

**TOWNSHIP OF HOPEWELL  
MERCER COUNTY, NEW JERSEY**

**R E S O L U T I O N #10-102**

**A RESOLUTION ENDORSING ALTERNATE 3B IN THE 2004 BEAR TAVERN  
BRIDGE TASK FORCE RECOMMENDATIONS AS THE DESIGN BASIS FOR THE  
JACOBS CREEK BRIDGE**

**WHEREAS**, the Hopewell Township Committee passed Resolution #09-107 on March 9, 2009, which conditionally approved Mercer County's design for the Jacobs Creek Bridge "subject to the requests and recommendations of the Hopewell Township Historic Preservation Commission and the Hopewell Township Committee"; and

**WHEREAS**, Hopewell Township Mayor Vanessa Sandom sent a letter, dated March 10, 2009, to Mercer County Engineer Greg Sandusky outlining the requests and recommendations of the Hopewell Township Historic Preservation Commission and the Hopewell Township Committee regarding the Jacobs Creek Bridge and surrounding roadways, including a confirmation that Mercer County would meet and review with the Hopewell Township Historic Preservation Commission the design for the Jacobs Creek Bridge; and

**WHEREAS**, the Hopewell Township Historic Preservation Commission met and reviewed Mercer County's design for the Jacobs Creek Bridge with Mercer County Engineer Greg Sandusky on September 9, 2009. Many residents attended the meeting and provided information regarding the historical significance of the area surrounding the Jacobs Creek Bridge; and

**WHEREAS**, the Hopewell Township Historic Preservation Commission met on September 16, 2009, and decided to request in a letter dated September 27, 2009 that Mercer County incorporate into its design a review as to the historical significance of the area surrounding the Jacobs Creek Bridge; and

**WHEREAS**, on September 24, 2009, Mercer County closed the Jacobs Creek Bridge because of safety concerns; and

**WHEREAS**, the Hopewell Township Committee passed Resolution #09-336 on September 29, 2009, which requested that "Mercer County evaluate the historical significance of the area surrounding the Jacobs Creek Bridge as part of its design for the Jacobs Creek Bridge"; and

**WHEREAS**, On February 3, 2010 Mercer County submitted a Phase 1A Archeological Survey to the New Jersey State Historic Preservation Office and an addendum to that Survey on March 3, 2010; and

**WHEREAS**, the State Historic Preservation Office has not issued its review comments on the documents submitted by Mercer County as of this date; and

**WHEREAS**, the Coalition to Save the Victory Trail have requested the Hopewell Township Committee review, consider and endorse the 2004 Bear Tavern Bridge Task Force recommendations.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, on this 12<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2010, by the Township Committee of the Township of Hopewell, County of Mercer, State of New Jersey that Hopewell Township endorses Alternate 3b in the 2004 Bear Tavern Bridge Task Force recommendations and that said Alternate be used as the basis for the design of the Jacobs Creek Bridge.

**BE IT ALSO RESOLVED** that copies of this resolution be distributed to the County Executive Brian Hughes, Mercer County Transportation and Infrastructure Director Aaron Watson, Mercer County Engineer Greg Sandusky, and the County Board of Chosen Freeholders.

Date Adopted: April 12, 2010