



Virtual Public Information Center for Deforestation / Reforestation

Route 1 Northbound, Bridge over Raritan River New Brunswick and Edison, Middlesex County April 6 - 10, 2026

The New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT), committed to developing transportation improvements that best balance safety, transportation needs, the environment, community concerns, and costs is holding a **Virtual Public Information Center for Deforestation/Reforestation** to provide residents, public officials, and businesses with information on the **Route 1 Northbound Bridge over Raritan River** project. You are encouraged to actively participate by providing comments online or by mail or email.

THE MEETING

To reach as many people as possible, this Public Information Center will be held virtually. Please visit the following website any time between April 6 and April 10, 2026 to learn more about the project and leave comments: <https://arcg.is/1vDjbD1>. The comment period will remain open for an additional 60 days.

You will have an opportunity to review project graphics, submit questions, and leave feedback. Property owners with rental units are advised that tenants are also invited and encouraged to participate. If you are unable to view the presentation but are interested in learning about this project, please contact us at the telephone number or email address listed below.

Project Overview:

The purpose of the Route 1 Northbound over the Raritan River project (Route 1 Milepost 27.45 to Milepost 28.43) is to address the current bridge conditions, decrease further deterioration and extend the future service life expectancy for the structure, which was constructed in 1929. Additionally, the project will address congestion issues by adding an additional auxiliary lane and provide operational and safety improvements.

The Proposed Project:

The proposed superstructure replacement will be widened to four which will include a 3-foot left shoulder, three 12-foot lanes, a 12-foot auxiliary lane, an 8-foot right shoulder and will maintain the existing 6-foot 2-inch sidewalk along the eastern side. The Route 18 acceleration lane, which currently terminates south of the Route 1 Northbound Bridge, will continue across the structure. North of the bridge the existing side street acceleration and deceleration lanes will be revised to a continuous auxiliary lane to the Woodbridge Avenue exit and eliminate the weave conditions of the side street with the auxiliary lane.

The proposed rehabilitation of the bridge involves the replacement of the superstructure, concrete repairs, and preservation of the structural integrity of bridge. The existing plaques, balustrade and other architectural details will be reconstructed in the historic character of the original bridge in accordance with guidelines included in the Secretary of the

Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties (36 CFR 68). Pavement reconstruction/resurfacing, drainage, signing, striping and lighting improvements will be made throughout the project limits.

Proposed Reforestation Plan:

The NJDOT is required by the New Jersey No Net Loss Reforestation Act to hold a public forum when greater than one acre of deforestation occurs in an area owned or maintained by a state entity to present to the public the project deforestation and reforestation plans. Plans showing the deforestation and reforestation for the project are provided in the virtual presentation for review and public comment. Construction of this project will deforest 1 acre of trees according to the methodology outlined in the No Net Loss Program Guidelines. The proposed planting will reforest 6 trees within the project limits. The law states that if tree planting adjacent to the deforested area is not possible, it shall be conducted in the following order: within the municipality in which the deforestation occurred, within five miles of the site of deforestation, or off-site. As none of these options are feasible, the Department will provide monetary compensation for the additional 0.97 acres (198 trees) required to the "Shade Tree and Community Forest Preservation License Plate Fund." The affected municipality will be advised by Community Forestry the amount of monies available for tree planting within their community via a grant process.

Estimated Project Schedule:

- Start Construction: Fall 2026 (Tree clearing starting October 1)

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