



LOWER ALLEN TOWNSHIP

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February 24, 2020

Commissioners of York County
28 E. Market Street
York, PA 17401

Honorable Commissioners of York County:

We, the Commissioners of Lower Allen Township, are writing to you to ask for your consideration in restoring the Sheepford Road Bridge that connects Lower Allen Township in Cumberland County to Fairview Township in York County. The bridge recently failed a minimum weight inspection and was closed to traffic.

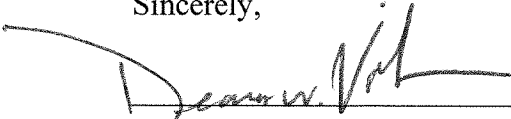
Built in 1887, the Sheepford Road Bridge is a rare and historically significant Phoenix column through-truss bridge built by the Phoenix Bridge Company in Phoenixville PA – the same company that helped build the Manhattan Bridge in New York City and the Walnut Street Bridge in Harrisburg, among many others. The Sheepford Road Bridge crosses the Yellow Breeches Creek, part of the Pennsylvania Scenic River System, at Lower Allen Township's Yellow Breeches Park, a popular 14-acre passive recreation area.

In addition to its historic value, the bridge is an important link between Cumberland County and York County. For more than 130 years, residents have used the Sheepford Road Bridge to make their way to local businesses and churches. The bridge also provides critical access to the Lower Allen Township and Fairview Township Police Departments for emergency responses when every second counts.

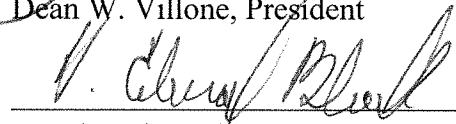
The community group Save the Sheepford Road Bridge, which includes residents from Lower Allen Township in Cumberland County, Fairview Township in York County, and other nearby communities, has demonstrated that there is strong citizen support to restore the bridge. We urge policymakers at the county, state, and federal levels to work with the members of Save the Sheepford Road Bridge to identify potential funding sources and other resources which will result

in the reopening of the bridge as soon as possible. We fully support the effort to restore the historic Sheepford Road Bridge and stand ready to assist in this important project.

Sincerely,



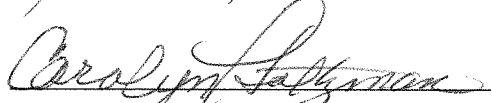
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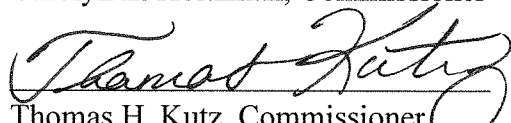
H. Edward Black, Vice-President



Richard F. Schin, Commissioner



Carolyn E. Holtzman, Commissioner



Thomas H. Kutz, Commissioner

Cc: Commissioners of Cumberland County
Kirk Stoner, Director, Cumberland County Planning
Save the Sheepford Road Bridge
Heather Bitner, York County Planning Commission