

PROJECT NEWSLETTER • SPRING 2019

Project Design Complete; Construction to Begin

The Maryland Department of Transportation State Highway Administration (MDOT SHA) is working on a drainage maintenance project in Frederick County to replace small structures and pipe culverts of various sizes along MD 77 (Foxville Road) from Pryor Road to Stottlemeyer Road. A pipe culvert is a structure that allows water to flow safely under the roadway to prevent flooding. Over time, pipe culverts can become corroded and damaged. This project will replace the damaged pipes, improving drainage and ensuring that the roadway is safe for motorists.

The project design is complete, and construction will begin Spring 2019 and last until Spring 2020. The majority of the culverts will be replaced with pipes like the original structures; some pipes will be replaced with larger pipes to address flooding concerns. MDOT SHA will make every effort to complete this project as quickly as possible while minimizing impacts on area residents, businesses, motorists, Cunningham Falls State Park, and Catoctin Mountain Park.

How does this project affect Cunningham Falls State Park?

Access to Cunningham Falls State Park, which is managed by the Maryland Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is required during the replacement of the culverts. MDOT SHA has coordinated with DNR and Park representatives regarding the project scope and the impacts. Cunningham Falls State Park will remain accessible to visitors during construction.

All trails will remain open and construction fencing will be used to prevent access to project sites during construction. ADA parking and trail accessibility on the Boardwalk Trail and the Catoctin Trail crossing over MD 77 will be briefly impacted while construction occurs on a nearby culvert. The park will remain accessible from Catoctin Hollow Road during construction.

How does this project affect Catoctin Mountain Park?

Access to Catoctin Mountain Park, which is managed by the National Park Service (NPS) is required during the replacement of the culverts. MDOT SHA has coordinated with NPS and Park representatives regarding the project scope and the impacts. Catoctin Mountain Park, including the Visitors Center, will remain accessible to visitors during construction.

All trails will remain open and construction fencing will be used to prevent access to project sites during construction. The Catoctin Trail crossing over MD 77 will be inaccessible for a short period of time in May as the culvert, which is the only way for hikers to cross the creek, is replaced. The park will remain accessible from Park Central Road during construction. The park website will be updated daily with detour information: www.nps.gov/cato

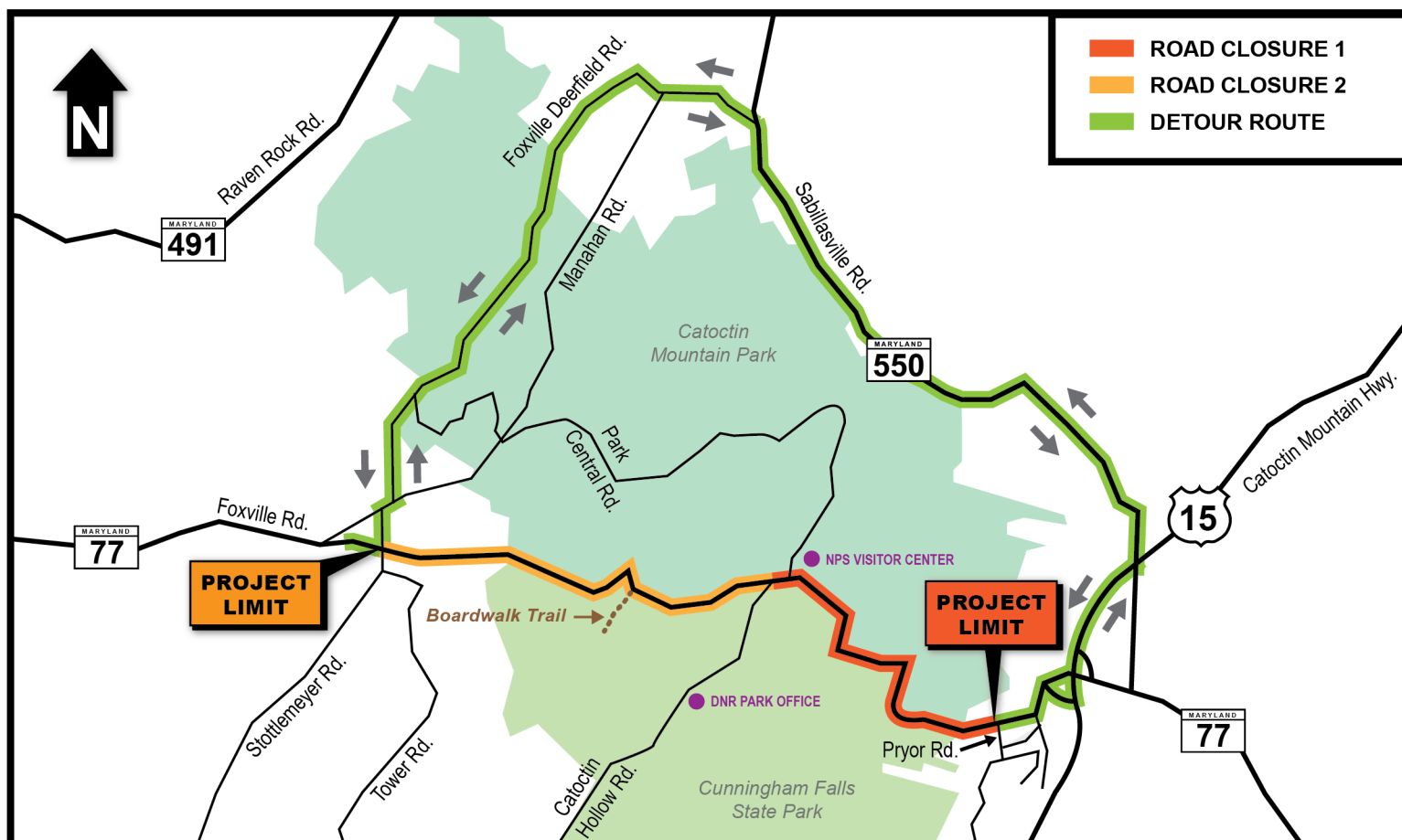
How will local traffic be impacted during construction?

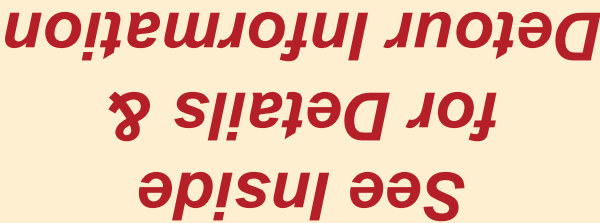
The proposed maintenance of traffic will allow continued access to both parks. There will be a three-week spring detour (May 1st- May 23rd, 2019) for small structure work, and the potential for a second three-week detour in the fall.

To limit the impacts on park users, MDOT SHA has split the road closure along MD 77 into two segments. Closures will span from Pryor Road to Catoctin Hollow Road, and from Catoctin Hollow Road to Stottlemeyer Road. This will allow for public access to parks during the duration of the detour periods. All other work will occur under flagging operations.

The detour will be as follows:

- Traffic traveling westbound on MD 77 will take US 15 North, then MD 550 towards Sabillasville until reaching Foxville Deerfield Road. Motorists should then follow Foxville Deerfield road until reaching MD 77.
- Traffic traveling eastbound will take Foxville Deerfield Road to MD 550 towards Thurmont, and then US 15 South to MD 77.



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