

## **River Road Bridge Over the Delaware Canal, aka the “Golden Pheasant Bridge”, Project**

The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) is considering rehabilitating or replacing the River Road Bridge over the Delaware Canal, locally known as the Golden Pheasant Bridge, which could impact historic values to the area, traffic patterns and property values. PennDOT is currently evaluating the following six alternatives (details/definitions to come):

- Alternative 1: Total Avoidance
- Alternative 2: No Build
- Alternative 3: Rehabilitation Alternative
- Alternative 4: Widening of Existing Bridge
- Alternative 5: Replacement on Existing Alignment
- Alternative 6: Replacement on Southern Alignment

**Tinicum Township is a Section 106 Consulting Party** for the River Road Bridge over the Delaware Canal (aka the Golden Pheasant Bridge) project.

### **What is a Section 106 Consulting Party?**

“Section 106” refers to a section of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) that requires federal agencies to identify citizens, preservation organizations or other interested parties (ie. the local municipality) who may be entitled to participate as consulting parties in the review process for projects utilizing federal funds that may have the potential to impact historic resources.

Section 106 requires federal agencies to consider the effects of projects they carry out, approve, or fund on historic properties through an interactive consultation process of seeking, discussing, and considering the views of consulting parties about how project effects on historic properties should be handled. (For more information visit <https://www.achp.gov/protecting-historic-properties>.)

**Does the Section 106 process determine whether the bridge will be rehabilitated, replaced or left as is?** No. While the Section 106 process is an important opportunity to influence project outcomes, it does not mandate a specific outcome.

**As the local municipality where this project is proposed, Tinicum Township has an interest in this project and is seeking public input early and often.**

The River Road Bridge over the Delaware Canal is a contributing resource to the Erwinna Historic District which is eligible for the National Register. The Delaware Canal is a National Historic Landmark and is listed on the National Register (though the River Road Bridge is not a contributing resource).

**Please send us an email expressing any concerns you may have with the effects of this project on historic properties in Tinicum Township!**

