

THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX
**Scoping Phase for Operations & Safety Improvements
to
Rudetown Road (C.R. 517)
Hamburg Borough, Hardyston Township, and
Vernon Township, Sussex County**

**Initial Public Information Center
May 1, 2007**

The Sussex County Board of Chosen Freeholders is evaluating and scoping operations and safety improvements for Rudetown Road (a.k.a. County Route 517) in Hamburg Borough and the Townships of Hardyston and Vernon, New Jersey. This initial information center is being held to promote public awareness and to solicit the concerns of the public as they relate to the current operation and safety of Rudetown Road. The County encourages local residents and interested individuals to attend this meeting and actively participate by providing comments regarding potential improvements to Rudetown Road. Representatives from the County of Sussex and its design professionals will be present to document the public's input and answer any questions.

Public Information Center

The Information Center will be held on May 1, 2007 at the Hardyston Township Municipal Building, 149 Wheatsworth Road, Hardyston from 4 pm to 8 pm.

The purpose of this information center is to inform local residents, officials and the business community of the County's plan to develop a scope of roadway improvements that will enhance the operation and safety of Rudetown Road.

Project Background

Rudetown Road is a rural major collector that serves as a commuter route connecting the major arterial state highways of Route 23 and Route 94. Rudetown Road begins in the Borough of Hamburg at the intersection with State Highway Route 23, continues through the Township of Hardyston, and ends at the intersection with State Highway 94 in the McAfee section of Vernon Township. Mainly single-family residences and farmland border the roadway with commercial properties existing in the vicinity of the more northerly and southerly sections of the roadway. Two large residential subdivisions are also located along the corridor of Rudetown Road. These include the Heritage Lakes community within the Borough of Hamburg and the Crystal Springs community located within the Township of Hardyston.

Currently, the existing roadway contains many deficiencies including substandard horizontal and vertical alignments, substandard sight distances, and inadequate storm water collection and conveyance. The rolling and winding alignment of Rudetown Road also results in poor sight lines for many of the

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uncontrolled access points or driveways located along the corridor. The lack of adequate sight distances hinders the roadway's safety and can create hazardous situations which result in otherwise avoidable accidents within the project area.

The County of Sussex is very concerned about Rudetown Road and has begun the scoping phase of operations and safety improvements to feasibly eliminate the hazardous conditions that exist along the roadway today.

The Project

Presently, this project is in an initial scoping phase with the goal of developing a preferred improvement alternative that balances operational, safety, and environmental concerns. The purpose of this project is to advance improvements to Rudetown Road through the preliminary engineering and the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process, evaluate the feasibility of construction and determine the measures required to

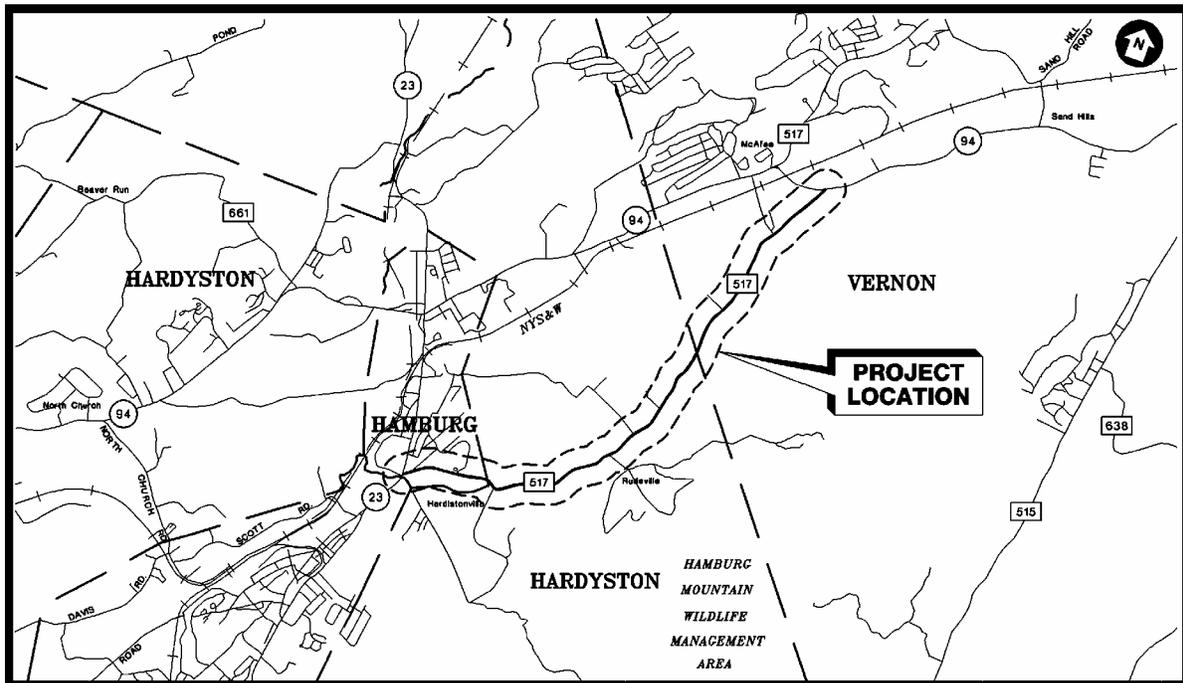
mitigate any social, historical, archaeological, economic or environmental impacts.

The ultimate goal of the scoping phase for this project is to perform the preliminary engineering work for the chosen improvements and secure approved NEPA documents so that the project will qualify for inclusion into the Transportation Improvement Program and to ensure that the final design, right-of-way and construction phases of the project will be eligible for federal funding.

**Anticipated Project Schedule
(Best case scenario)**

Scoping Phase Completed	July 2008
Begin Design	To Be Determined
Design Completed	To Be Determined
Right-of-Way Acquisition	To Be Determined
Begin Construction	To Be Determined

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