer project (hereafter “Project”). ***YOU MUST RETURN THE EASEMENT TO SOUTHMONT’S OFFICE NO LATER THAN FEBRUARY 1, 2016 IN ORDER TO HAVE YOUR LATERAL INCLUDED IN SOUTHMONT’S PROJECT.***

 If you are not aware, Southmont and other surrounding municipalities have been directed by Pennsylvania’s Department of Environmental Protection (hereafter “DEP”) to reduce sanitary sewer flows to Johnstown’s sewer treatment plant by repairing their entire sanitary sewer systems. For more information on this topic, go to [www.southmontborough.com](http://www.southmontborough.com) to view a PowerPoint presentation or go to Southmont’s office during business hours.

As part of Southmont’s comprehensive Project, Southmont is replacing all private sewer laterals from a home’s foundation wall to the public sanitary sewer system. By including private laterals as part of their overall Project, Southmont can obtain state funding and grants to cover these expenses; otherwise you would bear the entire cost of this replacement out-of-pocket. ***In order for you to receive this benefit and have your private sewer lateral replaced as part of the Project, you must execute the enclosed Easement.*** The Easement gives Southmont legal permission to enter onto your property and install the replacement private lateral at your home. Typically, the Easement will begin at your foundation wall and will follow your current sewer lateral. If your home shares a lateral with an adjacent home owner, then the Easement will begin at your foundation wall, where your lateral is located, and will travel in a direct path (as reasonably possible) to the nearest public sewer main.

**FAILURE TO EXECUTE THE EASEMENT WILL RESULT IN YOUR PRIVATE LATERAL BEING SUBJECTED TO TESTING. IF YOUR LATERAL FAILS THE TESTING, YOU WILL BE REQUIRED TO FIX OR REPAIR YOUR LATERAL AT YOUR OWN EXPENSE. BECAUSE THE COST OF REPLACING ALL PRIVATE LATERALS IN SOUTHMONT IS ALREADY BUILT INTO THE OVERALL COST OF THE PROJECT AND FUTURE SEWER BILLS, THERE IS NO FINANCIAL BENEFIT TO NOT EXECUTE THE EASEMENT.**

**THE FINAL DATE TO RECEIVE YOUR EXECUTED EASEMENT IS FEBRUARY 1, 2016. FAILURE TO HAVE YOUR EXECUTED EASEMENT AGREEMENT AT SOUTHMONT’S OFFICE BY THE FEBRUARY 1ST DEADLINE WILL RESULT IN YOU BEING FINANCIALLY RESPONSIBLE FOR REPLACMENT OF YOUR PRIVATE LATERAL SHOULD IT FAIL TESTING.**

 Questions regarding the execution of the Easement can be directed to Southmont’s Manager, Richard Wargo (255-3104) or to Southmont’s web site at [www.southmontborough.com](http://www.southmontborough.com).