

NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

**Route 322 Raccoon Creek Bridge/Mullica Hill Pond Dam
Harrison Township, Gloucester County**

**Public Information Center
Tuesday August 13, 2013 from 5 – 8 PM**

The New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT), committed to developing transportation improvements that best balance the transportation needs, the environment, community concerns, and cost, will hold a Public Information Center to inform local residents, officials, and the business community about the proposed improvements on Route 322 at the Mullica Hill Pond Dam. You are 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 **Clearview Regional High School, Performing Arts Center 625 Breakneck Road, Mullica Hill, on Tuesday August 13, 2013 from 5-8 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.

Background

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. This project will 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.

The Proposed Project

The proposed project improvements for the Route 322 Raccoon Creek Bridge/Mullica Hill Pond Dam, which have been approved by the NJDEP Dam Safety Section, 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; and upgrading drainage pipes/inlets/outfalls. The proposed project includes the minor 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 construction of the dam and bridge will be performed with a full detour, utilizing the recently completed Route 322 by-pass. Access to all businesses along Main Street will remain open. The detour will shorten the overall construction schedule, provide a safer construction zone, and reduce the overall project cost.

Pedestrian access to the dam and lake will be improved with additional sidewalks and lighting. Safety will be improved by placing the sidewalk areas behind guide rail and concrete parapets. Access to the lake for fishing will also be improved.

Estimated Schedule: The Project started this past spring with utility relocations and will finish by January 2015.

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