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## **CENTERTON BRIDGE CLOSING EXTENDED UNTIL JUNE 11**

### **Additional Repairs Scheduled on Historic Structure**

The Burlington County Engineering Department today announced that the closure of the Centerton Bridge will be extended another month to address additional needed repairs uncovered during recent work on the historic structure.

The bridge, which spans the Rancocas Creek, and connects Willingboro and Westampton Townships with Mount Laurel, is now scheduled to reopen on or about June 11, 2010.

Extensive repairs originally commenced on March 26, 2010, and focused on decking, guiderail, and the opening mechanism. The Highway Department, which is performing the work, subsequently discovered additional steel deck panels that were in "marginal condition." The engineer's recommendation was to replace the panels.

"The upside of all this is that it will greatly reduce the amount of time that the bridge will need to be closed in the future to perform other required maintenance," said Freeholder Joseph B. Donnelly.

A detour will remain in effect. Traffic normally accessing the bridge along Centerton Road will be detoured to Creek Road (CR 636), I-295 and Beverly-Rancocas Road (CR 626). Centerton Road will be open to local traffic only on both sides of the bridge.

The center swing-span bridge was built in 1903 by N.J. Bridge Company of Manasquan. It is manually operated and has been nominated to the National Register of Historic Places.

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