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Dear Cate:

Thank you for copying us on your correspondence dated October 7 to County Executive Brian Hughes regarding our October 1 meeting on the Bear Tavern Road Bridge. I too share your optimism that we will work together to ensure that any bridge design, construction or route alteration to Bear Tavern Road in the Jacobs Creek area take into account the integrity of this historic landscape.

With that in mind, I would like to suggest that at this point we do not focus on any particular alternative or alternatives for how best to commemorate this area's important historical legacy. Rather, I respectfully recommend that we first conduct the Archaeological Surveys 1A and 1B, see what they uncover, and then get back together to determine appropriate next steps. It may very well be that we should provide a pull-off and/or interpretive Revolutionary War era signage. But, I believe that until we know exactly where the Victory Trail actually traveled, I think it's premature to make specific plans for its commemoration.

Hopewell Township looks forward to the expeditious archaeological review of the site, and looks forward to continuing our conversations about how best to interpret this site with Mercer County, the State Historic Preservation Office and the Crossroads of the American Revolution.

Yours sincerely,

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