

# Upper Dublin Township Municipal Authority Project Updates & Construction Announcements



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Dear Property Owner,

This communication to all property owners within the Upper Dublin Township Municipal Authority (MA) service area provides an update on the infrastructure improvements program with one completed project, two projects in construction and the announcement of another project that will be going into construction. They are:

## Virginia Dr & Camp Hill Rd Signal

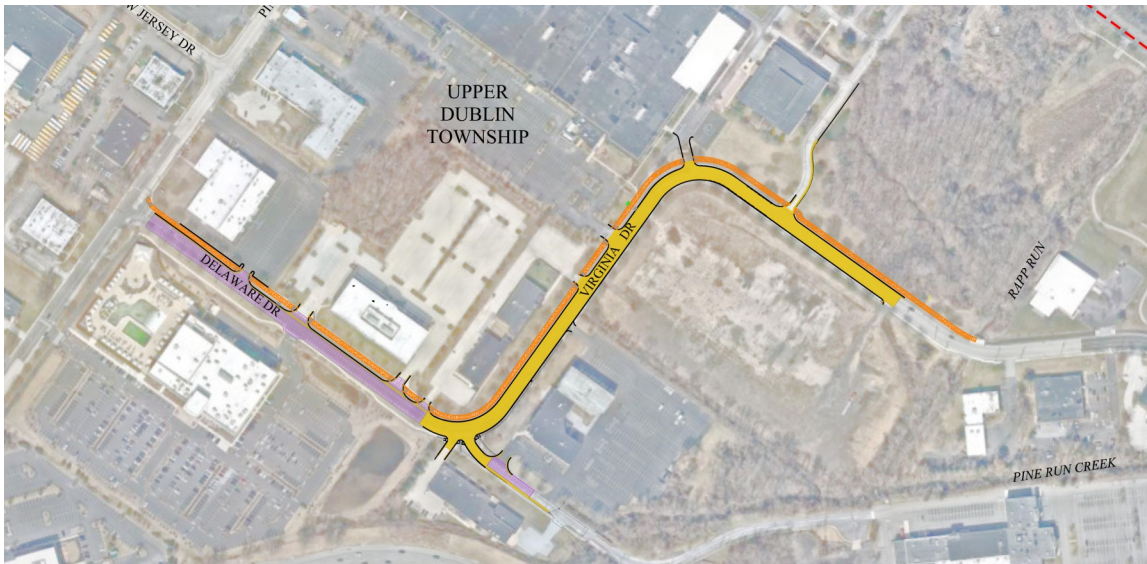
Construction for the new traffic signal and associated intersection road work is now complete. Turns are permitted, except for left turns from Virginia Drive onto Camp Hill Road (both directions). The project cost approximately \$600k with \$50k funding from the MA and the remaining funds obtained through a Montgomery County grant and Land Development commitments.



Virginia Drive & Camp Hill Road Intersection

## Fort Washington Cross County Trail & Road Diet—Middle Section

Construction continues for work on Delaware and Virginia Drive from the Commerce Drive signal to the Rapp Run culvert. Over the past year, the roads have been reconstructed with added drainage and narrowed to accommodate the final three lane condition (one lane in each direction and a common center turn lane). The Cross County Trail has been constructed to connect with completed sections on either side. The Authority partnered with NWWA to replace an aging water main and BCWSA to install a new sanitary force main. Construction will restart at the end of February to complete landscaped medians, tree plantings and final paving. This \$5.9 Million project is funded by the MA, a Montgomery County grant, a PA DCED grant and a PA DCNR grant. NWWA and BCWSA have funded their respective utility installations and associated roadway reconstruction.

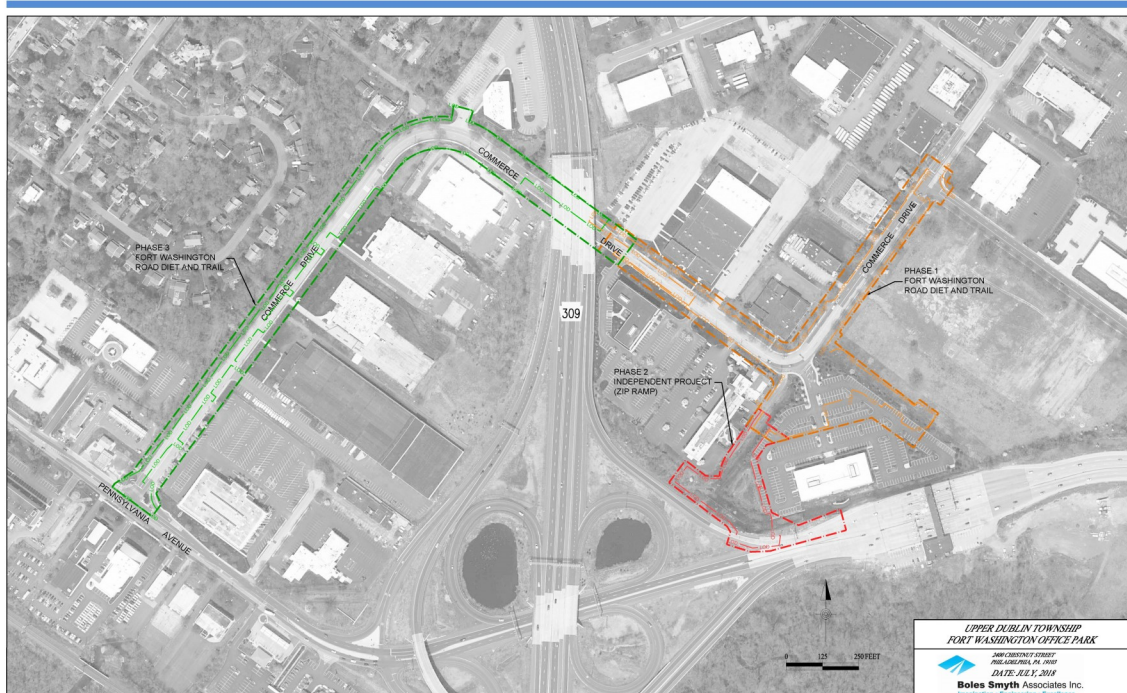


Highlight of Project Limits along Delaware & Virginia Drive to construct a Road Diet and middle section of Cross County Trail.

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## Fort Washington Cross County Trail & Road Diet—Phase 3 Commerce

The Phase 3 Commerce Drive Cross County Trail (CCT) & Road Diet highlighted in green began construction in January, 2024 to complete the CCT between Pennsylvania Ave and Susquehanna Rd, as well as continue the three lane Road Diet between the Pennsylvania Ave intersection and the PA 309 overpass. In 2024, drainage will be installed, the Bodenstein Channel culvert will be replaced and the Bodenstein Channel banks will be cleared and stabilized. The project cost is \$7.1 Million with funding by the Municipal Authority, a PennDOT Multimodal grant, a PA DCED grant and a recently received \$125k Greenways grant. Similar to the previous FWCCT&RD—Middle Section project, NWWA and BCWSA will fund their respective utility installations and associated roadway reconstruction.



Highlighted in Green are the Phase 3 Project Limits along Commerce Drive to construct a Road Diet and Cross County Trail. Also includes Bodenstein Channel culvert replacement and bank stabilization.



## Fort Washington “Zip Ramp”

Right of Way and permits have been acquired to construct the new off-ramp from the Fort Washington PA Turnpike interchange directly to Commerce Drive. Final efforts to ensure the Zip Ramp is coordinated with the Turnpike Commission’s independent All Electronic Tolling project are being completed to gain authorization for construction in 2024. Project Estimate is \$3.0 Million with funding by the MA, a Montgomery County grant, a PA DCED grant and a Land Development contribution.

Zip Ramp from PA Turnpike Fort Washington interchange to Commerce Drive.

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Grants, Utility Reimbursements  
& Developer Contributions To Date

Township  
Funds

Municipal  
Authority

\$27.8 million  
71.1%

\$3.5 million  
9.0%

\$7.8 million  
19.9%

## Total Completed and Remaining Priority 1 Project Costs

**\$39.1 million \***

**\*This does not include the \$14.8 M Flood Retarding Structures with \$11.6 M Grants and \$3.2 M Township Funding**

In September 2016, Upper Dublin Township Commissioners authorized the formation of a Municipal Authority to manage the ongoing office park improvement program. In 2019, the office park was rezoned to create the Greater Fort Washington District.

The Municipal Authority meets monthly to oversee the planning, design, construction and financing of the Park's improvement projects. These meetings are open to the public and held on the second Friday of every month, 7:30 am. Municipal Authority meetings are held in the auditorium of the Upper Dublin Public Library building at 520 Virginia Drive, Fort Washington, PA. Minutes and videos of all meetings are posted on the Township website, [www.UpperDublin.net/Government](http://www.UpperDublin.net/Government).

The Municipal Authority has developed a priority list for transportation and infrastructure projects, with civil engineering support (copy included with this brochure).

At its January 2018 meeting, the Municipal Authority authorized the issuance of a \$6 million bond to finance the continuation of this improvement project work. The **MA's** annual debt service for this bond and operating expenses are being paid by an annual assessment levied on all properties, except single family residential, within the **MA's** service area.

The 2024 annual assessment is levied on all properties except single family residential, based on their total assessed values (land and improvements). Tax-exempt and municipal properties are subject to the assessment. For its part, Upper Dublin Township will pay **\$11,127.14** in annual assessments, for 520 Virginia Drive and six other municipally-owned properties in the Municipal Authority Service Area.

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## What's To Come in 2024/2025

In 2024, the Dreshertown Road Improvements Project will advance into Final Design for construction in 2025 to:

- Extend the CCT from Susquehanna Road to Beacon Hill/Bantry Drive along Virginia Drive and Dreshertown Road.
- Widen Virginia Drive & Dreshertown Road to five lanes from Susquehanna Road to north of Limekiln Pike.
- Widen Dreshertown Road to three lanes from north of Limekiln Pike to Beacon Hill/Bantry Drive.
- Install missing sections of sidewalk.
- Replace a deteriorated culvert below Dreshertown Road.
- Improve sight distance from Kirks Lane. (See Photo below)



Since 2016, the Municipal Authority has constructed eight projects totaling over \$39 Million, and have been successful in getting over 70% of the costs paid for with grants and other sources of funding. We are excited about the progress that has taken place in the Greater Fort Washington District and Municipal Authority Service Area. Thank you for your ongoing commitment to Upper Dublin Township.

Robert Pesavento, Chairperson, Upper Dublin Township Municipal Authority