

Valeza, Jr., Vicente (VDOT)

From: Wasaff, Thomas (VDOT)
Sent: Friday, May 05, 2017 1:55 PM
To: Valeza, Jr., Vicente (VDOT)
Cc: Muse, John C. (VDOT); Brown, Anissa (VDOT); Ezell, Raymond (VDOT); Varner, Steven (VDOT)
Subject: FW: Question regarding construction of a bridge pier in Catoctin Creek State Scenic River, Loudoun County

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From: Crump, Lynn (DCR)
Sent: Friday, May 05, 2017 11:07 AM
To: Wasaff, Thomas (VDOT)
Cc: David Ward
Subject: RE: Question regarding construction of a bridge pier in Catoctin Creek State Scenic River, Loudoun County

Dear Mr. Wasaff,

Sorry it has taken a while to get back with you.

As a Scenic River, impacts to Catoctin Creek can be reviewed at the state level.

Our concerns are these:

- Is a view from the bridge maintained? *It seems like if it is a historical bridge, this is covered.*
- Is the damage to the creek minimal? *From what you said, this seems to be covered.*
- Does mitigation for soil disturbance include the reestablishment of native species? *Unknown.*
- Does the project negatively impact the scenic values of the river? *It seems like if it is a historical bridge, this is covered.*
- And if appropriate, can final grading be done in such a way as to allow for future development of a hand carry boat launch? *This is a common well known canoe access site for paddling the Catoctin Creek, and thus grading to allow access for future access development should be considered.*

Given that I have not seen the project, the previous recommendations are all that I can do. The only reason this would have to go before the General Assembly is if it was a dam being constructed. It does not appear that a dam is part of this project, so that will not need to happen.

I hope this is clear. Call me next week if you have additional questions. Lynn

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From: Wasaff, Thomas (VDOT)
Sent: Wednesday, May 03, 2017 10:48 AM
To: Crump, Lynn (DCR) <lynn.crump@dcr.virginia.gov>
Subject: Question regarding construction of a bridge pier in Catoctin Creek State Scenic River, Loudoun County

Hi Lynn,

I was given your name by Rene' Hypes as the appropriate point of contact for questions relating to State Scenic Rivers. I work for VDOT in the Northern Virginia Environmental Section and will be responsible for acquiring water quality permits for a bridge rehabilitation project on Featherbed lane in Loudoun County, VA. This is a historic truss bridge that spans Catoctin Creek north of the town of Waterford. The preferred alternative bridge rehab design requires construction of an instream pier to carry the appropriate load. Concern over construction of this instream pier was raised by one of the members of the advisory group since Catoctin Creek is designated as a State Scenic River. The proposed pier should not disrupt movement of aquatic life and will not alter the 100 year flood elevation. Are there any other stipulations that we should be aware of that would require the project to be approved by the General Assembly? Thanks for your help.

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From: Hypes, Rene (DCR)
Sent: Thursday, April 27, 2017 3:08 PM
To: Wasaff, Thomas (VDOT)
Subject: RE: State Scenic Rivers

Hi Tom,

Please submit your state scenic river request to Lynn Crump of our Planning and Recreation Resources Division. Her email address is lynn.crump@dcr.virginia.gov. Please note it appears she out of the office through May 1.

Rene'

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From: Wasaff, Thomas (VDOT)
Sent: Thursday, April 27, 2017 2:56 PM
To: Hypes, Rene (DCR) <Rene.Hypes@dcr.virginia.gov>
Subject: State Scenic Rivers

Hi Rene,

I have a question regarding a state scenic river and whether a proposed bridge rehab project that adds an in stream pier requires coordination with the general assembly? Could you pass along the appropriate contact person and email address who I should direct my question. Thanks for your help!

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