

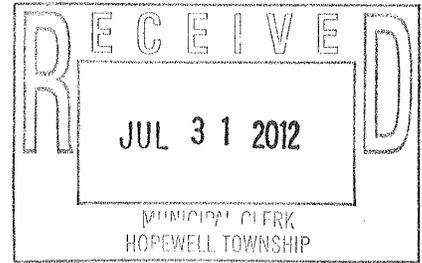
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July 27, 2012

Hon. Bob Martin, Commissioner  
New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection  
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**Re: Mercer County, Hopewell and Ewing Townships**  
**Replacement of Bear tavern Road Bridge over Jacobs Creek (Bridge 214.2)**  
**Replacement of Jacobs Creek Road Bridge over Ewing Creek (Bridge 215.1)**  
**Bear Tavern Road/Jacobs Creek Crossing Rural Historic District, (New Jersey**  
**Register listed 10/03/2011) New Jersey Register of Historic Places Act**

Dear Mr. Commissioner Martin,

I am writing in response to your correspondence dated July 10, 2012 that gave authorization to Mercer County for the above referenced project subject to certain conditions under the Department of Environmental Protection's (DEP) authority as follows:

- 1. The new design of the bridges and roadway shall be compatible with the historic character of the historic district while meeting current AASHTO Standards. The new Bear Tavern Road Bridge shall include features, such as vertical element(s), to mark the place of the bridge in the landscape. The new design of the bridges shall be in keeping with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties.
- 2. The project shall not preclude the ability to enter the abandoned section of the Colonial Road within the County Right of Way.

- 3. The project specifications shall include the requirement for Historic Preservation Office review and approval of a test panel for each type of stonework and all tinted concrete work including the bridge deck, sidewalk and curbing.
- 4. If work is proposed in areas that have not previously been covered by archaeological surveys, an archaeological survey conforming to the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Archeology and Historic Preservation shall be completed. All surveys shall be submitted to the Historic Preservation Office for review and approval.
- 5. The County shall install a view area and interpretive panels for the Bear Tavern Road/Jacobs Creek Crossing Historic District, presenting both the 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> Century periods of development. The County shall ensure that all work is carried out by or under the direct supervision of a person or persons meeting at a minimum the Secretary of the Interior's Professional Qualifications Standards. The content for the interpretive panels shall be submitted to the Historic Preservation Office for review and approval.
- 6. The County shall rehabilitate and relocate the Bear Tavern Road Bridge over Jacobs Creek to meet the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic properties. The extent of archaeological survey shall be determined in consultation with Historic Preservation Office staff. The bridge shall be relocated within three years of completion of the completion of the new Bear Tavern Road Bridge over Jacobs Creek.
- 7. The County shall submit 60% plans to the Historic Preservation Office for review and approval when completed for each of the three bridges. Final plans and specifications shall be submitted to the Department's Historic Preservation Office for review and approval when completed for each of the three bridges.

In accordance with N.J.A.C. 7:4-7.2(e) 7.ii (1), Mercer County agrees that all of the conditions are acceptable and will be met.

If you have any questions, I can be contacted at (609) 989-6600.

Sincerely,



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Mercer County Engineer

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