

**Pennsylvania Department of Transportation  
On Behalf of the Federal Highway Administration – Pennsylvania Division Office**

**Section 4(f) Non-Applicability/No Use**

<b>County</b>	<b>Berks</b>	<b>State Route</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>Section</b>	<b>DRL</b>				
<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Downtown Reading Lighting</b>	<b>FPN</b>	<b>TED</b>	<b>MPMS</b>	<b>81360</b>				
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**IDENTIFICATION OF SECTION 4(f) PROPERTY(S):**

Callowhill Historic District  
Keystone Hook & Ladder Company, No. 1  
Harolds Furniture Building  
Pomeroy's Department Store

**BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT SCOPE:**

The project involves the installation of new pedestrian lighting, upgrades to existing pedestrian lighting, and the installation of street trees along Penn Street between 2nd Street and 8th Street in the City of Reading, Berks County, PA. New street lamps will follow one of two styles, both constructed from cast aluminum alloy with a painted dark green finish. Upgrades to existing lighting are limited to replacement of the bulbs to increase wattage. New trees will be planted in current tree wells and new wells that will match the existing. Additionally, some existing trees and tree wells will be removed, and the infill material will match the surrounding sidewalk's modern brick and concrete.

**NAME AND TITLE OF OFFICIAL WITH JURISDICTION OVER SECTION 4(f) PROPERTY:**

Cheryl L. Nagle, Historic Preservation Specialist, Bureau for Historic Preservation,  
Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission

**NAME AND TITLE OF CONTACT PERSON IF DIFFERENT THAN ABOVE:**

**APPLICABILITY DETERMINATION:**

Indicate which of the following apply (More than one may be applicable, indicate all that apply):

- 1. The project involves a Section 4(f) property but results in no permanent incorporation or conversion of land into a transportation facility (for example, a Transportation Enhancement project or adjacent to a Betterment project<sup>1</sup>) or does not result in a constructive use as determined by FHWA.
- 2. The project involves one or more archaeological sites that have been determined not to be important for preservation in place in accordance with 36 CFR § 800. (eligible under more than Criterion D).

<sup>1</sup> PennDOT has the autonomy to decide the applicability of Section 4(f) protection. However, per the Alternative Processing Procedures for Section 4(f) Evaluations, [*Determination of Use (c) applicability decisions*], PennDOT is advised to consult with FHWA with questionable circumstances by completing the appropriate forms or through other means of correspondence.

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- \*3. The project is a Bike or Walkway project sponsored by the officials with jurisdiction over the Section 4(f) property [Negative Declaration applies]. *Note:* does not require FHWA signature, see Alternative Processing Procedures Guidance.
- \*4. The project involves land within the boundaries (not necessarily from the edge) of an Historic District but the land to be used does not contribute to the characteristics that make **the District eligible for the** National Register or has been determined to be part of a non-contributing parcel.
- \*5. The project involves a minor (sliver) take from a non-contributing element along the boundary of an Historic District and the undertaking does not adversely affect any contributing features or parcels.
- \*6. The project involves a multiple-use facility (State, Federal, National Forest, large municipal-owned land, etc.) but does not impact an area that functions specifically as a Section 4(f) property.
- 7. The project area includes Section 4(f) properties but the undertaking itself does not involve (use) a Section 4(f) property on a temporary or permanent basis. List the Section 4(f) property(s) below and attach documentation or mapping:
  
- \*8. The project involves an aerial crossing of a Section 4(f) property, but it does not impact the qualifying characteristics of the property, or it does not result in the conversion of land into a transportation facility, such as placement of a bridge pier into a historic railroad yard.
- \*9. The project involves activities within the existing transportation right-of-way and would not result in proximity impacts that would substantially impair the features, activities, or attributes that make the property eligible for protection under Section 4(f).
- \*10. The project involves underground activities such as tie-backs, horizontal borings, etc. and does not impact the qualifying characteristics of the Section 4(f) property or involve archaeology that warrants preservation in place.
- \*11. The project involves the restoration, rehabilitation, or maintenance of transportation facilities that are on or eligible for the National Register and would not adversely affect the historic qualities of the facility that caused it to be on or eligible for listing.
- \*12. The project involves a transportation enhancement or is a mitigation project where the use of the Section 4(f) property is solely for the purpose of preserving or enhancing the activities, features, or attributes that qualify the property for Section 4(f) protection.
- \*13. The project involves improvements to the Interstate System, but does not require the use of any interstate elements formally designated by FHWA for Section 4(f) protection on the basis of national or exceptional historic significance.
- \*14. The project involves certain trails, paths, bikeways, and sidewalks where (1) the trail-related project is funded under the Recreational Trails Program (23 U.S.C. 206(h)(2)); (2) the trail is a

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National Historic Trail designated under the National Trails System Act (with the exception of segments that are historic sites) (16 U.S.C. 1241-1251); (3) the trail/path/bikeway/sidewalk occupies a transportation facility right-of-way and can be maintained somewhere within that right-of-way; or (4) the trail/path/bikeway/sidewalk is part of the local transportation system and functions primarily for transportation.

Remarks:

\*Requires concurrence by the official with jurisdiction over the Section 4(f) property.

**SUMMARY AND DETERMINATION:**

The proposed action will not involve temporary or permanent incorporation or conversion of Section 4(f) land into a transportation facility, including construction easements and/or staging, therefore the proposed action does not constitute a use within the meaning of Section 4(f).

Section 4(f) Property: See List on Page 1. Date: 5/11/2010

Official with Jurisdiction \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
*(Optional: other documentation such as attached letters or meeting minutes may be used in replacement of signing this page) Check here if other documentation is attached.*

Name and Organization of Preparer Brandy L. Rotz, McCormick Taylor Date: 05/11/10

Project Manager *Brandy L. Rotz* Date: 05-11-10

Environmental Manager *Schryer* Date: 5-14-10

PennDOT, BOD *Calvin M. Brown* Date: 6/21/10

FHWA \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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*Please enter any additional information in the following area:*

See the attached documentation from PHMC, stating a finding of No Historic Properties Present or Affected for the proposed Downtown Reading Lighting project. Also see the attached project location map.

**Rotz, Brandy L.**

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**From:** Thompson, Kristina L [krthompson@state.pa.us]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 28, 2010 12:31 PM  
**To:** Rotz, Brandy L.  
**Cc:** Mock, Kevin W; Ruth, James; Neal, Elbert  
**Subject:** FW: ER 10-9019-011 A DOWNTOWN READING LIGHTING

Brandy,

This can be attached to the B:A-4 screen of the CE, clearing cultural resources for this project.

Thanks,  
Kris

**Kristina Lammi Thompson** | Regional Architectural Historian  
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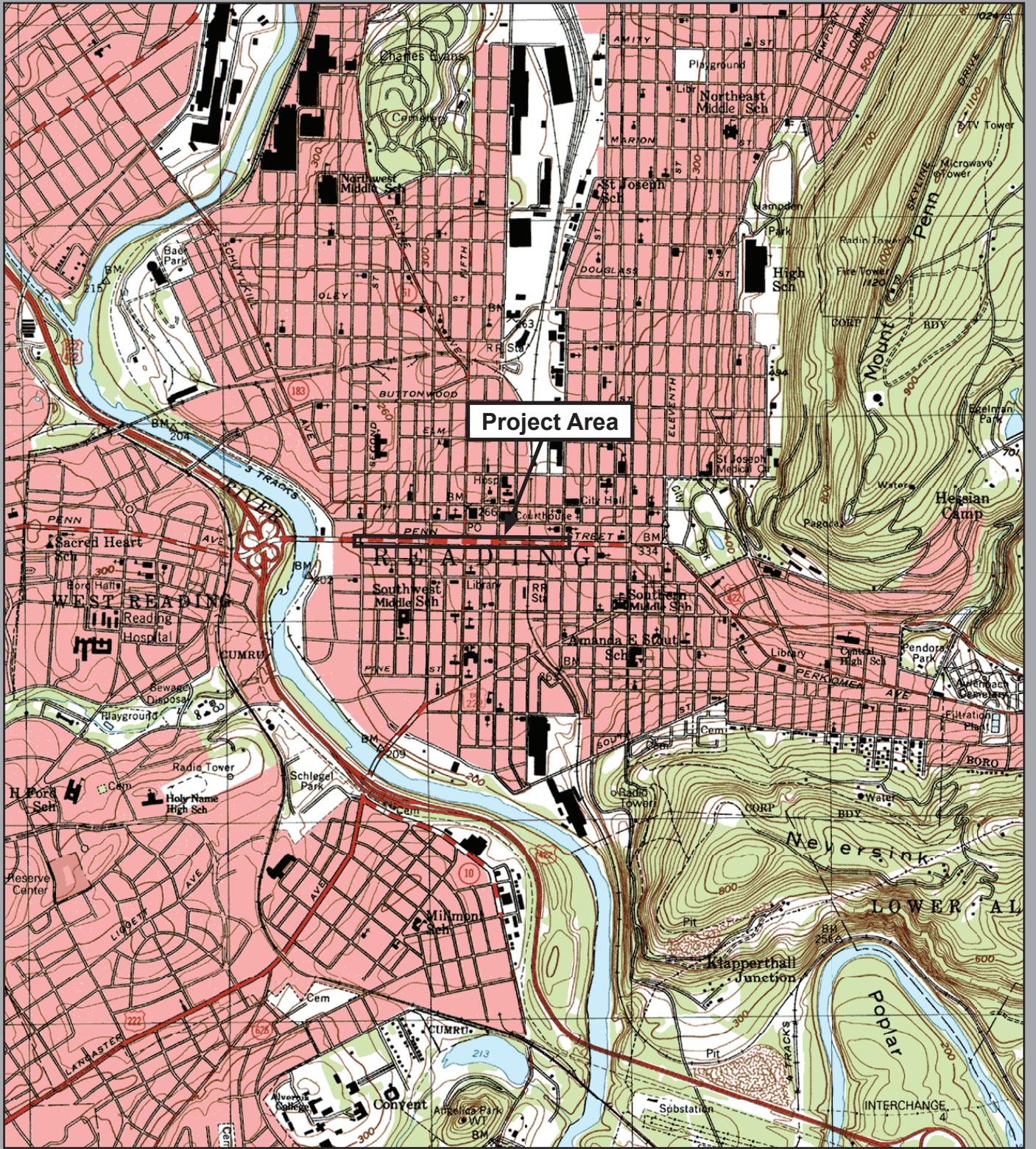
**From:** Nagle, Cheryl  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 28, 2010 8:36 AM  
**To:** Thompson, Kristina L  
**Subject:** ER 10-9019-011 A DOWNTOWN READING LIGHTING

Dear Kris -

Thank you for your Stip D.2 submission for the Downtown Reading Lighting project, MPMS 81360. Please accept this email as a courtesy response (so that you do not have to wait the 15 days) that PHMC concurs with the *No Historic Properties Present or Affected* submission.

Thanks!  
Cheryl

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**Project Area**

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Reading, PA 7.5' USGS Quadrangle, 1999

