

## **Brandywine Bridge Emergency Closure**

The Brandywine Bridge emergency closure was the result of a biennial bridge inspection performed that day by consultants working for the New Jersey Department of Transportation. The NJ DOT inspection team found deterioration in a few of the timber piles that support the deck of the bridge.

Work to repair the bridge supports began last week (week of 10/19) and it is the County's intent to have the bridge re-opened to traffic this year before winter weather arrives. Much of the repair work being performed by the County Bridge crew is below the bridge surface and requires their workers to be within the stream itself. The work being done on the underside of the bridge is dependent upon the weather conditions that impact the water elevations and flow within the creek. Heavy and/or prolonged days of rain, like we are having today (10/30) and tomorrow, delay their crews from performing the repairs.