



Monmouth County Park System Union Transportation Trail PROJECT INFORMATION

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

This project will complete the final stage of construction of a multi-use trail along a former railroad right-of-way in Upper Freehold Township known as the Union Transportation Trail. Two sections are currently under construction: the middle of the trail from Davis Station to Road to County Route 526; and the northern end from Herbert Road to Old York Road.

The Union Transportation Trail is a multi-use trail that runs through farmland and rural countryside in the western corner of the county. Built along the former Pemberton and Hightstown Railroad, the trail is the result of a long-term lease between the Park System and JCP&L that allows the Park System to develop the land for recreational use. Originally opened to the public in September 2010 with its first two-mile section of completed trail, the trail has been popular with walkers, joggers, and bike and horseback riders all enjoying this scenic trail that features a 120 foot long rehabilitated wood trestle bridge over Lahaway Creek. When completed in summer of 2016, the trail will stretch 8.6 miles from the Ocean County border in the south to the Mercer County border in the north.

REASON FOR PROJECT: Provide recreation trail opportunities.

DESIGN APPROACH: Provide recreation trail at low cost.

ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS: Working with existing DEP permits for rehabilitation of existing timber trestle bridge, installation of prefabricated bridges, and installation of approximately 2 miles of trail.

PROJECT STATUS: Currently under construction; slated for completion in 2016.

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