

# Upper Dublin Township Municipal Authority Project Updates & Construction Announcements



Dear Property Owner,

February, 2023

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 the announcement of four projects that will be going into construction over the course of the next year. They are:

## Virginia Dr & Camp Hill Rd Signal

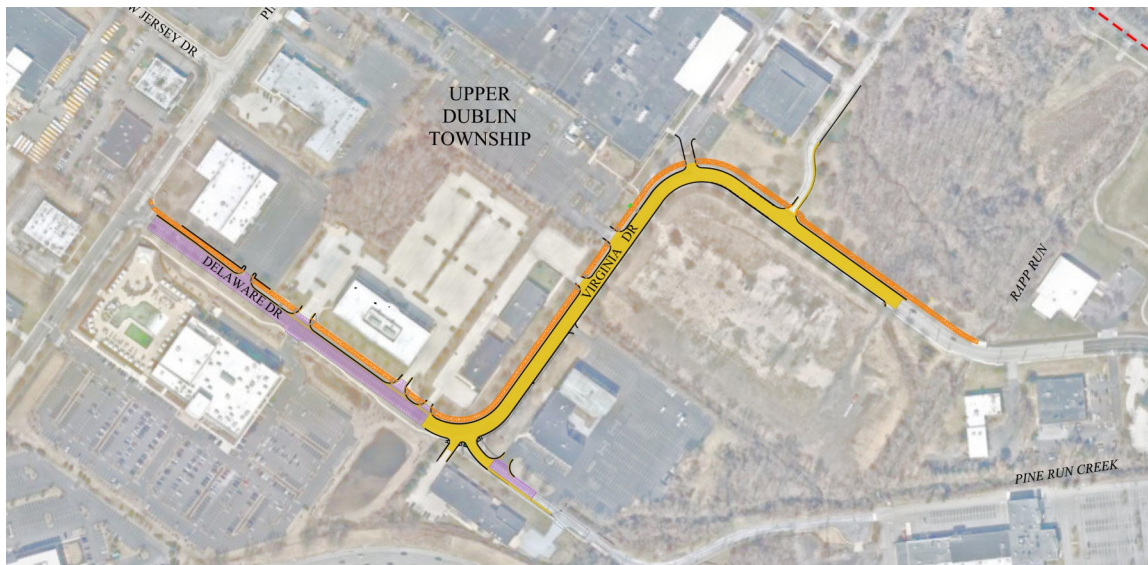
Construction plans have been advertised for bids to construct the traffic signal and associated intersection road work. When complete, turns will be permitted except for left turns from Virginia Drive onto Camp Hill Road (both directions). Construction began this Winter and is estimated to be completed in Summer, 2023. Project estimate is \$550k with funding from a Montgomery County grant and Land Development contributions.



Virginia Drive & Camp Hill Road Overview

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

Construction plans were advertised in November, 2022 for work on Delaware and Virginia Drive from the Commerce Drive signal to the Rapp Run culvert. The road will be reconstructed with added drainage and narrowed from the existing four lane condition to a three lane condition (one lane in each direction and a common center turn lane). The Cross County Trail will be constructed to connect with completed sections on either side. The Authority is partnering with NWWA to replace an aging water main and BCWSA to install a new sanitary force main within the project limits. Construction will begin in Winter, 2023 and continue through 2024. This \$5.1 Million project is funded by the Municipal Authority, a Montgomery County grant, a PA DCED grant and a PA DCNR grant. NWWA and BCWSA will fund 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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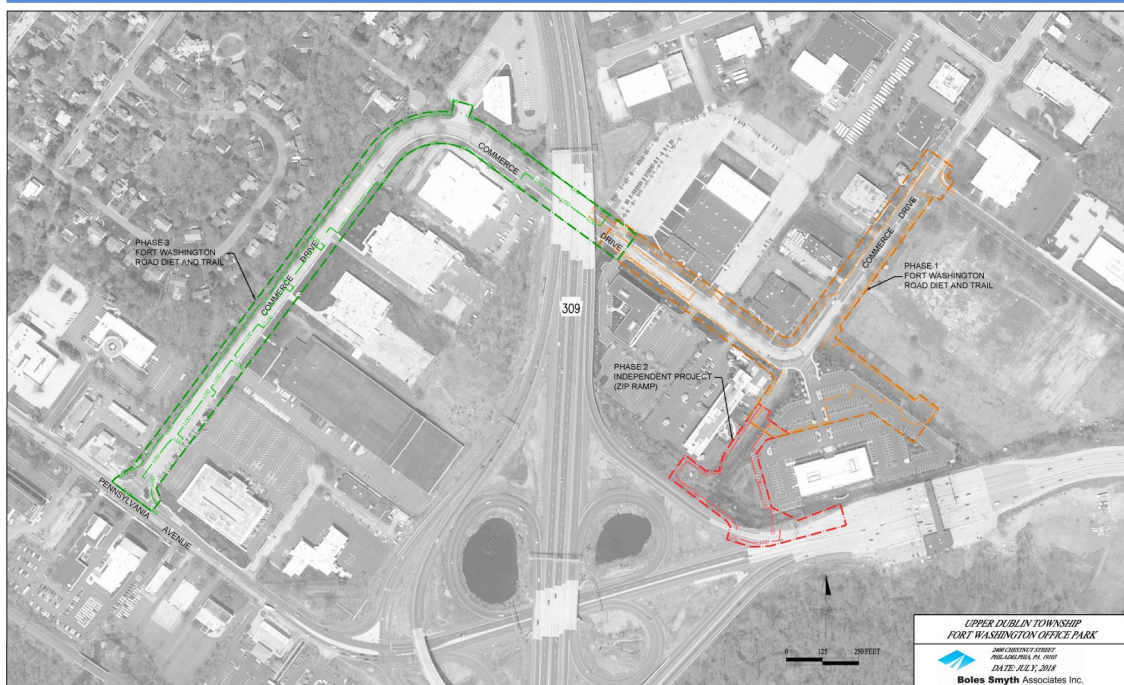
## Fort Washington “Zip Ramp”

Right of Way has been acquired and final coordination is being completed with the PA Turnpike Commission to construct the new off-ramp from the Fort Washington PA Turnpike interchange directly to Commerce Drive. The ramp will become the fourth approach at the recently constructed traffic signal on Commerce Drive. Project Estimate is \$3.0 Million with funding by the Municipal Authority, a Montgomery County grant, a PA DCED grant and a Land Development contribution.

**Highlight of Zip Ramp from PA Turnpike Fort Washington interchange to Commerce**

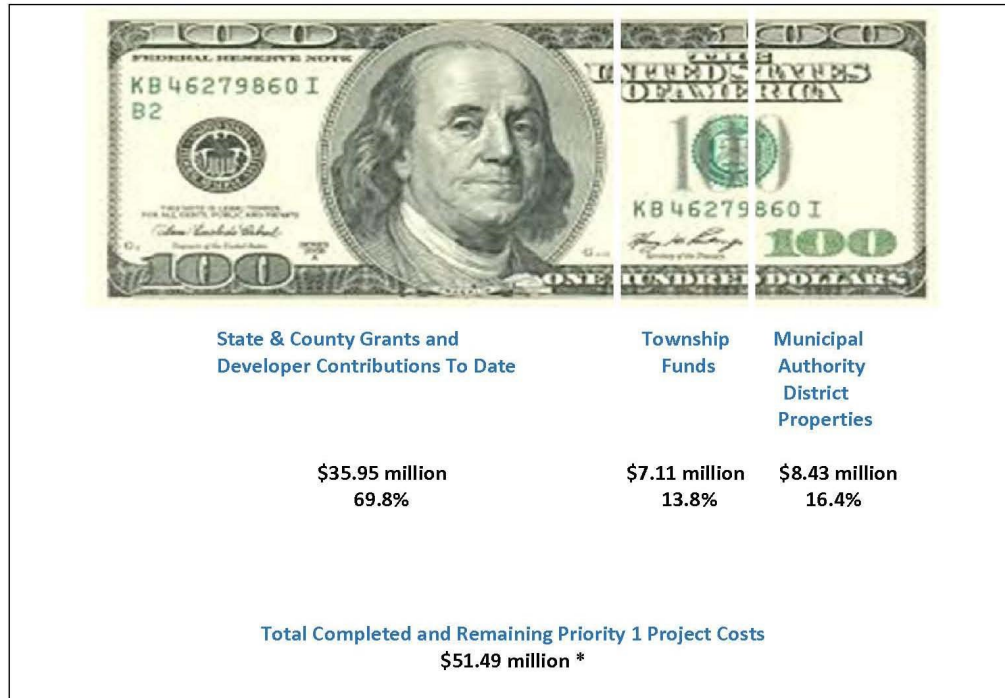
## Fort Washington Cross County Trail & Road Diet—Phase 3 Commerce

The Phase 3 Commerce Drive Cross County Trail (CCT) & Road Diet highlighted in green will begin construction in Summer 2023 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. Drainage will be installed, the Bodenstein Channel culvert will be replaced and the Bodenstein Channel banks will be cleared and stabilized. Project Estimate is \$4.75 Million with funding by the Municipal Authority, a PennDOT Multimodal grant and a PA DCED grant. 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.**

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**Upper Dublin Township Municipal Authority Service Area Improvement Projects—  
Completed and Phase 1 Projects Cost Sharing \*Includes \$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 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 2023 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 \$11,024.75 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

In 2024, the Dreshertown Road Improvements Project is scheduled for construction to:

- Extend the Cross County Trail 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)



We are excited about the progress that has taken place and the growing momentum here in the Greater Fort Washington District and Municipal Authority Service Area. Thank you for your ongoing commitment to Upper Dublin Township and the Upper Dublin Township Municipal Authority.



Robert Pesavento, Chairperson, Upper Dublin Township Municipal Authority