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DEDICATION OF THE SCUDDER FALLS SHARED-USE PATH NOVEMBER 16, 2021

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Scudder Falls Shared-Use Path Overview

The Scudder Falls Shared-Use Path is a new multi-faceted facility along the Delaware River in Lower Makefield, PA., and Ewing, N.J. It includes a park-n-ride lot, a comfort station, an interpretive bridge display, and an active transportation network of paths, ramps and bridge walkways, providing direct connectivity between Pennsylvania's Delaware Canal towpath and New Jersey's Delaware & Raritan Canal towpath.

This new facility was constructed by the Delaware River Joint Toll Bridge Commission and is funded by the tolls the agency collects at its eight toll bridges. The Commission has committed to operating and maintaining the facility's various components in perpetuity.

This new connectivity system was constructed under the Scudder Falls Administration Building Project and the 4-1/2-year-long Scudder Falls Bridge Replacement Project, which is now nearing completion along the 1-295 corridor in Ewing, N.J. and Lower Makefield. PA.



The Scudder Falls Shared-Use Path consists of the following:

- A 1,587-foot walkway* on the Scudder Falls Toll Bridge's upstream span.
- An access ramp and concrete path extension to the D&R Feeder Canal towpath on the New Jersey side.
- An access ramp to the Delaware Canal towpath on the Pennsylvania side.
- Four scenic overlooks on the bridge walkway and access ramps.
- A recently installed pedestrian bridge* to facilitate safe crossings of pedestrians and bicyclists over the Delaware Canal.
- The 1799 House a former stone residence that was adaptively re-used to serve as a trailhead comfort station in close
 proximity to the Delaware Canal towpath. A ramp provides access to this facility in compliance with the American
 Disabilities Act.
- Benches and a bicycle rack outside the 1799 House.
- An interpretive display consisting of one granite block and a bearing from the first Scudder Falls Bridge that was constructed in 1959 and removed from service in 2019.
- A 127-space park-n-ride lot near the intersection of Taylorsville and Woodside roads in Lower Makefield.
- Permeable asphalt paths connecting the pedestrian canal bridge, the 1799 House and the park-n-ride lot on the Pennsylvania side.

Prohibitions for the Scudder Falls Shared-Use Path:

- Driven motorized vehicles, including "power-assisted" bicycles
 - o ADA-compliant wheelchairs and related devices for disabled people are permitted
- Unleashed dogs
- Alcoholic beverages
- Skateboards, roller skates, and rollerblades
- Obstructing public entry, access or passage
- Littering
- Jumping
- Fireworks
- Filming or still photography of the bridge's structural components and vehicular traffic
- · Climbina
- Horses (horses are prohibited on the New Jersey towpath)
- Defacing property (graffiti, vandalism)
- Weapons (firearms, knives, etc.)
- Blocking passage of pedestrians and bicyclists
- Panhandling
- Soliciting (includes charitable contributions, surveys, petitions, politics, religion, sales, etc.)
- Excessive noise including amplified speakers, sound systems, compressed-air-powered horns
- Fishing and hunting
- Drones
- Kite flying
- Flammable and bazardous materials
- Fireworks and incendiaries
- Postino flvers, advertisements, notices, solicitations
- Signs, flags, banners, props
- Gambling
- Sleeping, lying down, sitting
- Distribution of food or drink
- Tables, stages, platforms, canopies, tents, stationary umbrellas
- Public events and demonstrations without pre-authorization (Use of Facilities Permit) from the Delaware River Joint Toll Bridge Commission

Be courteous and respectful Bicyclists yield to pedestrians Bikes keep slow/safe speed Keep right, prepare to stop Strictly prohibited: Driven motorized vehicles (non-ADA) ·Skateboards, rollerblades · Alcohol ·Blocking path/walkway •Unleashed dogs ·Attaching/throwing objects ·Banners and signs Defacing property For full list of rules go to: www.drjtbc.org/scudderpath

Scudder Falls

Shared-Use Path

The above list is subject to change at any time. A new webpage provides additional information and all guidelines and restrictions for the Scudder Falls Shared-Use Path: www.dritbc.org/scudderpath

^{*} Note: The bridge walkways and ramps are 10-feet-wide with accompanying 4-foot-6-inch railing heights that meet Federal Highway Administration standards for integration of pedestrian and bicycle traffic. The new shared-use facility makes Scudder Falls the only river crossing in the Commission's 20-bridge system where bicyclists can pedal across without dismounting. Fifteen of the Commission's bridges currently provide some form of pedestrian access. However bicyclists must dismount and walk across these existing walkways.

Elements Constructed under 2018-19 Administration Project

Park-and-ride lot – The prior lot had 170 vehicle spaces, but average daily use was 40 to 45 spaces. The lot was severely deteriorated and needed reconstruction. The redesigned/right-sized lot now consists of 127 spaces, including handicap-designated spaces. The new lot is separated from the Bridge Commission's nearby administration building and is available for public commuter and recreational use, free of charge. The Commission is responsible for all maintenance and operation of the lot in perpetuity.

1799 House – This former residence at 1167 Woodside Road was purchased by the Commission from private owners in late September 2016. According to property records, the stone structure at this location dates to 1799. An adaptive re-use plan saved the original stone building for a public comfort



station that – like the adjoining state park – is open dawn to dusk. A ramp provides access in conformance with the American Disabilities Act. Park benches, a bicycle rack and an interpretive display of components from the original Scudder Falls Bridge (in service 1961 to 2019) in front of the building's entrance. The Commission has committed to maintaining the building and nearby Commission-owned wetlands in perpetuity.

Connector path – An eco-sensitive permeable asphalt path connects the park-and-ride lot with the 1799 House.

Elements Constructed under Scudder Falls Bridge Replacement Project

Highway bridge walkway, ramps, and NJ path extension -- A 1,586.5-foot-long walkway was constructed under the project (2017-2021) on the upstream span of the Scudder Falls (I-295) Toll Bridge. Fencing and clear-acrylic noise panels (where warranted for nearby residences) are mounted atop a

reinforced concrete barrier that separate the walkway from bridge vehicular traffic. A ramp over a protected wetlands area connects the walkway to the Delaware Canal towpath on the Pennsylvania side. A ramp and an extended concrete walkway connect the bridge walkway to Delaware & Raritan Feeder Canal towpath in New Jersey. Four scenic overlooks provide views of the river, wetlands and the bridge. The facility's 10-foot width with 4-foot-six-inch railings meet FHWA criteria for integrated pedestrian and bicycle shared use.

Canal pedestrian bridge and connector paths – To provide enhanced safety for pedestrians, bicyclists and families, a 70-foot pedestrian bridge was recently installed over the Delaware Canal in the vicinity of the 1799 House. The bridge provides a direct connection to the canal's towpath and, by extension, the apron at the foot to the Scudder Falls Toll Bridge walkway's Pennsylvania access ramp. Additional permeable-asphalt paths connect the canal walkway to the 1799 House and the park-n-ride lot.





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