

County Commissioners Provide Funding for Numine Bridge

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The Armstrong County Commissioners and Cowanshannock Township Supervisors met today to review the progress of the NuMine Bridge replacement. The bridge is owned by Cowanshannock Township and carries T-746 over Cowanshannock Creek.

The total bridge replacement project will cost over 1.3 million dollars and Cowanshannock Township's portion will be approximately \$67,000. The County Commissioners wanted to recognize Cowanshannock officials for being proactive in addressing structurally deficient bridges in their township. By replacing the NuMine Bridge, yearly interim inspections will no longer be required and will save Cowanshannock Township interim inspection fees for the foreseeable future. The supervisors are also planning to replace the Hoosick Mills Bridge in 2017.

A grant of \$15,000 was provided by the Armstrong County Commissioners through the Marcellus Legacy Funds.

Act 13 of 2012 established the Marcellus Legacy Fund that allocates a portion of the Marcellus Shale Impact Fee for Highway Bridge Improvements. These funds are distributed to counties and are to be used to fund the replacement or repair of at-risk deteriorated bridges. There are 17 structurally deficient local bridges in the county. The Commissioners want other municipalities within the county to be aware these funds are available to assist in repairing or replacing their structurally deficient township bridges.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or require additional information.

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