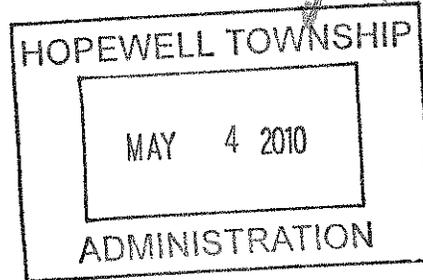




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## MEMORANDUM

DATE: 26 April 2010

TO: Michael Markulec, Mayor  
Hopewell Township, Mercer County, New Jersey

RE: Jacobs Creek Bridge

FROM: Hopewell Township Historic Preservation Commission

As per our March 24, 2010 letter indicating our intent to discuss and recommend a specific bridge design alternate as per the 2004 Jacobs Creek Bridge Task Force report, the Hopewell Township Historic Preservation Commission submits the following resolution:

WHEREAS the existing 19<sup>th</sup> century King Company thru-truss bridge over Jacobs Creek was designated a local historic landmark in 2001, and

WHEREAS new, significant historical information regarding the struggle of General George Washington, his troops and their artillery through this gorge has surfaced since the HTHPC designated the Jacobs Creek Bridge a local historic landmark, and

WHEREAS the natural setting of the bridge remains largely rustic and pristine, and the gorge is worthy of preservation, and

WHEREAS, at the request of the Hopewell Township Committee, the HTHPC re-reviewed the recommendations of the 2004 Jacobs Creek Bridge Task Force report,

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including its stated concerns for traffic-calming measures and the ability of the bridge to support emergency vehicles, and

WHEREAS Hopewell Township Ordinance 17-243.2 clearly states that the historic preservation commission shall “recommend to the township committee the designation of buildings, structures, sites, objects, or **improvements**, and to recommend the designation of historic districts, and

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 Jacobs Creek Bridge,**

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED on April 20, 2010, the Hopewell Township Historic Preservation Commission endorsed Alternate 3A of the 2004 Jacobs Creek Bridge Task Force report: “rehabilitate existing bridge – slice and widen, strengthen as necessary” and recommends that said Alternate be the basis for the design of the Jacobs Creek Bridge.

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be distributed to Dan Saunders, Acting Administrator, New Jersey State Historic Preservation Office and Greg Sandusky, Mercer County Engineer.

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