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Re: *Headquarters Road Bridge in Bucks County, PA – NPS’s WSRA Section 7
Determination Process*

Dear Mr. Barszcz:

I write to follow up on my March 31, 2014 letter in regard to the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation’s Headquarters Road Bridge (“Bridge”) project over the Tinicum Creek in Tinicum Township, Bucks County (S.R. 1032, MPMS No. 13716).

PennDOT has held several Consulting Party and public meetings to determine whether the Bridge should be rehabilitated or replaced with a new two-lane bridge. As noted in my previous letter, certain waterways that will be affected by the project – Tinicum Creek and the Lower Delaware River – are included within the Wild and Scenic River System under the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act (“WSRA”). My letter asked that NPS determine, pursuant to Section 7 of the WSRA, whether the project will have a “direct and adverse effect on the values for which the [Tinicum Creek and the Lower Delaware] River was established.” 16 U.S.C. § 1278(a). I also requested that NPS urge PennDOT and the Federal Highway Administration to begin an open, transparent and accessible review process pursuant to NEPA and Section 4(f), which they have failed to do.

We believe a decision on the project is forthcoming from PennDOT in the very near future. Accordingly, I would appreciate immediate action by NPS under Section 7 of the WSRA and a prompt response to my previous letter. Thank you in advance.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Maya K. van Rossum". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Maya K. van Rossum
the Delaware Riverkeeper