



Bucks County Trails Update

Friends of the Churchville Nature Center

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- ❖ Newtown Rail Trail Phase I
- ❖ Newtown Rail Trail Phase II Update
- ❖ Upper Bucks Rail Trail
- ❖ Neshaminy Greenway Trail Segments
- ❖ Levittown Trail
- ❖ Longer Term Trail Priorities

NEWTOWN RAIL TRAIL – UPPER SOUTHAMPTON TOWNSHIP



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- 2.5 miles from County Line Road to Bristol Road
- Connects to Pennypack Trail and Tamanend Park
- 12' Crushed Stone
- Design plus construction costs: \$3,100,000
- Montgomery County shared crossing costs
- Ribbon Cutting was held April 27, 2022





NEWTOWN RAIL TRAIL PHASE II UPDATE

- The extension will be approximately 1.75 miles
 - 1.4 miles extending through the railbed from the current end point
 - 0.3 miles will run within the Nature Center, from the railbed to the front parking lot
- Key elements include the Bristol Road and Bustleton Pike crossings, Churchville Train Station Parklet, and boardwalk to cross wetlands
- This will be a County owned trail
- Funding
 - \$1,000,000 million - IJA
 - \$1,500,000 million - State and Regional TASA funds
 - The county will cover the remaining costs

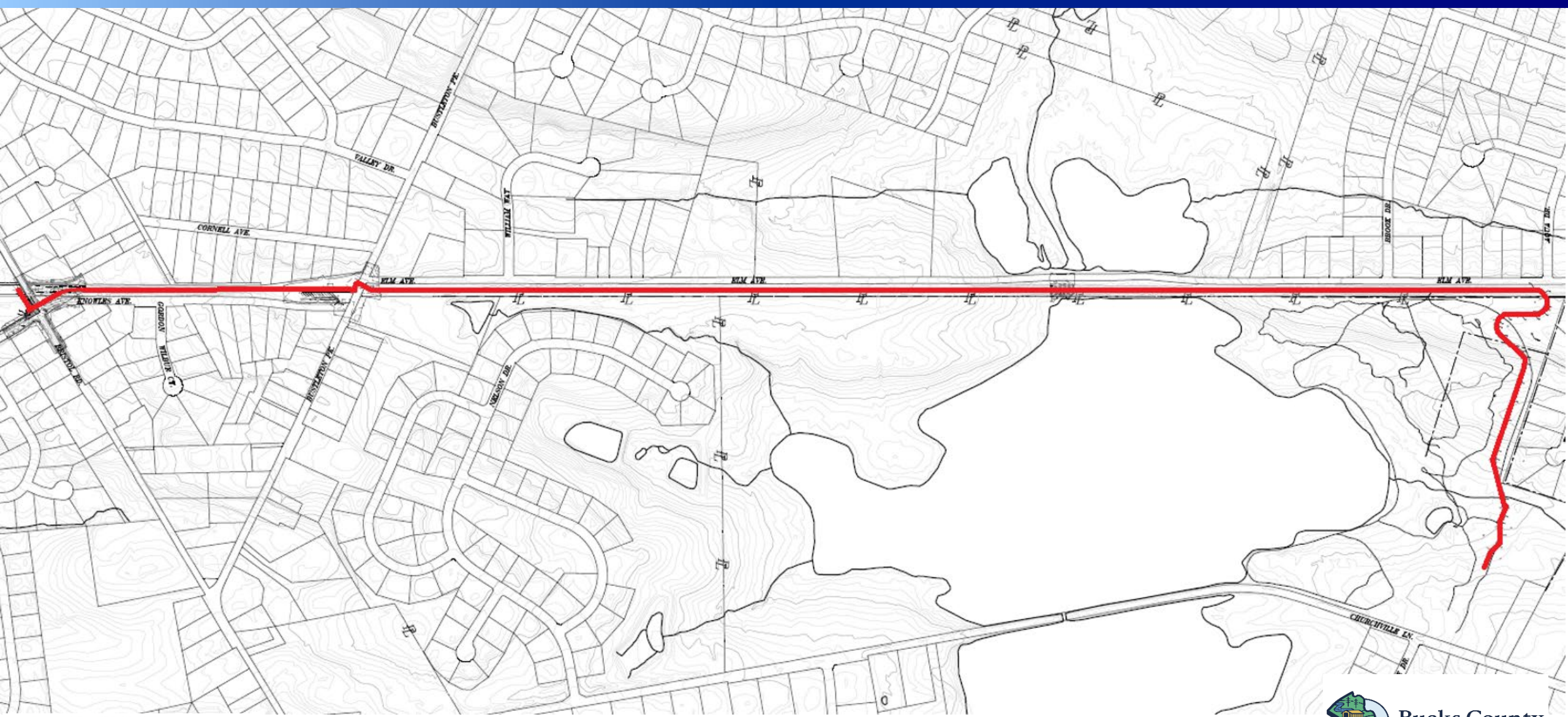
NEWTOWN RAIL TRAIL PHASE II – ESTIMATED TIMELINE

- Final Conceptual Trail Alignment – Spring 2023
- Obtain required clearances – Spring 2023
- Develop Preliminary Opinion of Probable Construction Cost – May 2023
- Public Open House to present conceptual trail design – May 2023
- Final permitting including, PennDOT Safety, Traffic, and ADA Review – November 2023
- Final plans and probable cost developed – June 2024
- Construction bidding – Fall 2024
- Construction completion – Fall 2025



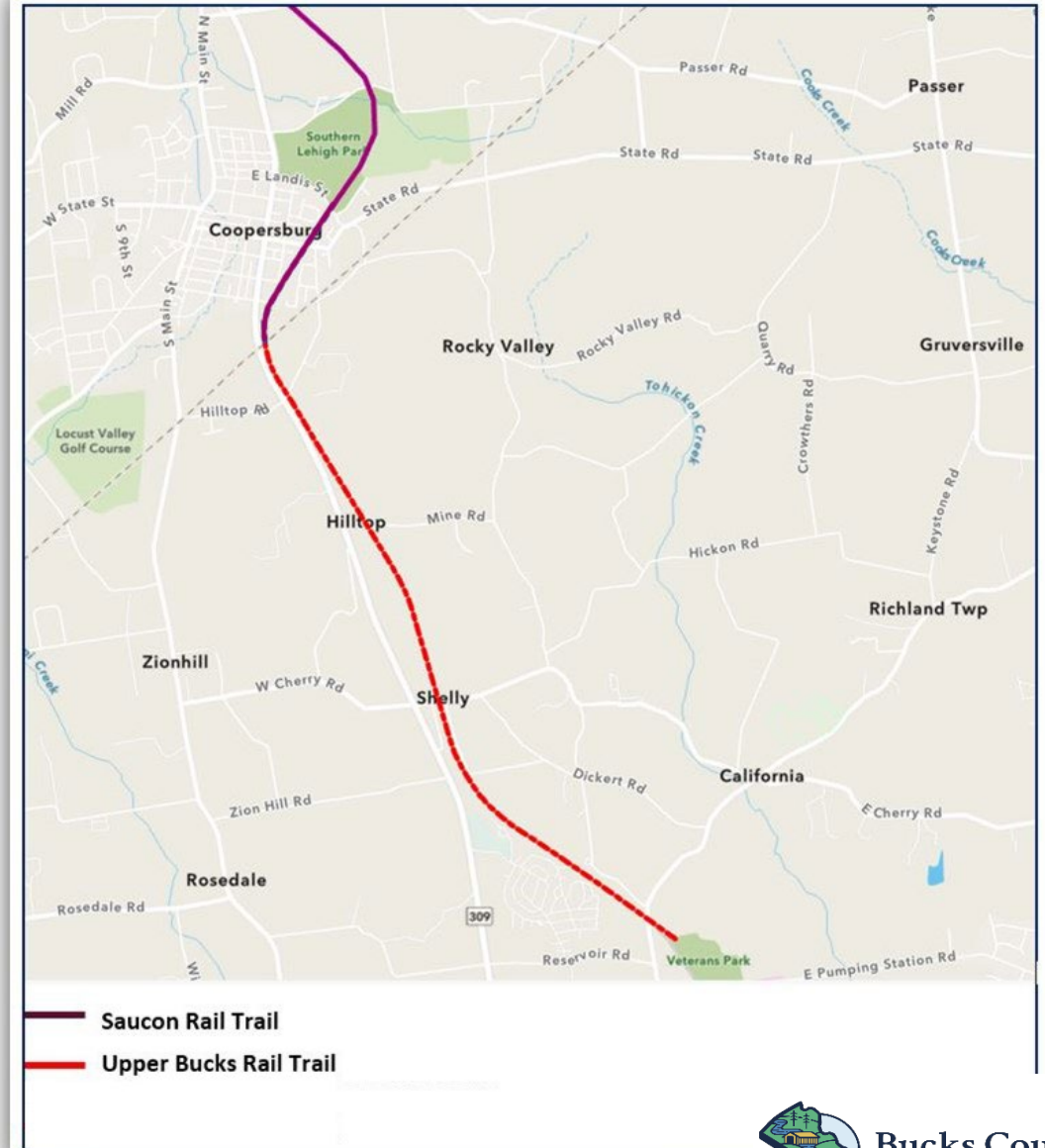
Diver inspecting Iron Works Creek Culvert Fall 2022

NEWTOWN RAIL TRAIL PHASE II – EXTENSION TO NATURE CENTER

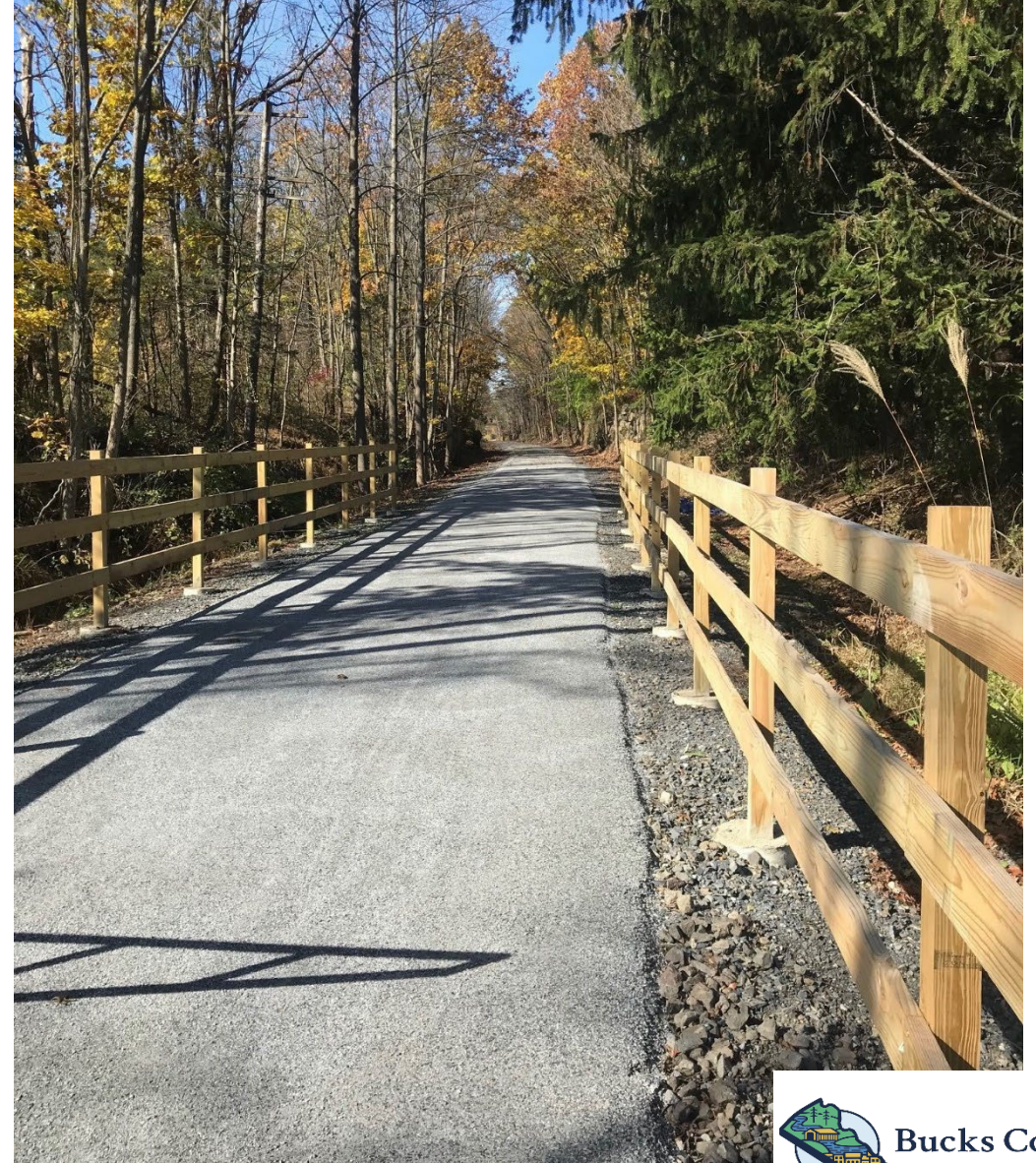


UPPER BUCKS RAIL TRAIL

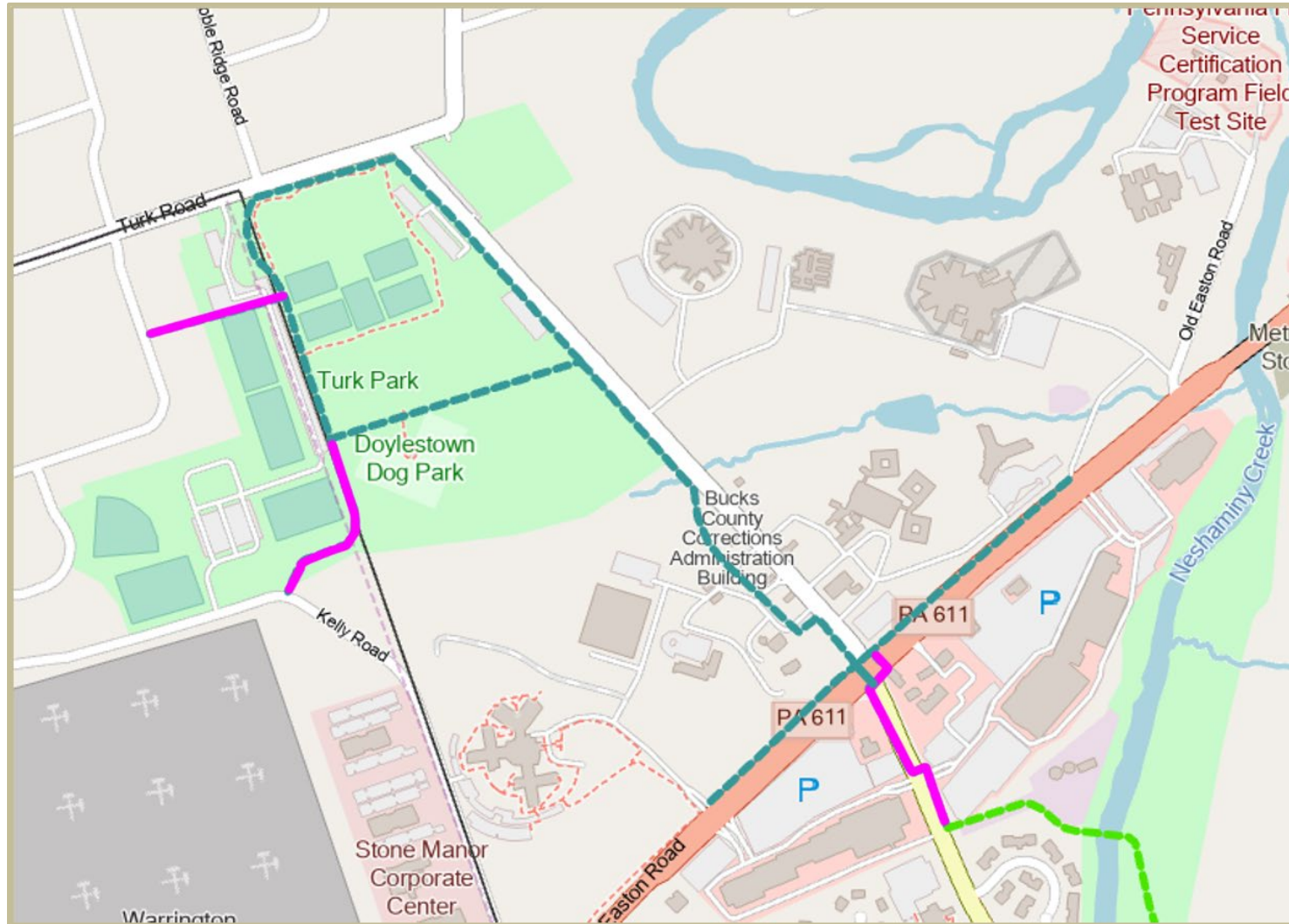
- Completed in 2020
- Located in Richland and Springfield Townships
- Connects to Saucon Rail Trail in Lehigh County
- Connects to Veteran's Park
- First trail construction outside of a park
- 3.2 miles / 12' Crushed Stone
- 800 foot boardwalk
- Funding (Act 13 Marcellus Shale Funds)
 - Engineering - \$78,400
 - Construction - \$1,267,000
- County Operated Facility



UPPER BUCKS RAIL TRAIL



NESHAMINY GREENWAY – NESHAMINY MANOR



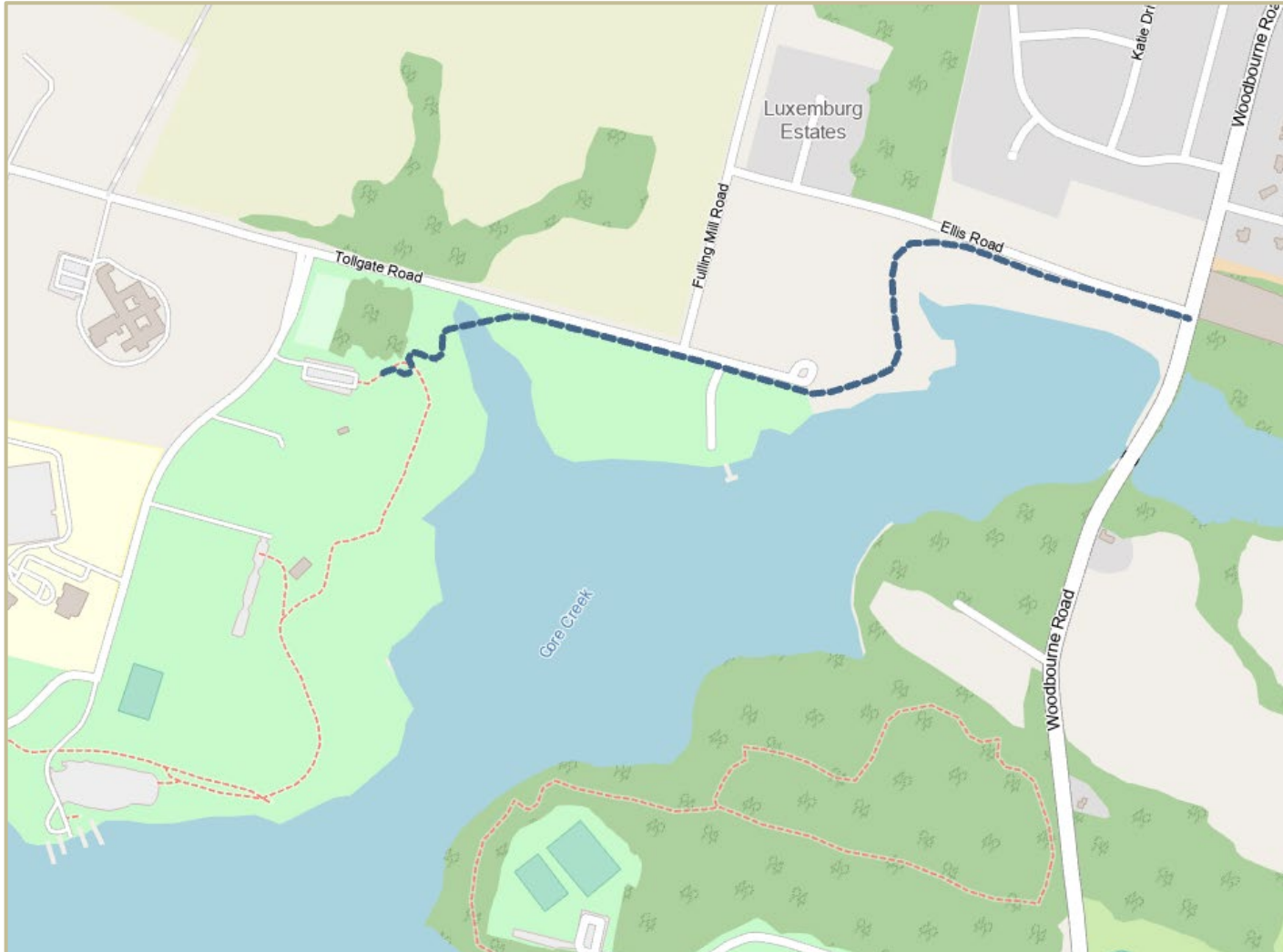
- 2.3 miles – first phase 1.8 miles
- 10' wide asphalt path
- Provides access to County Facilities, Shopping, Residential and Offices
- Funding:
 - Engineering - Act 13 - \$414,300
 - Construction – CMAQ - \$2,100,000
- Construction late 2023

NESHAMINY GREENWAY - DARK HOLLOW PARK



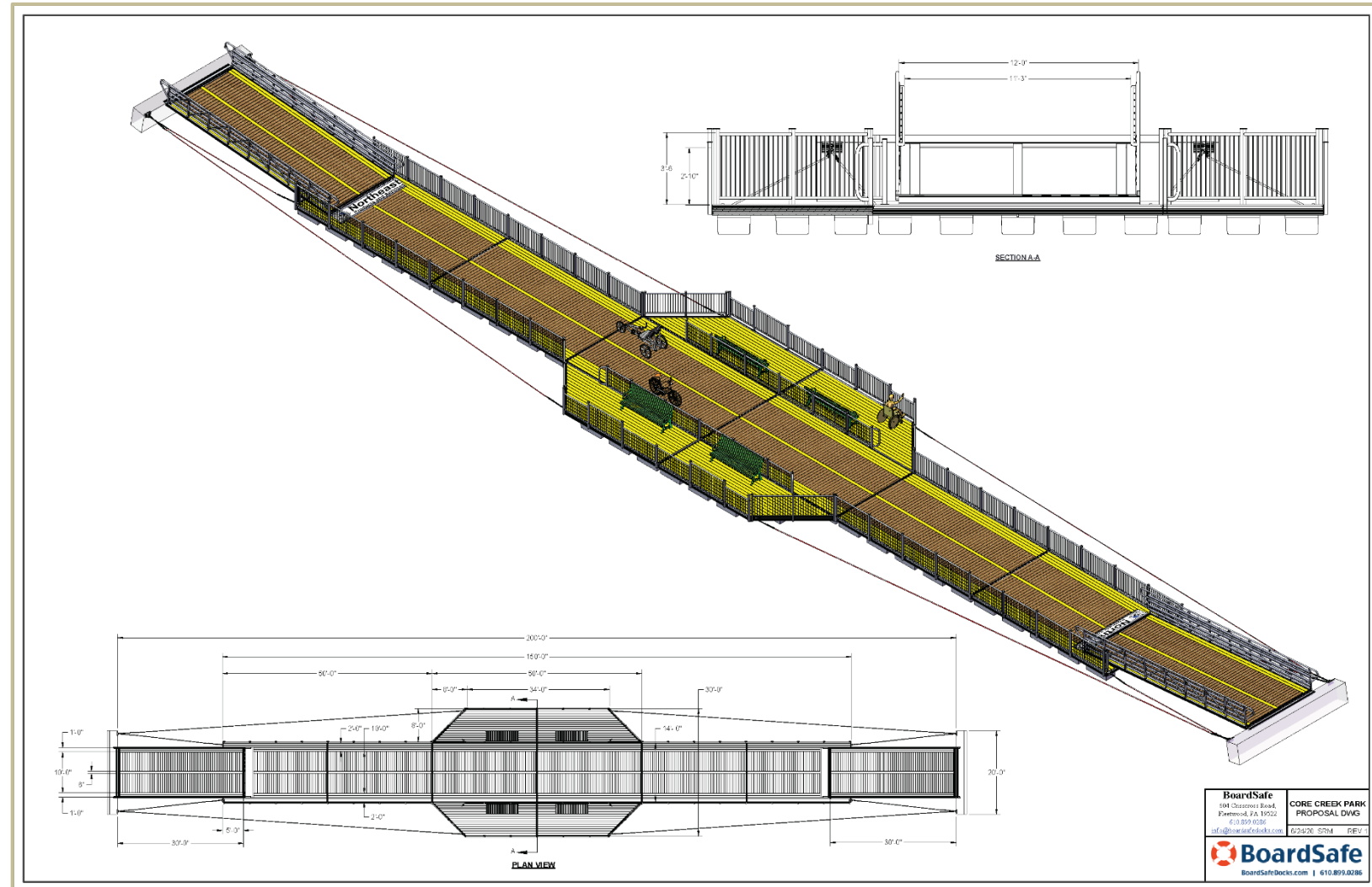
- 0.5 mile – Nature Trail
- Provides access to County Trailhead
- Small extension near BCWSA
- Design completed in December of 2022
- Funding for Design only:
 - DVRPC Regional Trails Program Grant
 - Pennsylvania DCNR Grant
- No funding in place for construction

NESHAMINY GREENWAY - CORE CREEK PARK



- 0.9 miles
- 10' wide asphalt path
- Provides access to County Park and Residential
- Funding:
 - Design - Act 13 - \$261,200
 - Construction - Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside - \$995,000
- Design to be complete in Summer of 2023
- Construction takes about 1 year

NESHAMINY GREENWAY CORE CREEK



LEVITTOWN TRAIL- LEVITTOWN/MILL CREEK PARKWAY



- 1.1 mile pathway when finished
- 10' Pathway
- 0.9 miles of new pathway
- Combination of new trail, filling in gaps and street crossing improvements
- Funding:
 - Coastal Zone Management Grant - \$70,000
 - County Funds - \$71,000
- Design complete by end of 2024
- Pursuing construction funding from TASA



LONGER TERM TRAIL PRIORITIES

Trail Development:

- Completion of Newtown Rail Trail to Newtown
- Completing the connection from Newtown to the Delaware and Lehigh Canal Trail
- Expansion of the Neshaminy Greenway Trail

Potential Regional Trail Development:

- PA Highlands Trails
- East Coast Greenway

Local Trail and Bicycle Planning:

- Continuing to assess trail and bicycling opportunities throughout the county
- Continued planning assistance to municipalities



Trails Program Update

QUESTIONS?