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## **CENTERTON BRIDGE CLOSING EXTENDED UNTIL JULY 30, 2010**

### **More Structural Work Needed on Historic Structure**

The Burlington County Engineering Department today announced that the reopening of the Centerton Bridge will have to be set back until July 30<sup>th</sup>, as a result of delays in securing necessary steel decking materials, along with the discovery of additional deterioration in the support structure which needs to be addressed.

Engineers had hoped to reopen the 107-year-old bridge over the Rancocas Creek this weekend.

“We’ve reviewed our options and concluded that we would rather methodically complete all the work that needs to be done to insure that the bridge is safe for reopening to traffic,” said Freeholder Joseph B. Donnelly.

“We fully realize that continued closure of the bridge is an inconvenience for many, but ask that area residents and the motoring public understand that we want to make sure the structure is properly repaired.”

Engineers said only one manufacturer can supply the steel decking being replaced on the bridge, but did not have all that was needed in stock. Meantime, during the course of work, inspectors identified some deterioration in additional structural components, including floor beams, which will also be repaired.

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