

REHABILITATION OF THE SIX MILE RUN CULVERT IS CURRENTLY UNDERWAY – PROJECT UPDATE 6/11/2024

BE ADVISED: The [New Jersey Water Supply Authority](#) is doing a rehabilitation of the Six Mile Run Culvert that carries the Six Mile Run under Canal Road and the multi-use trail (towpath) in the vicinity of the Blackwells Mills Causeway in Franklin Township. This project will address past repairs on the culvert and prevent future deterioration of the structure.

The multi-use trail will be CLOSED to the public at the culvert at times (to be determined) during construction but will be re-open on the weekends whenever it can be done safely. Multi-use trail closures will be kept to the minimum duration and intervals to safely complete the project. The project started on August 21, 2023, paused in January 2024, and is set to resume June 12, 2024, for approximately one week.

Starting on June 12, 2024, and lasting about 1 week, the multi-use trail will be closed during construction times, 7:00 AM – 3:30 PM, weekdays, at Six Mile Run Culvert. Signs will be posted at Blackwells Mills Causeway and Griggstown Causeway access points. The multi-use trail will be open outside of these times.

Remaining Project work will resume in July 2024.

PROJECT UPDATE:

The completed work is as follows: repairing the culvert and repaving Canal Road, mortar repointing of the eastern headwall and the interior of the culvert stonework, clay liner repairs, and guiderail installation.

Remaining work is as follows: mortar repointing and retaining wall reconstruction on the outlet of the culvert, additional clay liner repairs, minor regrading of the Canal embankment, and restoration of the towpath and inlet area. Work is anticipated to be completed in Summer 2024.

Canal Road is currently open. Short term road closures may be required as the project nears completion.

The project will require the closing of the multi-use trail while the work is taking place. Trail closures are expected from Mid June to end of August of 2024. Signage will be posted regarding trail closures as needed.

Paul Harenberg of the New Jersey Water Supply Authority can be reached for any questions at pharenberg@njwsa.org.

The project is designed to provide a robust yet historically appropriate repair that serves the varying needs of the public. **The goal of this undertaking is to preserve both the structural integrity and historic character of the culvert.**

This project will be managed by the [New Jersey Water Supply Authority](#), a state agency that operates the D&R Canal as a public water supply source for central New Jersey.



View of Culvert Inlet.
Repointed stonework on headwall and within culvert.
Repaved, restriped, and new guiderail installed on Canal Road (above)