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Notice of Proposed Railroad Communication Tower - Berks County, PA

1 message

Kappen, Angela <Angela_Kappen@golder.com> Thu, Mar 17, 2016 at 2:15 PM
To: "maidentwp@gmail.com" <maidentwp@gmail.com>

Dear Ms. Hollenbach,

This letter is to inform you of the proposed project described below and to provide you with an opportunity to comment on the potential for impacts to Historic Properties in the vicinity of the proposed project.

Norfolk Southern Railway Company (NS) plans to construct one (1) 150-foot railroad communication lattice tower within Berks County, PA. Tower #47755 will be located in Blandon at railroad milepost 7.55, 300 feet south of the intersection of Main St and Chestnut St. This communication tower will be placed within the right-of-way of the NS railroad. The proposed tower will serve as base stations for the federally mandated Positive Train Control (PTC) system. The PTC system is mandated by the US Congress to enhance train safety and is being implemented by all Class 1 railways in the United States.

Golder Associates Inc. is conducting the cultural resources investigations necessary for the proposed project. These investigations are conducted in accordance with the Federal Communication Commission's *Nationwide Programmatic Agreement For Review of Effects on Historic Properties For Certain Undertakings Approved by the FCC*. This process requires notification of the project to local governments and to the community in the vicinity of the project area.

Enclosed, please find a map showing the overall tower location within the county and individual aerial and topographic maps that show the specific location of the tower. Thank you for your time and consideration of our project. Should you have any comments regarding potential effects on Historic Properties, please contact me.

Sincerely,

Angela Kappen

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Cultural Resources Specialist

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Dear Ms. Kappen,

In response to your email of March 17, 2016 regarding notification of a railroad tower (#47755) at milepost 7.55, I have enclosed a map of places in the project area that are historical. One is on the National Historical Register and others are eligible sites. Below is a list that corresponds to the numbers on the map.

Also please note that a 150 foot communication tower does not comply with the Maidencreek Township zoning ordinance and a variance to the height regulations may be required. Persons in charge of the permitting for the project should contact Terry Naugle at Great Valley Consultants for a zoning determination. He may be reached at 610-375-8822.

Best Regards,

Diane Hollenbach

Diane Hollenbach, Manager
Maidencreek Township

Historical Site Key to attached map

6	Guldin Mill – on National Historical Register
108	Kauffman House
109	Graveyard
110	Maidencreek Church
111	Bridge
112	Ahrens Store
113	Blandon House
114	Village of Bland's Town (Blandon)
115	Store
116	Hotel
117	Zion Evangelical Church
118	School house
119	544 Main St House
120	Rolling Mill
121	Guldin Store

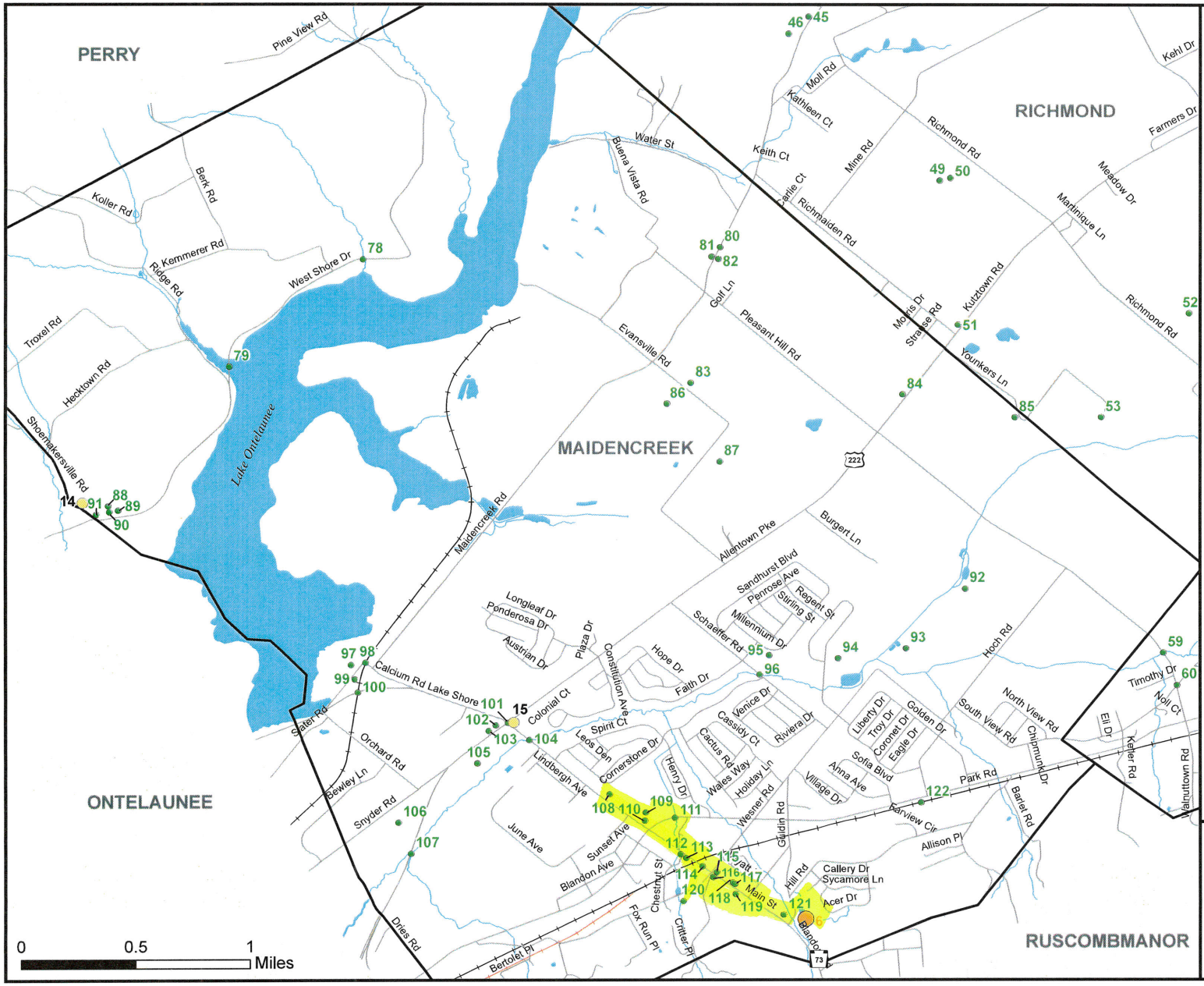

FIGURE 1-A

Fleetwood, Maidencreek, Richmond
Joint Comprehensive Plan Update: September 2011

Historical Resources Maidencreek Township

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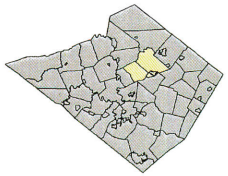

Historic Sites

- National Register Listed
- National Register Eligible
- Other Historic Sites*
- Municipal Boundaries
- Roads
- Railroad
- Inactive Railroad
- Streams

* Includes sites identified from surveys conducted from one or more of the following groups: Pennsylvania Historic and Museum Commission, Berks County Conservancy, George Meiser and local historical societies.

Source data: Berks County Planning Commission, Berks County GIS, Berks County Department of Emergency Services

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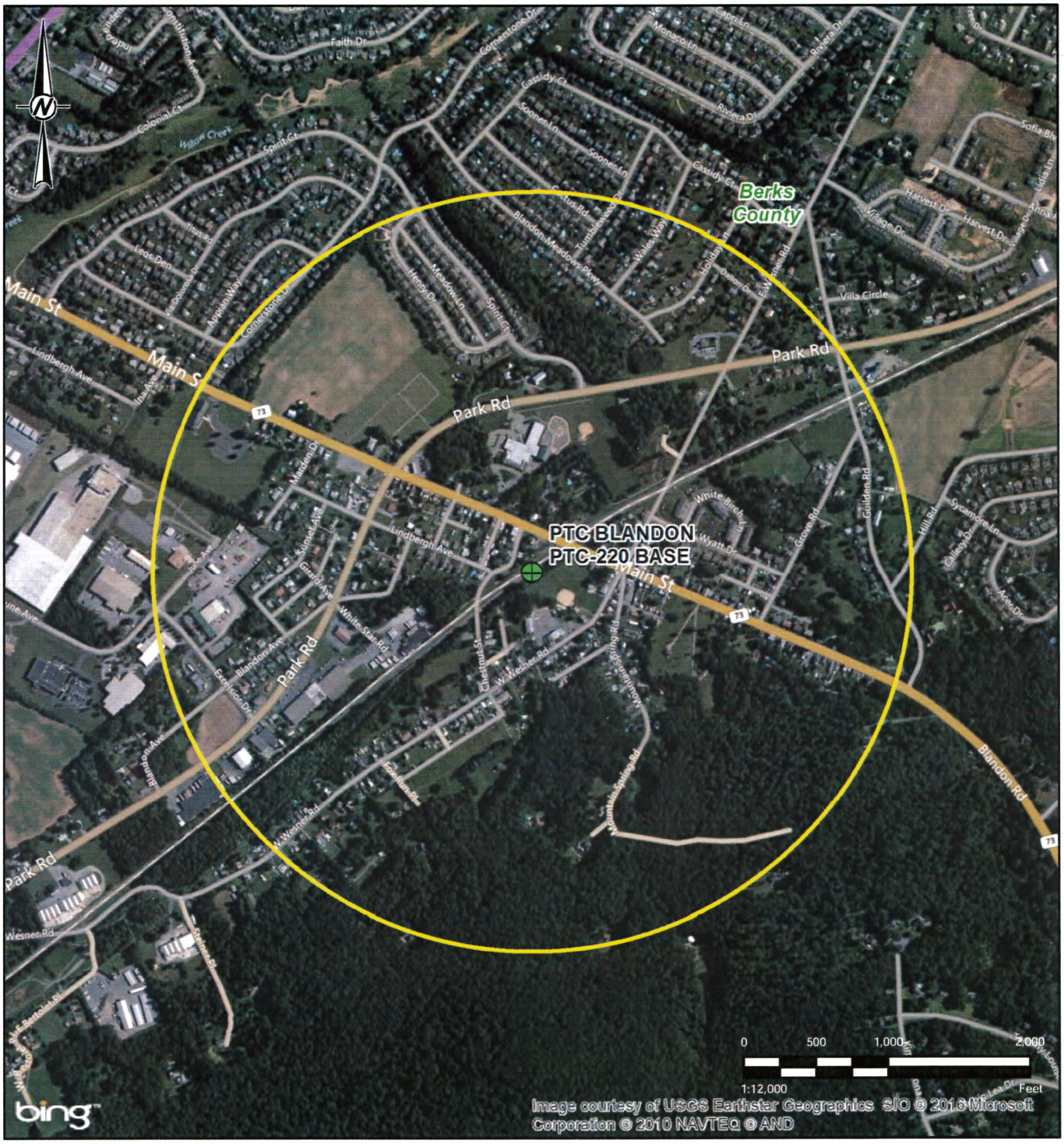

LEGEND

- Tower Location
- Visual APE (0.5 Mile Radius)
- County Boundary

REFERENCE(S)
COORDINATE SYSTEM: USA CONTIGUOUS EQUIDISTANT CONIC
PROJECTION: EQUIDISTANT CONIC
DATUM: NORTH AMERICAN 1983

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NORFOLK SOUTHERN

PROJECT
NON-PTC TOWERS FEBRUARY 2016
BERKS COUNTY, PA

TITLE
PTC BLANDON PTC-220 BASE
AERIAL MAP - BLANDON, PA

CONSULTANT
Golder Associates

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DESIGNED	GFD
PREPARED	GFD
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APPROVED	BS

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Section 106 New Filing Submitted- Email ID #1683312

3 messages

towernotifyinfo@fcc.gov <towernotifyinfo@fcc.gov> Mon, Mar 28, 2016 at 10:15 AM
To: maidentwp@gmail.com

The following new Section 106 filing has been submitted:

File Number: 0007203567
TCNS Number: 137057
Purpose: New Tower Submission Packet
Notification Date: 7AM EST 03/29/2016
Applicant: Norfolk Southern Railway Company
Consultant: Golder Associates Inc.
Positive Train Control Filing Subject to Expedited Treatment Under Program Comment: No
Site Name: PTC BLANDON PTC-220 BASE
Site Address: 300-feet west of the Main Street Railroad Crossing
Detailed Description of Project: Norfolk Southern Railway proposes to replace an existing lattice railroad communications tower with a 150-foot lattice railroad communications tower within the railroad right-of-way. This tower will serve as a base station for their PTC system.
Site Coordinates: 40-26-20.1 N, 75-53-2.2 W
City: Blandon
County: BERKS
State:PA
Lead SHPO/THPO: Pennsylvania Historical & Museum Commission Bureau for Historic Preservation

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Use of the Section 106 system is intended to facilitate consultation under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act and may contain information that is confidential, privileged or otherwise protected from disclosure under applicable laws. Any person having access to Section 106 information shall use it only for its intended purpose. Appropriate action will be taken with respect to any misuse of the system.

Diane Hollenbach <maidentwp@gmail.com> Mon, Mar 28, 2016 at 10:47 AM
To: Terry Naugle <tnaugle@greatvalleyconsultants.com>

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Terry Naugle <tnaugle@greatvalleyconsultants.com> Mon, Mar 28, 2016 at 10:57 AM

To: Diane Hollenbach <maidentwp@gmail.com>

Hi Diane:

I placed a call last week for Angela Kappen regarding the height of the tower to let them know that a variance would be required, but she has not called me back yet. I will send her an e-mail and copy you.

Terry

From: Diane Hollenbach [mailto:maidentwp@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, March 28, 2016 10:47 AM
To: Terry Naugle
Subject: Fwd: Section 106 New Filing Submitted- Email ID #1683312

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Norfolk Southern Railway - proposed Tower #47755

1 message

Terry Naugle <tnaugle@greatvalleyconsultants.com> Mon, Mar 28, 2016 at 12:00 PM
To: "Angela_Kappen@golder.com" <Angela_Kappen@golder.com>
Cc: Diane Hollenbach <maidentwp@gmail.com>, Katelyn Gruber <office@maidencreek.net>, Frank Pomrink <fpomrink@greatvalleyconsultants.com>

Ms. Kappen:

We are the Zoning Officer for Maidencreek Township. We wanted to contact you regarding the proposed communication tower #47755 which is proposed to be located within Maidencreek Township, Berks County, PA.

Please note that the information provided appears to indicate that the communication tower would be located within the Commercial – Residential (CR) Zoning District. Communication towers are not a use permitted by right, by special exception, or by conditional use in the CR Zoning District. Locating a communications tower within this district would require that a variance be granted by the Township's Zoning Hearing Board.

Communication towers are permitted as a Conditional Use within the areas of the Industrial Zoning Districts within the Township. There is an Industrial Zoning District extending southward along the railroad tracks from a point approximately 1200 feet south of the railroad crossing of Main Street in Blandon, PA. The requirements for Communications Towers is established in Section 220-48 of the Township's Zoning Ordinance. This Ordinance may be viewed on the Township's web site (there is a link immediately under the tab for Zoning & Permits on the home page of the web site).

If the proposed tower site is relocated to the Industrial Zoning District, an application for a Conditional Use Hearing must be submitted to the Township. Upon receipt of this application, a hearing will be scheduled before the Township's Board of Supervisors at which time the railroad would be required to present testimony to support the approval of the conditional use.

Please contact us if there are any questions. Also, if there is someone else with the railroad or another consulting firm who needs to be aware of these requirements, please let us know and we can contact them.

Sincerely,

Terrence J. Naugle

Zoning Officer / Building Code Official

Great Valley Consultants