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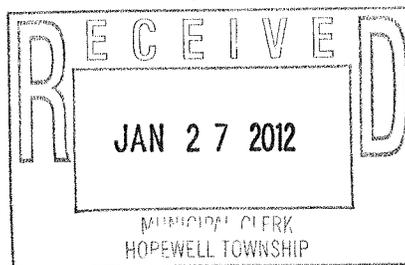
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January 24, 2012

Hon. Michael Markulec
Mayor
Hopewell Township
201 Washington Crossing-Pennington Road
Titusville, NJ 08560



Dear Mayor Markulec,

As requested by the N.J. Historic Sites Council, Mercer County and its engineering consultant, Parsons Brinkerhoff, will make a presentation regarding our plans to realign County Route 579 and construct a new bridge over Jacobs Creek, at a public meeting Feb. 6, 2012 at Hopewell Valley Central High School, 259 Pennington-Titusville Road, Pennington, New Jersey 08534.

In the spirit of complete transparency about the project, Mercer County has conducted numerous meetings on this subject, including several well-attended presentations before the Mercer County Board of Chosen Freeholders. We believe that interested parties have had ample opportunity to render public comment yet we are agreeable to one more occasion to present what we believe is the best plan for this well-traveled County route.

We appreciate the interest this project has generated with various stakeholders, and the public meetings to date have been well-moderated. Our expectation for the tone of this next meeting is that diplomacy and professionalism will reign, and that our staff and consultants will be respectfully addressed. Although we are happy to answer any and all questions, to avoid redundancy we request they be written and posed through the meeting chair.

Mercer County's goal from the outset has been to provide a safe road alignment and new bridge at a responsible cost to the taxpayers. The County has done everything in its power to achieve a resolution, and we are hopeful this final meeting will answer any lingering questions and will correct misinformation that continues to be circulated about this important project.

Sincerely,

Brian M. Hughes
County Executive

Cc: Paul Pogorzelski, Township Administrator