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CERTIFIED MAIL
December 15, 2013

Mount Olive Township Clerk: Lisa Lashway, RMC
Municipal Building
204 Flanders-Drakestown Road
Budd Lake, NJ 07828

- RE: Replacement of County Bridge No. 1401-107
Flanders-Drakestown Road over South Branch of the
Raritan River, Mount Olive Township, Morris County
Our Project No. 2011058
- RE: Flood Hazard Area Permit (Individual – Bridge)
Wetlands General Permits GP 10A

Dear Interested Party:

This letter to inform you that Morris County is submitting an application for a freshwater wetlands general permit to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) under the Freshwater Wetlands Protection Act rules, N.J.A.C. 7:7A and for a flood hazard area permit will be submitted under the Flood Hazard Area Control Act, N.J.A.C. 7:13. The permit or approval will either establish the boundary of freshwater wetlands on the above property, or will authorize Morris County to conduct regulated activities on the property. A flood hazard permit is required for this project because some or all of the work is proposed in a flood hazard area or in a riparian zone.

Morris County is applying for the following approval(s):

Letter of interpretation (establishes the official boundary line of any regulated freshwater wetlands, open waters, or transition areas on the property, and if freshwater wetlands are present, identifies their resource value)

General permit authorization (authorizes regulated activities, such as construction or development, in wetlands and adjacent transition areas)

Individual transition area waiver (authorizes regulated activities, such as construction or development, in areas adjacent to wetlands)

Individual freshwater wetlands permit (authorizes regulated activities, such as construction or development, in both wetlands and adjacent transition areas)

Open water fill permit (authorizes regulated activities, such as construction or development, in open waters)

Flood Hazard Area permit (authorizes regulated activities, construction or development, in the floodplain)

The activities for which this application requests NJDEP approval are all of those that apply are checked):

No regulated activities, just establishing where regulated wetlands (if any) are found on my property

Cutting or clearing of trees and/or other vegetation

Placement of pavement or other impervious surface

Placement of one or more buildings or other structures

Expansion of existing pavement, buildings, or other structures

Other (describe):

Replacement of County Bridge No. 1401-107, Flanders-Drakestown Road over South Branch of the Raritan River in Mount Olive Township; and the reconstruction of roadway approaches in the vicinity of the bridge.

As required by N.J.A.C. 7:7A-10.9 and N.J.A.C. 7:13-16.3, enclosed is one copy of each of the following material being submitted to the Department.

1. One (1) complete copy of the application documents.

If you would like to inspect a copy of the application you can call the NJDEP at (609) 777-0456 to make an appointment to see the application at NJDEP offices in Trenton during normal business hours.

The rules governing freshwater wetlands permits and approvals are found in the NJDEP's Freshwater Wetlands Protection Act rules at N.J.A.C. 7:7A. You can view or download these rules on the NJDEP Land Use Regulation Program website at www.state.nj.us/dep/landuse, or you can find a copy of these rules in the county law library in your county courthouse.

As part of the NJDEP's review of this application, NJDEP personnel may visit Morris County property, and the portion of any neighboring property that lies within 150 feet of Morris County property line, to perform a site inspection. This site inspection will involve only a visual inspection and possibly minor soil borings using a 4" diameter hand auger. The inspection will not result in any damage to vegetation or to property improvements.

The NJDEP welcomes any comments you may have on this application. If you wish to comment on the application, comments should be submitted to the NJDEP *in writing* within 15 days after you receive this letter. However, written comments will continue to be accepted until the NJDEP makes a decision on the application. Comments cannot be accepted by telephone. Please submit any comments you may have *in writing, along with a copy of this letter*, to:

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New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection
Land Use Regulation Program
P.O. Box 439
Trenton, New Jersey 08625
Att: Morris County Section Chief

You can also contact the Department by telephone at (609) 292-0060 and can obtain general information about the wetlands and flood hazard area programs at the following website: www.nj.gov/dep/landuse. When the NJDEP has decided whether or not this application qualifies for approval under the Freshwater Wetlands Protection Act rules, NJDEP will notify the municipal clerk of the final decision on the application.

If you have questions about the application, you can contact Morris County's agent, address(es) below.

Sincerely,



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(Print agent's name)

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(Applicant's address, phone, and/or e-mail – optional)

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Enclosures

cc: Roslyn Khurdan, P.E., Morris County Assistant County Engineer
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