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Bureau of Environmental Quality  
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TO EXPEDITE REVIEW USE  
BHP REFERENCE NUMBER

Re: ER 94-2048-091-B  
Montgomery County  
S.R. 0309, Section 100, Roadway Improvement Project  
Cheltenham, Horsham, Lower Gwynedd, Springfield, Upper  
Dublin, Whitemarsh Townships  
Historic Resource Survey and  
Determination of Eligibility

Dear Mr. Kober:

The Bureau for Historic Preservation (the State Historic Preservation Office) has reviewed the above named project in accordance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended in 1980 and 1992, and the regulations (36 CFR Part 800) of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation. These requirements include consideration of the project's potential effect upon both historic and archaeological resources.

It is the opinion of the State Historic Preservation Officer that the following properties are eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places:

1. North Pennsylvania Railroad, Philadelphia to Northampton County: This significant transportation corridor contains many architecturally significant stations and meets National Register criteria A and C. The Bureau agrees with the boundaries selected for this resource which include the portions of the resource located within the project area tax parcel currently associated with the property.

2. Grey Towers Boundary Increase, Cheltenham Township, Montgomery County: The Bureau concurs with the finding of the consultant, that these outbuildings contribute to the architectural significance of the Grey Towers property, a resource listed on the National Register of Historic Places and a National Historic Landmark. The Bureau agrees with the boundaries selected for this resource which include the tax parcel currently associated with the property.

3. Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Cheltenham Township, Montgomery County: This is an important example of late 19th - early 20th century cemetery design. The landscape design and quality of mausoleums and markers are part of its significance and it meets National Register criterion C. The Bureau agrees with the boundaries selected for this resource.

4. Westminster Theological Seminary, Cheltenham Township, Montgomery County: The Bureau agrees with the findings of the consultant, this property is a significant example of the work of architect James H. Windrim and meets National Register criterion C. Please submit additional information and pictures showing the cemetery adjacent to the house before boundaries can be determined.

5. T.H. Rowe Property, Horsham Township, Montgomery County: This property meets National Register criterion C as a good, intact example of the Gothic Revival style of architecture. The Bureau agrees with the boundaries selected for this resource which include the tax parcel currently associated with the property.

6. Gwynedd Boarding School for Boys, Lower Gwynedd Twp., Montgomery County: This property is eligible under Criterion A for its educational significance in development of formal education in Pennsylvania by its association with an early 19th century exclusive boarding school erected in 1818. The Bureau agrees with the boundaries selected for this resource which include the tax parcel currently associated with the property.

7. Heckler Property, Lower Gwynedd Township, Montgomery County: This evolutionary farmstead with a farmhouse dating from 1804 through the early 20th century meets National Register criterion C. The Bureau agrees with the boundaries selected for this resource which include the tax parcel currently associated with the property.

8. Winding Hill Farm, Lower Gwynedd Township, Montgomery County: This intact example of evolutionary residential architecture during the 18th, 19th and early 20th century meets National Register criterion C. The Bureau does not agree with boundaries selected. All landscape and gardening features associated with the property should be included in the boundaries selected. Please re-evaluate the boundaries selected and resubmit.

9. C. Gilbert Property, Springfield Township, Montgomery County: This mid-18th century farmhouse is an intact example of an early residence and meets National Register criterion C. This property maybe also eligible under criterion D, however, an archaeological investigation must be completed before this evaluation can be made. Please develop boundaries for this resource.

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10. Jonathan Huston Property, Springfield Township, Montgomery County: This is an excellent early Georgian style house with latter revival additions and a good example of a 20th century estate and meets National Register criterion C. Please supply additional information on the boundaries. What were the historic boundaries and do the current tax parcel boundaries adequately reflect the properties resources and significance?

11. Lynford Lardner Property, Springfield Township, Montgomery County: This property is architecturally significant as a good example of a mid 18th century Georgian style house with a 1924 addition that reflects the property's conversion from a farm to a country estate. This property meets National Register criterion C. The Bureau agrees with the boundaries selected for this resource which include the tax parcel currently associated with the property.

12. Sims Estate, Springfield Township, Montgomery County: This is an excellent example of late 19th-early 20th century country estate in the Philadelphia suburban region and revivalist architecture of that era. This property meets National Register criterion C. The Bureau agrees with the boundaries selected for this resource which include the tax parcel currently associated with the property.

13. Brownlea, Upper Dublin Township, Montgomery County: An excellent example of the Colonial Revival style of architecture, this property meets National Register criterion C. The Bureau agrees with the boundaries selected for this resource which include the tax parcel currently associated with the property.

14. Vivan Anne Gast Property, Upper Dublin Township, Montgomery County: This property meets National Register criterion C as a good example of a vernacular version of the French eclectic style but in the early 20th century. The style is reflected in the form, massing and details of the house with its steeply pitched roof, flared hood over the door and arched dormers. The Bureau agrees with the boundaries selected for this resource which include the tax parcel currently associated with the property.

15. Hedgerows, Upper Dublin Township, Montgomery County: This is an excellent example of the Tudor Revival style of architecture and meets National Register criterion C. Please supply additional information concerning the selection of the boundaries for this resource.

16. Acuff Property, Whitemarsh Township, Montgomery County: This property meets National Register criterion C and is an excellent example of the Italianate style of architecture. The Bureau agrees with the boundaries selected for this resource which include the tax parcel currently associated with the property.

17. Joseph Lukens Property, Whitemarsh Township, Montgomery County: This property meets National Register criteria A and C. The house is a good example of an early 18th century Colonial and mid-18th century Georgian style house under Criterion C. Its association with the Revolutionary encampment at Whitemarsh makes this property eligible under Criterion A for military history. This property maybe eligible under criterion D, however, an archaeological investigation must be completed before this evaluation can be made. The boundaries selected may not be adequate to encompass the property for its military significance. Please investigate the historic boundaries for the farmstead.

18. Wentz Property, Whitemarsh Township, Montgomery County: This property, though undergoing some alteration, is still able to reflect the distinctive characteristics of a c.1800 farmstead and meets Criterion C. This property maybe eligible under criterion D, however, an archaeological investigation must be completed before this evaluation can be made. Additional research on the role of this farmstead during the Whitemarsh Encampment must be made for an evaluation under Criterion. Boundaries which address Criterion A and C should be selected.

It is the opinion of the State Historic Preservation Officer that the following properties are not eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. This properties are not historically or architecturally significant and many have suffered a loss of integrity.

19. Cresheim Branch of Pennsylvania Railroad, Cheltenham Township, Montgomery County
20. Floyd T. Starr Property, Cheltenham Township, Montgomery County
21. Timothy & Maureen Walsh Property, Fort Washington, Montgomery County
22. Tang Property, Horsham Township, Montgomery County
23. Adam Fleck Property, Lower Gwynedd Township, Montgomery County
24. Robert & Evelyn Held Property, Lower Gwynedd Township, Montgomery County
25. Jones Barn, Lower Gwynedd Township, Montgomery County
26. Brown Nursery, Lower Gwynedd Township, Montgomery County
27. Nair Property, Lower Gwynedd Township, Montgomery County
28. Ott Property, Lower Gwynedd Township, Montgomery County
29. Sisters of Mercy Property, Lower Gwynedd Township, Montgomery County
30. Josephine Sparango Property, Lower Gwynedd Township, Montgomery County
31. Sperry Property, Lower Gwynedd Township, Montgomery County.
32. Charles R. & M. Francis Young Property, Lower Gwynedd Township, Montgomery County
33. John Hynes, Sr. Property, Springfield Township, Montgomery County

34. Plymouth Railroad, Springfield Township, Montgomery County
35. George Zacharkow Property, Springfield Township Montgomery County
36. Conway Property, Upper Dublin Township, Montgomery County
37. Gena Vitale D'Agostino Property, Upper Dublin Township, Montgomery County
38. Ernest & Mary Fox Property, Upper Dublin Township, Montgomery County
39. James R. & Doris W. Mcpherson Property, Upper Dublin Township, Montgomery County
40. George Robbins Property, Upper Dublin Township, Montgomery County
41. Sheetz Property, Upper Dublin Township, Montgomery County
42. Kenneth Wiley Property, Upper Dublin Township, Montgomery County
43. Woods Apartments Clubhouse, Upper Dublin Township, Montgomery County
44. Trenton Cutoff Bridge, Whitemarsh Township, Montgomery County

Your request does not include sufficient information. We are unable to proceed with our review for historic structures until the following information is provided.

45. Jerome & Wanda Graham Property, Cheltenham Township, Montgomery County and

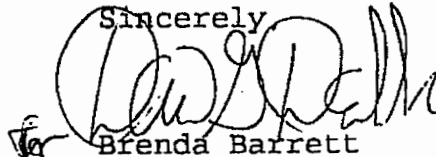
46. Grace McNeal Property, Cheltenham Township, Montgomery County: These two properties appear to be part of a larger potentially eligible planned community. Please supply additional historical, architectural and boundary information concerning this planned community. Please submit photographs of the entire neighborhood and evaluate the planned community as a historic district.

47. Kastner Log House, Lower Gwynedd Township, Montgomery County: The consultant supplies extensive information regarding the significance and integrity of the structure, particularly the interior features. Please supply additional photographs which demonstrate this level of integrity. This property maybe eligible under criterion D, however, an archaeological investigation must be completed before this evaluation can be made.

48. Sandy Run Farm, Whitemarsh Township, Montgomery County: This property lies in the area of the Revolutionary War Whitemarsh Encampment. From the design of the house on this property, it appears to date from this period and may have association with the encampment. Additional, more detailed research into the Encampment must be undertaken to ascertain the significance of this and other properties in and adjacent to the project area.

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If you need further information in this matter please consult  
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Sincerely  
  
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