



Monmouth County Park System Union Transportation Trail

PROJECT INFORMATION

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

With the January 2017 completion of the multi-use trail along a former railroad right-of-way in Upper Freehold Township known as the Union Transportation Trail, the Park System is now focusing on connections beyond the county borders. One such connection is the installation of a pedestrian underpass below County Route 537, providing a trail linkage between Monmouth and Ocean Counties to points south. The Park System has received a \$1.2 million grant from the federal Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) to help construct the underpass. Once completed, the Union Transportation Trail will be linked to a two mile trail being constructed in Ocean County. The Town of Plumsted in Ocean County received a \$400,000 grant from the NJTPA. .

The Underpass will consist of a 65-foot long concrete box culvert (minimum inside clearance 10 feet high x maximum inside width of 16 feet) below County Route 537. The existing Union Transportation Trail will be increased in length approximately 600 feet and connect to the Ocean County trail.

REASON FOR PROJECT: Provide regional recreation trail opportunities and connections between Monmouth and Ocean Counties.

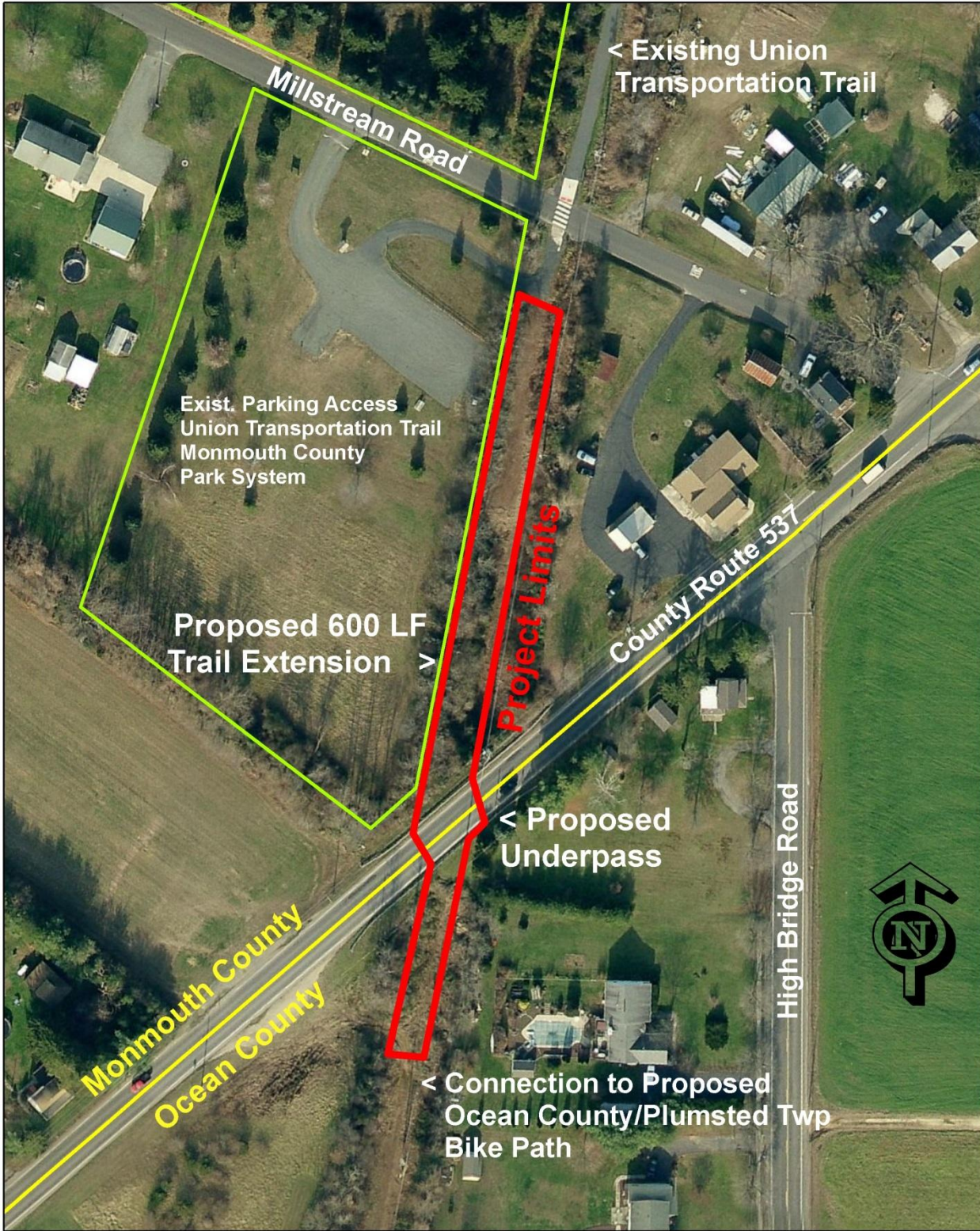
DESIGN APPROACH: Utilize existing public lands and rights of way to minimize construction cost and provide safe route for trail users.

ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS: Must follow Federal and NJDOT guidelines for environmental and cultural elements.

PROJECT STATUS: ***Construction contract has been awarded. Construction contract period is nine (9) months, to begin in January 2019.***

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**PROJECT MAP: County Route 537 Underpass Extension
 Union Transportation Trail
 Monmouth & Ocean Counties**

1"=100'

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 plan created based on GIS data