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Green Lane Farms Bridge to Close for Rehabilitation

Cumberland County, PA- The Cumberland County Commissioners announced today the closure of the Green Lane Farms Bridge on Green Lane Drive (T-648) in Lower Allen Township, Cumberland County and Fairview Township, York County. The bridge will be closed beginning April, 3, 2017 for a rehabilitation project that includes structural steel repairs and painting of the entire bridge. The bridge will remain closed through mid-October. Cumberland County and York County jointly own the bridge and will share the \$1,000,000 cost of the project.

Built in 1889, Green Lane Farms is a one-lane, wrought iron through truss bridge that has an 8-ton weight limit and carries nearly 3,000 vehicles per day over the Yellow Breeches Creek. The bridge is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Authorized by the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, the National Park Service's National Register of Historic Places is part of a national program to coordinate and support public and private efforts to identify, evaluate, and protect America's historic and archeological resources. The rehabilitation project preserves the bridge's historic character while enhancing its ability to safely carry traffic.

The project is part of Cumberland County's Bridge Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) which details over \$14 million of bridge replacement or repair projects over a six year period. The CIP includes repair or replacement projects to the entire stock of 28 county-owned bridges. The primary funding source for the plan is the \$5 per vehicle registration fee that the County approved in early 2015. These fees will generate approximately \$1.1 million a year and allow the County to address critical bridge needs without increasing taxes. To generate this level of revenue without the \$5 registration fee, a 2.5% property tax increase each year for the next six years would need to be enacted. For more information about the County's Bridge Capital Improvement Plan visit www.ccpa.net/4239/Bridge-Capital-Improvement-Program.

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