

## Jeff Smith

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Sid,

It is my understanding that there was a meeting on 10/14/2015 to discuss next steps related to the Third Street crossing or Broomalls Run. Unfortunately, the meeting was scheduled quickly and I was unable to participate. It is my understanding that there is a somewhat urgent safety concern related to the condition of the crossing and that DEP is looking to advance a project to breach the dam. Then the local sponsors wish to advance a project to re-establish the local transportation network and reconstruct the dam. As you may know, the draft environmental document for the project identifies two generally two needs that can be summarized as 1) transportation network deficiencies, 2) resolve unsafe dam conditions. The DEP's proposed action should resolve the second need for the project leaving only the first need to be addressed.

As you may know, nearly 1 in 2 locally owned bridges in Delaware County are currently identified as structurally deficient and the region's available Appropriation 183 (Local Bridge Funds) are insufficient to address the municipal bridge owners funding needs. Unless there is a water quality need that I am not aware of and has yet to be identified in the draft environmental document, I can not approve additional expenditures beyond what is required to address the transportation network deficiencies. If replacing the dam to meet current DEP criteria is cheaper than constructing a bridge, than I would be all in favor of doing so. However, should that cost exceed the cost of a bridge, I can only see A-183 funds being applied to a prorated portion of the total project costs.

Please ask if you have any questions.

Respectfully,

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