



November 7, 2019

Rick Smith, Township Manager
East Goshen Township
1580 Paoli Pike
West Chester, PA 19380

Re: DEP File No. D15-125

Dear Mr. Smith:

The Department of Environmental Protection, Division of Dam Safety (Department) has reviewed and approved the restoration plan to breach and remove Hershey's Mill Dam to eliminate a threat to public safety and restore the stream to a free-flowing condition. In addition, the Department has conducted an environmental assessment and concluded the project will not have a significant adverse impact on aquatic resources. The dam is located across a tributary to Ridley Creek in East Goshen Township, Chester County.

Construction associated with restoration activities is authorized under the provisions of 25 Pa. Code, Section 105.12(a)(16). This authorization also includes Water Quality Certification under Section 401 of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C.A. 1341(a)).

This letter may be considered approval to remove the dam with the following special conditions:

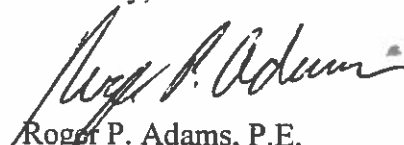
- Please be advised that you do not have federal authorization for this project and such authorization may be required prior to starting your project. In accordance with procedures established with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, you will be contacted directly by the Corps' Philadelphia District Office regarding federal authorization. If you have any questions regarding the status of their review, you may contact them at 215.656.6728.
- The Erosion and Sediment Pollution Control Plan has been reviewed in accordance with the Department's policies and procedures. Provided the erosion and sediment control measures are properly implemented and maintained, this plan is adequate to minimize accelerated soil erosion and sediment pollution.
- Ridley Creek is managed by the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission as a stocked trout fishery. You are requested to refrain from working within the stream channel between March 1 and June 15 to protect the recreational fishery.
- The Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission's Southeast Regional Office must be notified at 717.626.0228 prior to starting work.

- The Department's Southeast Regional Office, Waterways & Wetlands Program, must be notified at least ten days in advance of the proposed time of commencement of this work. They may be contacted at 484.250.5970.
- The Department's Division of Dam Safety must be notified at least ten days in advance of the proposed time of commencement of this work. Please contact Mr. Josh Fair by e-mail at josfair@pa.gov or by telephone at 717.772.5988.
- The enclosed Dam Breach Completion Certification must be submitted to the Division of Dam Safety, with the required owner signature and professional engineer's signature and seal, within ten days after completion of this work. Please include photos of the work area with this notification. If plans were modified during removal of the dam, a detailed set of as-built drawings must be submitted along with the Dam Breach Completion Certification within 30 days after completion of this work.

This authorization does not give any property rights, either in real estate or material, or any exclusive privileges. It does not grant or confer any right, title, easement, or interest in, to, or over any land belonging to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. It also does not grant any infringement of federal, state, or local laws or regulations.

If you have any questions regarding our requirements in this matter, please contact Mr. Josh Fair by e-mail at josfair@pa.gov or by telephone at 717.772.5988.

Sincerely,



Roger P. Adams, P.E.

Director

Bureau of Waterways Engineering and Wetlands

Enclosure: Dam Breach Completion Certification

cc: David Graff, Gannett Fleming (with copy of enclosure)
Chester County Conservation District
Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission, Southeast Region
Ms. Lisa Hollingsworth-Segedy, Associate Director River Restoration, American Rivers
Mr. Benjamin D. Lorson, Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission
Mr. Edward E. Bonner, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Philadelphia District

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

DAM BREACH COMPLETION CERTIFICATION

Dam No. _____

Project Location: Township _____

County _____

Gentlemen:

I (We) hereby certify that the breaching of the _____ dam
(Dam Name)
across _____ in _____ County,
(Stream Name) (County Name)
Pennsylvania, was completed on _____, in accordance with the plans and
(Date Completed)
specifications approved by the Department.

As-built drawings (check one):

- Approved plans and specifications not modified – photographs attached
- Plans were modified – As-built drawings and photographs attached

Signature of Supervising Engineer (if required by approval letter):

Title: _____

Firm or Agency: _____

P.E. Seal

Signature of Owner (Required):

Title: _____

Firm or Agency: _____

RETURN TO:

Department of Environmental Protection
Bureau of Waterways Engineering and Wetlands
Division of Dam Safety
P.O. Box 8460
Harrisburg, PA 17105-8460