



Meeting Overview

- Purpose
 - Public Hearing for the No Net Loss Restoration Act and EO No. 172
- Open House: 6:00 – 6:30
- Presentation: 6:30
 - Program Overview
 - Purpose and Need
 - Outreach Process
 - Map and Schedule
 - MP 23.0 U-Turn Overview
 - No Net Loss Process and Obligation
 - Mitigation Options and Strategy
 - Public Comments



EO-172 and No Net Loss Public Hearing for Grade Separated U-Turn Program at M.P. 23.0

Grade-Separated U-Turn Program
Deptford Township

February 10, 2026

Introductions



Grade Separated U-Turn Program Overview



- The NJTA has initiated the Grade-Separated U-Turn Program to provide for safe travel movements for emergency response and maintenance personnel.
- The Program replaces 23 “cut-throughs” in the median barrier with 7 new U-Turns.
- Placement was optimized to meet NJTA maintenance and emergency response needs while also limiting right-of-way, utility, and environmental impacts.
- U-Turns exist north of Interchange 6 and are required by NJTA design standards.

Grade Separated U-Turn Program Median Cut-Throughs



Grade Separated U-Turn Program Overview



- Replace median cut-throughs (23) with grade separated structures (7 new)
- Final Design began in March 2023, Construction at MP 23.0: 2026-2029
- Current Status: Phase C Design (~90%)



Grade Separated U-Turn Program Overview

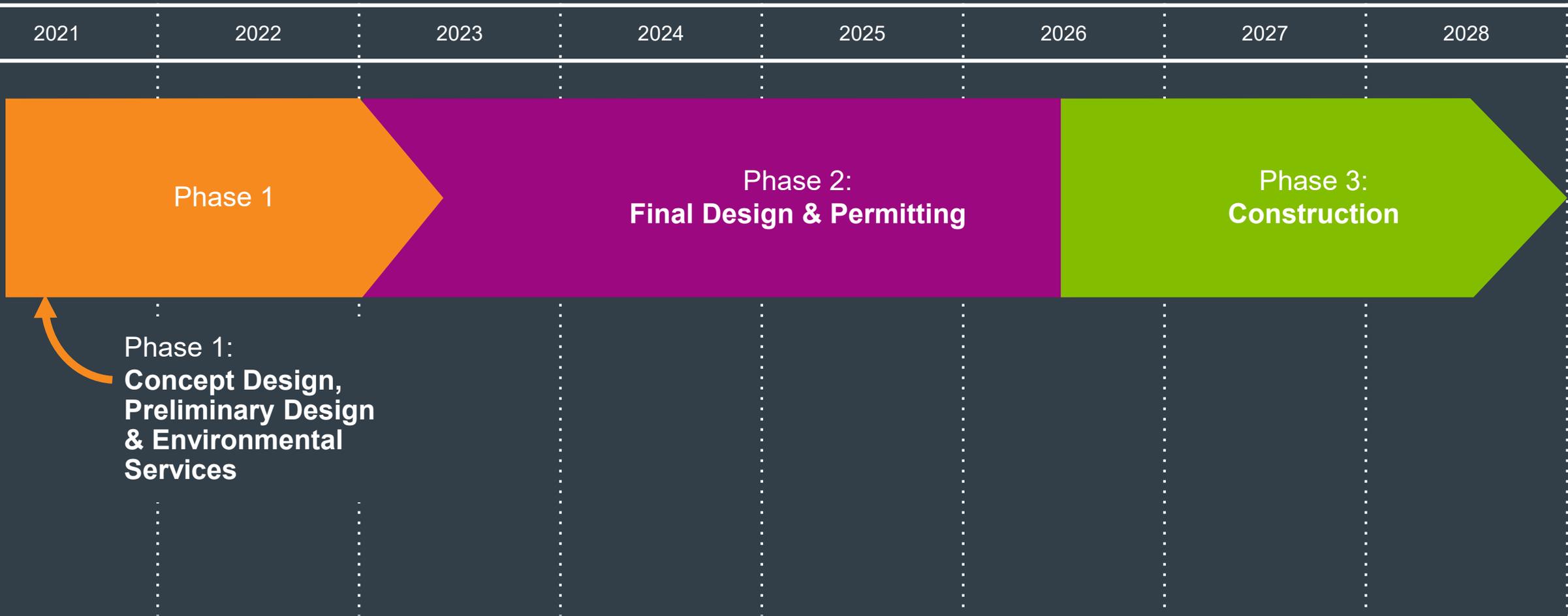


- The Program has coordinated extensively with emergency response personnel, including State Police, County OEM coordinators, first responders, and the DVRPC Transportation Group.
 - July 2022: NJ State Police
 - Nov 2022 – Jan 2023: County Offices of Emergency Management
 - March 2023: DVRPC Transportation Group Leadership
 - Fall 2024: DVRPC Transportation Group – Full Membership
 - November 21, 2024: Burlington County
 - December 6, 2024: Camden, Gloucester, Salem

Grade Separated U-Turn Program Schedule

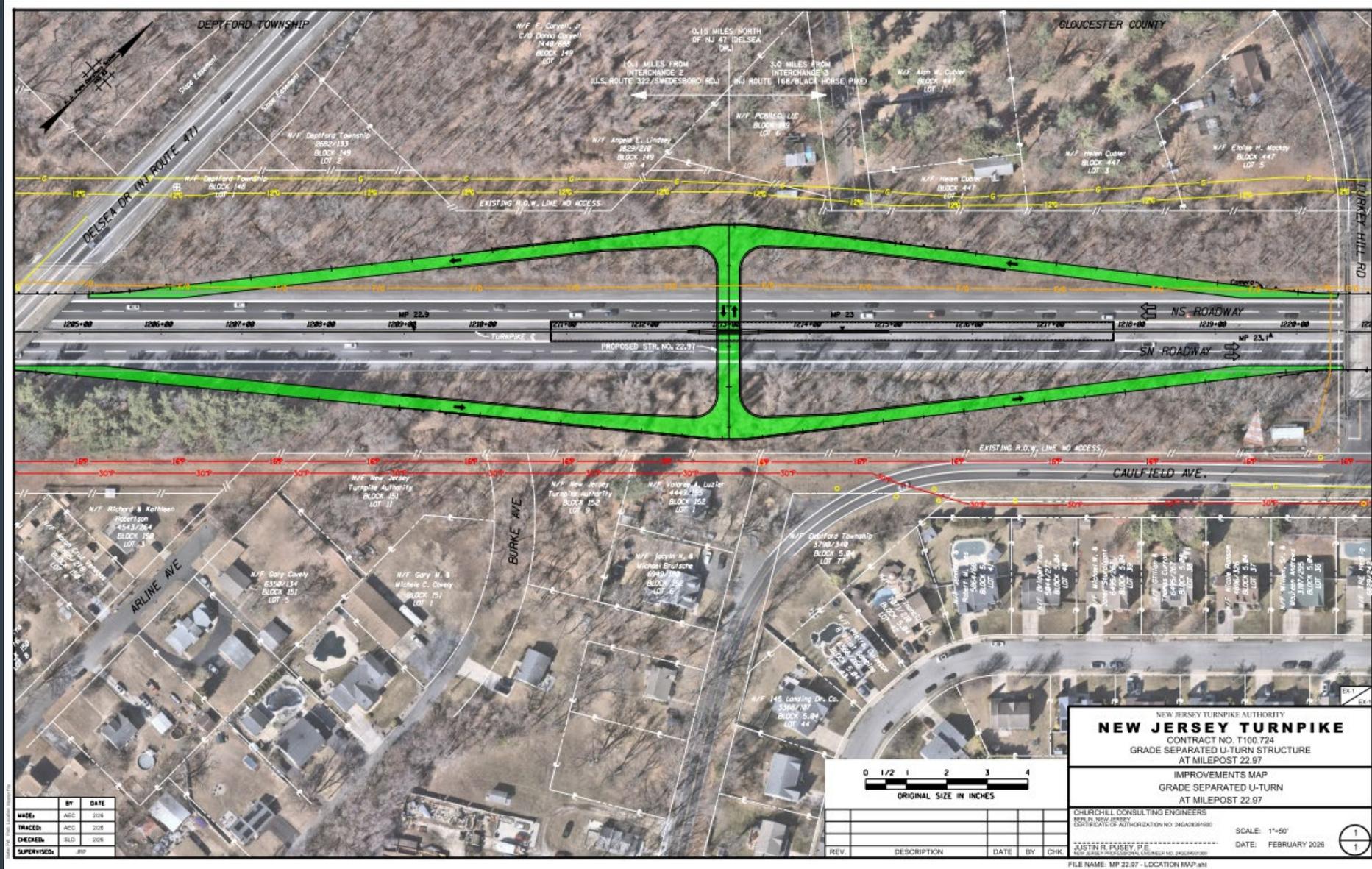


Year



Median cut-through closures will follow U-Turn completion

Grade Separated U-Turn at MP 23.0



Interchanges 1 to 4 Capacity Enhancements Program



- One (1) additional lane in each direction on New Jersey Turnpike from Int. 0 to just north of Int. 4
- Approx. 36.5 miles
- 4 Interchanges
- 66 Bridges
- 10 overpass bridges south of Interchange 3 will be replaced in advance of the mainline widening
 - 3 structures in Deptford
 - Public hearing in Q1 2027

- Section 8, MP 31.3 - 36.5
- Section 7, MP 26.98 - 31.3
- Section 6, MP 25.8 - 26.98
- Section 5, MP 24.2 - 25.8
- Section 4, MP 14.5 - 24.2
- Section 3, MP 12.4 - 14.5
- Section 2, MP 3.5 - 12.4
- Section 1, MP 0 - 3.5



Environmental Commitments and No Net Loss



- The MP 23.0 U-Turn is subject to the following environmental commitments:
 - NJDEP Land Use Freshwater Wetlands Individual Permit
 - NJDEP 5G3 Stormwater General Permit
 - Soil Erosion and Sediment Control Act
 - No Net Loss Reforestation Act – Application Submitted on October 30, 2024
 - Amendment provided to NJFS on January 6, 2026
- State entities are required to abide by the No Net Loss Reforestation Act when trees are removed for projects under the following conditions:
 - One-half acre or more of forested land is affected, and
 - Land will be owned or maintained by a State entity
- A public hearing is required when tree clearing is greater than 1 acre

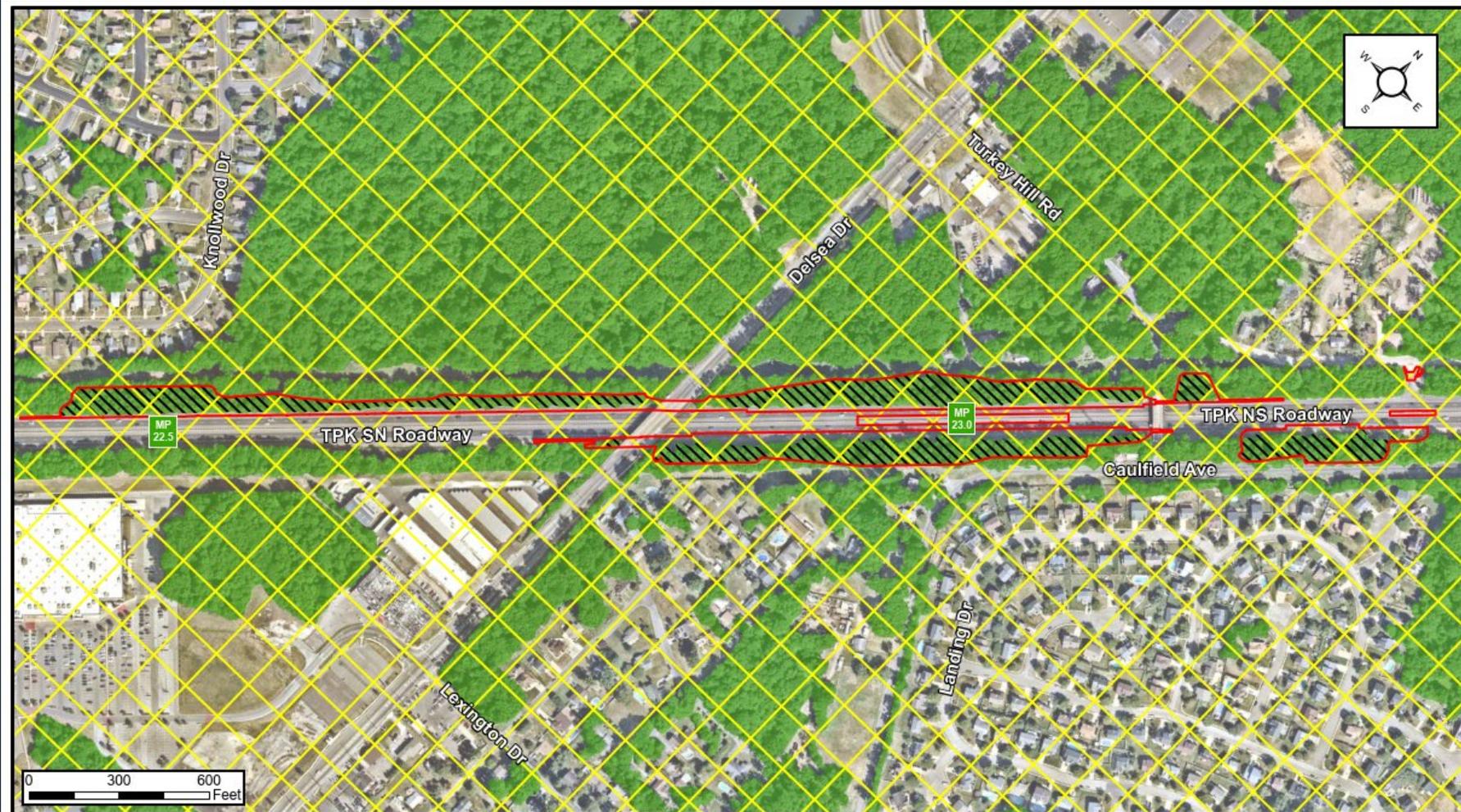
Measuring Tree Impacts – “Qualified Forest”



- NJDEP has established a statewide GIS grid, which is used to identify “qualified forest.”
- Qualified forest that is cleared must be addressed under No Net Loss.
- Within a given grid, an area is considered qualified established forest if it has:
 - 33% or more canopy cover, and
 - Trees predominantly 4" or greater in diameter.
- 7.4 acres will be impacted by the MP 23.0 U-Turn.



Tree Impact Map



Legend

-  Limit of Disturbance
-  1/2 Acre NNL Grid
-  Tree Canopy Coverage
-  Qualified NNL Disturbance
(321,177.89 SF, 7.373 Acres)



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No Net Loss Deforestation Map

U-Turn Structure at MP 22.97

New Jersey Turnpike Authority
Contract No. T100.724
Grade Separated U-Turn Structure
at Milepost 22.97

Deptford Township, Gloucester County, New Jersey



Tree Impact Mitigation

- Under No Net Loss, the following options exist for mitigation:
 - Planting on-site
 - Planting off-site on public land (State, County, or municipal)
 - Monetary compensation to the NJDEP State Forestry Fund, which provides grants to municipalities

- Planting on-site at MP 23.0 is infeasible due to site constraints and design requirements.

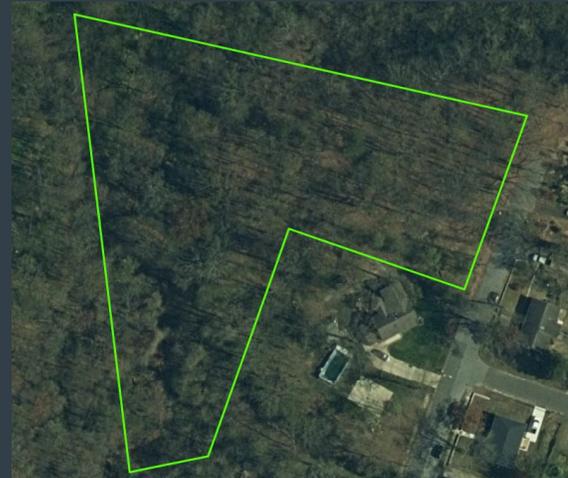
Off-Site Mitigation Options



- A review of Deptford Township Open Space was conducted to determine if alternative-site locations were viable for reforestation under the NNL Rules.
- The following parks are a selection of those that were determined ineligible as they all contained either:
 - Already forested areas (Andaloro Wildlife Management Area & Old Pine Farm Natural Lands Trust) or,
 - Active recreational areas (Popular St. Playground & Icyca Park).



Andaloro Wildlife
Management Area



Old Pine Farm
Natural Lands Trust



Popular St. Playground

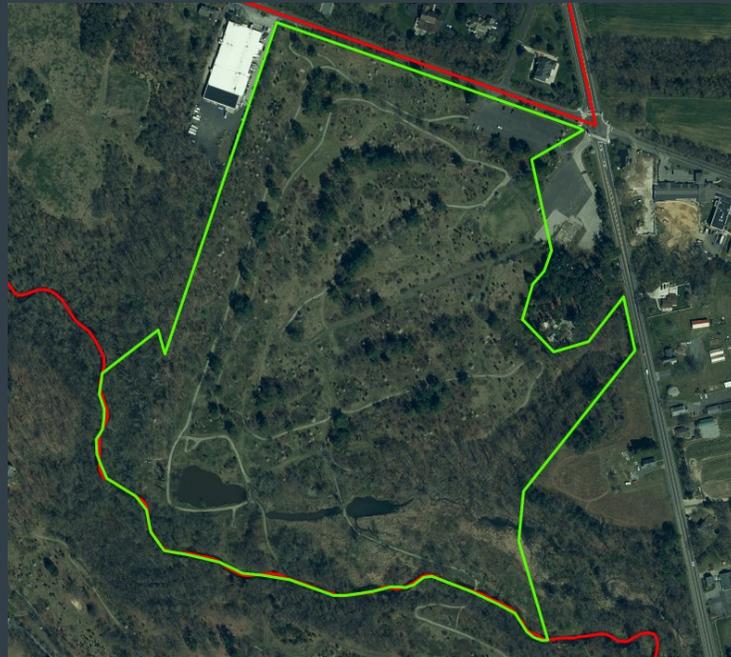


Icyca Park



Two Viable Options for the 1-4 Program

- Coordination is ongoing with Deptford Township and NJDEP.
- Due to time constraints and NJDEP requirements, NJTA and the Township have agreed to advance monetary compensation for the U-Turn Program, and pursue replanting for overpass replacements associated with the NJTA Interchanges 1 to 4 Capacity Enhancements Program – Almonesson Rd, Turkey Hill Rd, and Delsea Dr.
- Replanting plans will be finalized and presented in Q1 2027.



Tall Pines State Preserve



Deptford Sports Complex

Compensation to State Fund for Reforestation



- Since replanting within the municipality is not viable, impacts will be mitigated through a contribution to the New Jersey Forestry Service, which provides grants to municipal and county governments.
- Compensation is calculated as follows:
 - Reforestation Cost = Compensatory Reforestation Obligation (trees) x Per Tree Rate (\$300)
 - Monetary Compensation = Reforestation Cost + (10% Reforestation Cost)
 - NJTA's anticipated contribution for MP 23.0 = \$498,300

Compensatory Reforestation Monetary Contribution	
Forest Impacts (acres)	7.4
Proposed Monetary Contribution	\$453,000
Total Monetary Contribution Calculation	\$ 453,000 (Sub Total)
	\$ 45,300 (10% Reforestation Cost)
	\$ 498,300 (Total)

Public Comments



- All public comments will be officially recorded by the certified court reporter.
- The comment period will remain open for sixty (60) days, closing on April 11, 2026.
- If you would like to make a comment in person, please:
 - Come to the front
 - State your name and address
 - Public comments requiring responses will be provided as a written response to the commenter and included in the Public Hearing Report

Thank you for your participation.

