



## Cultural Resources Submission

DATE: November 7, 2018

SUBJECT:

District:	5-0	Municipality:	East Stroudsburg and Stroudsburg Boroughs and Stroud Township
County:	Monroe	SR:	0080
		Section:	17M
		Project Name:	I-80 Reconstruction-Monroe
		MPMS Number:	76357

TO: Andrea MacDonald, Director  
PA Historical and Museum Commission  
and  
Section 106 Consulting Parties

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On behalf of the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation Engineering District 5-0 (PennDOT) proposes improvements to I-80 through Stroud Township, East Stroudsburg and the Borough of Stroudsburg in Monroe County. The project scope includes highway reconstruction, improvements to the interchanges and ramps, and rehabilitation or replacement of all bridges along this corridor. PennDOT is investigating options to upgrade I-80 to current design standards wherever possible, including shoulder and median width improvements and adding a third travel lane in each direction. The project is receiving federal funds and constitutes an undertaking. As such, considering effects of the undertaking on National Register-eligible properties is required by Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Section 106, more information is found here:

<https://www.achp.gov/protecting-historic-properties/section-106-process/introduction-section-106>).

As part of the Section 106 process, PennDOT established an Area of Potential Effect (APE) (ProjectPATH posting:

<https://search.paprojectpath.org/PostingDetails.aspx?ProjectID=8750&PostingID=22293>) and subsequently determined one newly evaluated property in the APE eligible for the National Register: the Stroudsburg and East Stroudsburg Unit No. 1 Local Flood Protection Works (ProjectPATH eligibility posting:

<https://search.paprojectpath.org/PostingDetails.aspx?ProjectID=8750&PostingID=26664>). Four previously identified properties were also in the earlier APE: Kitson Woolen Mill (CRGIS Key No. 064337), Stroudsburg Commercial Historic District (CRGIS Key No. 141880), Stroudsburg U.S. Post Office (CRGIS Key No. 064420), and Wallace Hardware Building (CRGIS Key No.

038768). The APE was originally drawn to encompass all alternatives being considered. The U.S. Post Office property is now outside the proposed alternative's Area of Potential Effect.

The next step in Section 106 is to establish a Determination of Effect. This examines if the project will impact the characteristics that make the National Register properties eligible. Preliminary project plans are posted to ProjectPATH with this finding showing the relationship of the work to the four historic resources.

Sheet 26 (page 3 of the PDF) shows lane reconfiguration work where SR 191/Broad Street intersects with Ann Street and Main Street adjacent to the National Register-eligible Stroudsburg Commercial Historic District (see Photographs 1-6). The limits of disturbance do not extend beyond the existing sidewalk. A modern intersection existed when the historic district was determined eligible. Its reconfiguration will not change the historic district's integrity of setting, feeling, or association. The work will have **No Effect to the Stroudsburg Commercial Historic District.**

This same plan sheet shows the intersection work in the the National Register-listed Kitson Woolen Mill and the National Register-eligible Wallace Hardware Building viewshed but is not directly impacted by the work (see Photographs 1-6). Again, the lane reconfiguration will not introduce new, detrimental elements affecting the mill's and hardware store's ability to represent their historic functions. **The work will have No Effect to the Kitson Woolen Mill and the Wallace Hardware Building.**

The limits of disturbance slightly overlap the Stroudsburg and East Stroudsburg Unit No. 1 Local Flood Protection Works' National Register boundary in two locations: the southeast side of SR 191/Broad Street (plan sheet 26, PDF page 3) where the structure over McMichael's Creek will be rebuilt, and on the north side of I-80 (plan sheet 27, PDF page 4) where the structure over Brodhead Creek will also be rebuilt (see Photos 7 and 8). The outside slope profile of the levee will be altered within these two sections of the resource, where they abut the bridges. The bridges will be widened by approximately 5', extending the location of the abutments into the current boundary of the flood protection works. The work results in approximately 2% (0.2 acres) of the 81.3 acres within the boundary altered for abutment construction. The slope of the levee is a character-defining feature of the flood protection system and the five foot extension of the bridge into the boundary will have **an Effect**. However, the change of the small amount of levee wall is a minimal overall impact to this long resource. The flood protection system will continue its historic function and the impacts to the integrity of workmanship, design, and materials is negligible. It will not diminish the qualities that make the system National Register-eligible. **The project will have No Adverse Effect to the Stroudsburg and East Stroudsburg Unit No. 1 Local Flood Protection Works.**

In September of 2018, PennDOT determined the project will have No Effect to significant archaeological resources. On behalf of Federal Highway Administration, PennDOT also determines the I-80 Reconstruction-Monroe Project will have **No Adverse Effect to Historic Properties.**

**To the SHPO:** PennDOT respectfully requests the SHPO's review of and concurrence with this determination.

**To Section 106 Consulting Parties:** As a Section 106 consulting party, you have an opportunity to review and comment on this effect determination. In order for your comments to be fully considered by the project team, please submit them in writing no later than December 7, 2018 ([krthompson@pa.gov](mailto:krthompson@pa.gov) or PennDOT Engineering District 5-0, 1002 Hamilton Street, Allentown, PA, 18101).

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at the above email address or 610-871-4459.

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