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Re: Request for Consultation Comments
Belvidere & Delaware River Railway, Inc.
Abandonment Exemption
Milford-Hunterdon County
STB Docket No. AB 1301

Dear John:

The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), an agency of the United States Department of Agriculture, is the leading agency in soils inventory and evaluation. Part of our soil evaluation is to classify our Nations soils based on their suitability to produce food, fiber, forage, and oilseed crops.

NRCS conducted an evaluation of the soils information that occurs within the area of interest. The proposed project consisted in the abandonment of approximately 3,288 linear feet of railroad line as identified in your request in Milford Borough, New Jersey. After reviewing the documentation provided for a proposed project, **the proposed project does not have an impact on farmland.**

Please do not hesitate to contact Edwin Muñoz with any questions or concerns related to the land evaluation at 732-537-6062 or by email at edwin.muniz@usda.gov.

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Attachment A: Interpretation map

Cc: Julie Hawkins - New Jersey State Conservationist
Evan Madlinger - State Resource Conservationist

Farmland Classification for Farmland Conversion Impact Rating

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Farmland Classification

- All areas are prime farmland
- Farmland of statewide importance
- Not prime farmland

Soil Legend

- PomAs - Pope fine sandy loam, high bottom, 0 to 2 percent slopes, occasionally flooded
- RksC - Riverhead gravelly sandy loam, 8 to 15 percent slopes
- RorAt - Rowland silt loam, 0 to 2 percent slopes, frequently flooded

Approximately Study Area

- Area of interest
- Counties
- State

Government Units



United States Department of Agriculture
Natural Resources Conservation Service

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