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RE: Newtown Rail Trail Update

Dear Neighbors:

This announcement is the latest effort to keep you informed of the most recent developments relative to the ongoing development of the Newtown Rail Trail.

Construction schedule

In our last communication in August of this year, we provided a tentative construction schedule which we've now updated based on the progress to date. The schedule below provides an update schedule to reflect the work completed to date, as well as what to anticipate over the next few months. As with any schedule of this type, it is subject to change based on a number of factors including weather, materials availability, and most recently, the COVID-19 pandemic.

Activity	Month Work Begins	Approximate Duration
Survey Work		<i>Complete</i>
Right-of-way Clearing and Tie Removal		<i>Complete</i>
Drainage Improvements		<i>Ongoing</i>
Repair of Mill Creek Culvert		<i>Ongoing</i>
Signage, Landscaping and Fencing	October 2020	<i>Ongoing - 15 weeks</i>
Ballast	November 2020	1 week
Subbase	November 2020	<i>Ongoing - 1 week</i>
Top Surface Stone	February 2021	2 weeks
Traffic Signal at New Road & County Line Road	March 2021	7 weeks
Curbs, Sidewalks, ADA Ramps	March 2021	7 weeks
Southampton Train Station Parking Lot Paving	April 2021	1 week
Final Inspection	June 2021	2 weeks
Trail Opens		July 2021

These are all **tentative** dates and both the start dates and duration are subject to change. Should there be significant departures from this schedule, we will communicate those as they occur. However, as the construction schedule is controlled by the contractor, please understand that the County does not control when specific activities will occur and how long they will last.



Installation of Landscaping

As many of you may have noticed, the installation of landscaping has already begun along portions of the trail. Specific to that, we wanted to again remind you of where the landscape and fencing plans can be found. <https://trails-bucksgis.opendata.arcgis.com/pages/nrt-update-jumps#Plans>

Similarly, as communicated earlier, these plans and the depiction of proposed landscaping and fencing are for general location purposes and construction bidding purposes. ***Final locations of all landscaping will be field verified to account for existing vegetation, topography and other existing site conditions affecting placement of these items. While the intent is to remain as true to the plans as feasible, please note that site conditions may result in variations between actual installation and the plans.***

Trail usage

We also wanted to take this opportunity to remind people to please refrain from using the trail corridor until the trail is finished as it remains an active construction zone. This request is being made to help ensure your personal safety. Additionally, as there have been reports of individuals walking their dogs unleashed along the under construction trail, we want to remind everyone that all dogs must be under your control as required by both state, county, and municipal regulations. This is for the protection of both you and your dog, as well as dogs and other animals residing in yards located adjacent to the trail corridor.

Should you have any questions, please check the Newtown Rail Trail website located at <https://trails-bucksgis.opendata.arcgis.com/pages/newtown-rail-trail-updates> or contact Richard Brahler, Director of Transportation Planning, Bucks County Planning Commission at 215-345-3427 or rgbrahler@buckscounty.org.

Sincerely,
Bucks County Planning Commission



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