

NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
Route 322 Raccoon Creek Bridge/Mullica Hill Pond Dam
Harrison Township, Gloucester County

Public Information Center
Monday, November 3, 2008
4 – 7 pm

The New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) is committed to developing transportation improvements that best balance the transportation needs, the environment, community concerns, and cost. One of the most critical elements to the success of a project is the relationship that NJDOT develops with the community. The NJDOT will hold a Public Information Center to inform local residents, officials, and the business community about the proposed drainage improvements on Route 322 at the Mullica Hill Pond Dam. You are cordially invited and encouraged to actively participate by providing comments at the meeting, by mail, or by e-mail.

The Meeting

The Public Information Center will be held at the **Harrison Township Municipal Building located at 114 Bridgeton Pike in Mullica Hill, on Monday, November 3, 2008, from 4 to 7 pm.** Please come at a time that is convenient for you. You will have an opportunity to review exhibits of the proposed project, ask questions, and discuss issues with NJDOT staff members and the project design consultant. Information will be available regarding various environmental studies currently underway, including wetlands, endangered/threatened species, parkland, and historic/archaeological resources.

Project Purpose and Need

The Mullica Hill Pond Dam is located at milepost 11.51 on Route 322, at the Raccoon Creek bridge crossing. The existing dam does not conform with existing NJDEP Dam Safety regulations, and the Route 322 bridge over the dam spillway is in poor condition, structurally deficient, and functionally obsolete. The goals of this project are to bring Mullica Hill Pond Dam into compliance with the NJ Dam Safety Standards, mitigate flooding of Route 322 near the dam, and improve the substandard geometry of the western approach roadway.

Proposed Project Improvements

The Preferred Alternative for the Mullica Hill Pond Dam, which has been approved by the NJDEP Dam Safety Section, would include

- raising a short section of the Route 322 roadway to improve roadway drainage
- replacing the bridge
- constructing a new dam spillway to pass the 100-year design storm
- upgrading drainage pipes/inlets/outfalls.

The proposed project includes the slight realignment of Route 322 in the immediate vicinity of the dam, to improve sight distance and the "S" curve at the western bridge/dam approach roadway. The slight realignment of Route 322 will also allow for maintaining two lanes of traffic during construction of the bridge and spillway, eliminating the need for a long-term detour for this heavily traveled roadway. A detour is only anticipated when tying in the realigned roadway with the existing roadway sections. Right-of-way needs will be limited to minimal "strip" takings from a few adjoining property frontages, along with permanent easements for future access and maintenance of the dam and drainage facilities.

Estimated Schedule and Cost

Construction Start: Fall 2011

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