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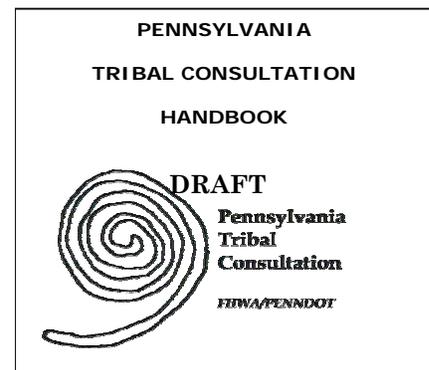
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Coming Soon: PENNDOT Tribal Handbook

The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PENNDOT) in conjunction with the Pennsylvania Division, Federal Highway Administration have sent out the draft Pennsylvania Tribal Consultation Handbook for review and comment to more than 35 agencies. These include the Federally recognized Tribes that have historic ties to the land that is now Pennsylvania. Also the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation and the Pennsylvania Historic and Museum Commission also received the handbook. The handbook is also posted on the PENNDOT cultural resources website, www.penndotcrm.org. The draft handbook will describe the process a transportation project goes through from design to maintenance, different types of projects and their level of review, where in the process consultation takes place, with whom to consult, and procedures and steps for conducting consultation.



Along with the draft handbook a supplement was also sent out for review and comment. This supplement is intended to provide a more in-depth history and organizational view of the Federally recognized Tribes that have historic ties to the land that is now Pennsylvania. Included with each of the histories of the Tribes is a Pennsylvania state map showing the areas of interest for each Tribe.

Once the handbook is finalized it will not be a static document. Changes in tribal contacts and governmental leaders and any changes to Federal or State laws and/or guidelines will result in updates being needed for the handbook and supplement. These will be provided to the Tribal and PENNDOT staff that are using the handbook. Any updates will also be placed on the PENNDOT CRM website.

The comments and recommendations from all parties will be reviewed and changes will be made to the handbook and supplement as warranted. The handbook and supplement will hopefully be published soon.

PENNDOT would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to all of the agencies, especially the Federally recognized Tribes, for taking the time and effort to review and comment on the handbook. Together we can make tribal consultation a smooth and beneficial process.

ByWays to the Past Conference VII

The Byways to the Past Conference VII was held on May 17-18 at Indiana University of Pennsylvania. The conference brought together not only cultural resource people, but also historians, engineers, and planners. This year the conference had a number of very interesting sessions. The conference started on Wednesday morning with a panel including State Secretary of Transportation, Mr. Allen Biehler; and Chairman of the House of Representative's Transportation Committee, Mr. Rick Geist. The panel discussed land use, transportation and preservation.

One of the Thursday morning sessions was also a high point of the conference. The session, **First Persons: Native American History and Connections to Pennsylvania**, provided a glimpse into the ties that the Federally recognized Tribes have to Pennsylvania, in particular the Delaware Nation of Oklahoma who were represented by elder Ms. Linda Poolaw.



Linda Poolaw during her presentation.

Representatives from the Absentee-Shawnee and Seneca Nation of Indians were also scheduled to attend, but unfortunately were unable to make the trip.

Besides Ms. Poolaw the panel included Steve Warfel Senior Curator, Archaeology at the William Penn State Museum in Harrisburg and Linda Ries head of the Archival and History Program at the Pennsylvania State Archives also in Harrisburg. Mr. Warfel's presentation was about various Native American village sites along the Lower Susquehanna River and Mrs. Ries's presentation was about the deeds between the tribes and Colonial Government of Pennsylvania that are in the State Archives.

After the formal presentations, there was a question and answer period that allowed the audience to ask some very interesting and probing questions of the panel. This session was successful in providing information on the tribes that have a historic interest in Pennsylvania and the resources that are available in the state. To read more about the By-



Steve Warfel during his presentation while Linda Ries and Linda Poolaw follow along.

Ways conference visit the website at www.pennbyways.net.

Improving Consultation

In meetings and conversations with the tribes one of the subjects brought up was the reduction of paper and material sent to the tribes. To facilitate this, PENNDOT has been developing a web system for providing Project Notification Letters. The draft version of this web system is being reviewed right now at PENNDOT. The system will use email to notify tribes about projects. The email will have a link that the tribal contact person will click on to go to project specific information. The system will still allow the tribes to provide the same information they do now with the paper letters. But this system will allow for more information to be available while reducing the paper sent to tribes. If tribes have difficulty receiving email or wish to still receive the paper letters, they will still have that option.

Announcements

The summer meeting of the **Transportation Research Board ADC 50 Committee on Historic and Archaeological Preservation in Transportation** will be held on July 23-26, 2006 in Williamsburg, VA. Visit the committee's website at www.itre.ncsu.edu/ADC50/index.htm for more information and to view the preliminary program.

Since the last newsletter there have been some **personnel changes** at the district offices in PENNDOT. In District 4-0 Jaime McIntyre has moved on to a new endeavor and in Districts 9, 10, and 12 Eric Scuteguzza has left to work for a private cultural resource management company. We wish them both well. The work in these districts is being done by consultants that have gone through PENNDOT's qualified professional training until full time individuals are hired.

The **Pennsylvania Archaeology Council, Society of Pennsylvania Archaeology, Mid-Atlantic American Studies Association**, and other groups are spon-

a one day symposium on Native Americans in Pennsylvania. Representatives from various tribes are being contacted to attend. The symposium will be for archaeologists, educators, historians, and museum curators. The symposium will be on Saturday, October 14. More information will be available in the next newsletter.

The **Advisory Council on Historic Preservation** : Native American Program is also offering training courses. They can be contacted directly for dates and locations. Valerie Hauser, Coordinator (202) 606-8530 vhauser@achp.gov

The **Tribal Consultation Website** is up and running at <http://www.penndotcrp.org>. This page contains a brief description of the consultation process, helpful publications, a list of tribal websites, and miscellaneous useful links. Once again, comments, criticisms, and suggestions are welcomed. New links, information, or corrections would be particularly useful. Please address any concerns to Joe Baker at josebaker@state.pa.us.

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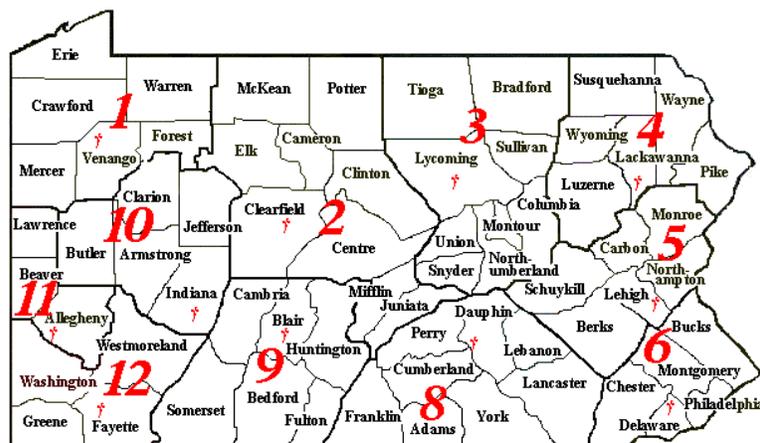
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