




The Greenway

The Greenway is an approximately nine-mile, 100-foot-wide former rail line spanning Essex and Hudson Counties through eight municipalities – Montclair, Glen Ridge, Bloomfield, Belleville, Newark, Kearny, Secaucus, and Jersey City. The Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) is undertaking the conversion of this blighted corridor into a thriving park with recreation and transportation amenities.

Overview

With approximately 1.5 million people in the surrounding area, the Greenway seeks to provide outdoor recreation and alternative transportation opportunities to over 16% of New Jersey’s population. In this heavily developed region, the Greenway is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. The Greenway is a unique and transformative opportunity to create a linear recreational and transit park enabling seamless walking, biking, and transit opportunities between Montclair and Jersey City, while serving as a catalyst for environmental improvements and economic development in the adjacent communities. It stands to become a destination unto itself as a place for exercise, recreation, and access to the great outdoors.

The Greenway will connect residents to parks, schools, hospitals, and business districts, in addition to offering commuters a way to bypass some of New Jersey’s most congested roadways. The Greenway passes near the Newark light rail and NJ Transit’s Frank R. Lautenberg Secaucus Junction train station, which provide direct access to New York’s Penn Station. The Greenway passes through overburdened communities (as defined by the New Jersey Environmental Justice Law, [N.J.S.A. 13:1D-157](#) ) that suffer disproportionately from lack of access to open space, health concerns, and social determinants of health.



Greenway Project Initial Phase Kickoff



Comment on the Greenway’s Initial Development

Comment by Sunday, December 17 at 11:59 p.m.

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Advisory

The Greenway is currently closed to public access. The park will undergo a cleanup of contaminants and development for public use in the coming years.

**For Emergency
call 9-1-1**

DEP State Park Police monitors the closed Greenway and incidents can be reported by calling

1-877-WARNDEP

(1-877-927-6337)



Community Engagement

DEP is committed to deep, robust community engagement to learn how members of communities along the Greenway want to use and interact with this new public open space, how it can best serve community needs, and other methods to ensure equitable distribution of the environmental, public health, and economic benefits anticipated through this transformative project.

[View Upcoming Events](#)

We will continue to engage with the community through:

- Stakeholder meetings
- Public workshops
- Pop-ups and tabling at community events
- Regular communications with the broader public
- Surveys
- Trail tests



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