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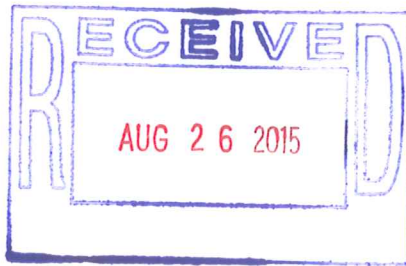
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Bucks County, Pennsylvania
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Headquarters Road Bridge over Tincicum Creek
Headquarters Road Bridge as a 4(f) Property

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Dear Ms. van Rossum:

The Federal Highway Administration Pennsylvania Division (FHWA) is in receipt of your letter dated August 13, 2015 regarding the Delaware Riverkeeper Network's (DRN's) position that the Headquarters Road Bridge over Tincicum Creek is a Section 4(f) resource. Your letter also provides cited justification primarily relating to the DRN's opinion that the bridge is individually eligible for the National Register of Historic Places.

Your letter references 23 CFR 771.135(e) which states that historic resources (those on or eligible for the National Register of Historic Places) are subject to the requirements of Section 4(f). You are correct in this assertion. However, the regulation now codified at 23 CFR 774.11(e), is further addressed in the FHWA's *Section 4(f) Policy Paper* (July 2012), which states that...

Within a NR listed or eligible historic district, FHWA's longstanding policy is that Section 4(f) applies to those properties that are considered contributing to the eligibility of the historic district, as well as any individually eligible properties within the district.
(See Answer 2B)

The Headquarters Road Bridge over Tincicum Creek is a contributing resource to the Ridge Valley Rural Historic District. Accordingly, it is subject to the requirements of Section 4(f). The individual eligibility of the bridge would not influence how the FHWA or the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) is complying with the related requirements.

Thank you for your continued interest in the Headquarters Road Bridge over Tincicum Creek project. Should you have any questions or need additional information, please contact me at (717) 221-3735 or Jonathan.Crum@dot.gov.

Sincerely,

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