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CULTURAL RESOURCES MITIGATION  
ROUTE 7-WITTPENN BRIDGE OVER HACKENSACK RIVER  
CITY OF JERSEY CITY AND TOWN OF KEARNY, HUDSON COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

**CLIENT:**

Jacobs Engineering Group

**PROJECT SPONSOR:**

NJ Department of  
Transportation

**REVIEW AGENCY:**

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RGA is presently conducting cultural resources mitigation in accordance with a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) prepared to mitigate the adverse effect on the National Register-eligible WittPenn Bridge over Hackensack River. RGA had previously completed the Section 106 Cultural Resources Investigation for the project that identified the historic, vertical lift WittPenn Bridge and the Hackensack River Vertical Lift Bridges Historic District (HRVLHD).

To satisfy stipulations of the MOA, RGA prepared and distributed press releases and used local and regional media to publicize the project. RGA's recordation of the WittPenn Bridge, conducted in accordance with HAER standards, focused on the individual historic and technological significance of the bridge as well as its setting and relationship to the HRVLHD. RGA is presently preparing a popular document that illustrates the historical and technological significance of the WittPenn Bridge and the HRVLHD. The document will be distributed to regional repositories to raise public awareness regarding the significance of the bridges that comprise the historic district.