



GRADE-SEPARATED U-TURN PROGRAM NO NET LOSS COMPENSATORY REFORESTATION NJ TURNPIKE MILEPOST 46.1 SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP

FACT SHEET

OVERVIEW

The New Jersey Turnpike Authority is undertaking the Grade-Separated U-Turn Program to provide for the safe movement of maintenance and emergency service vehicles from the Delaware Memorial Bridge to just north of Interchange 5. The Program will construct seven new U-Turns to replace 23 existing cut-throughs in the median barrier.

One of the new U-Turns is planned within the boundaries of Springfield Township at Turnpike Milepost 46.1.

The area associated with construction of the new U-Turn bridge includes existing forested land that is subject to the No Net Loss Compensatory Reforestation Act. The area of disturbance is no larger than is necessary to construct the U-Turn, as the Authority has taken every effort to reduce the impact to forested areas.

NO NET LOSS

Under the No Net Loss Compensatory Reforestation Act, New Jersey state entities are required to develop a plan for compensatory reforestation when trees are removed during development of projects involving one-half acre of existing forested land or more and land is owned or maintained by a state entity.

The goal of the reforestation plan is to ensure there is no net loss of existing forested areas.

NO NET LOSS AT MILEPOST 46.1

The Authority has explored three options to mitigate for the 6.29 acres at Milepost 46.1 that are subject to the No Net Loss Compensatory Reforestation Act. These options include:

- On-site reforestation
- Alternative site reforestation on public land within the Township or County
- Monetary compensation provided to the NJ Department of Environmental Protection State Forestry Fund, which provides forestry grants to municipalities.

PROPOSED REFORESTATION PLAN

The Authority has proposed reforesting 2.3 acres of land on-site, which will result in the planting of 704 trees. In coordination with public officials, a review of available public land within Springfield Township identified two viable options for alternative site reforestation. Approximately 91 trees will be planted at Springfield Veterans Park, located at 2159 Jacksonville Jobstown Road, and approximately 235 trees will be planted at the Burlington County Fairgrounds, located at 1990 Jacksonville Jobstown Road. This leaves a remaining impact of approximately 258 trees.

To fulfill the remaining reforestation obligation, a monetary contribution will be made to the NJ Department of Environmental Protection Division of Parks and Forestry. These funds will be used for reforestation activities as recommended by the Community Forestry Council and approved by the Division Director.

PUBLIC HEARING

Under the No Net Loss Compensatory Reforestation Act, a public hearing is being held on June 16, 2025.

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