

May Town Manager's Report

Economic Outlook

In May, the Town issued twelve (12) building permits totaling \$126,034.84. Seven (7) building permits were issued for new residential construction, with one (1) permit issued for commercial construction. Five (5) Certificates of Occupancy were issued for new homes.

The town received \$50,246.31 in realty transfer taxes collected during the month of April.

We have a total fund balance of \$4,880,339 that may be earmarked for future debt payments or capital projects. **Please note that some of the total balance may already be earmarked for capital improvements or budget supplements.

Land Use and Development

Pending Applications include:

- Heritage Shores PH6B
- Vaibhav, LLC – Liquor Store Expansion

Horizon Farm Credit

Horizon Farm Credit received final plan approvals during the May Planning and Zoning meeting. Preliminary site work has already begun, and we have received several inquiries from the community.

This project is for a 19,880-square-foot office building and training center on Passwaters Farm Road, between S. Main Street and Heritage Shores. More information on this and any other active projects in our community can be found on our website under “Info” and “What’s Going There?”



CRDS Event

The Town is working in partnership with the University of Delaware’s Coastal Resilience Design Studio this summer. The Coastal Resilience Design Studio (CRDS) is a partnership between the Delaware Sea Grant College Program, the University of Delaware Sustainable Coastal Communities Initiative, and the University of Delaware Landscape Architecture Program. The purpose of this collaboration is to connect communities, students, not-for-profits, governmental entities, and professionals with the common goal of increasing the sustainability and resilience of Delaware’s coastal communities - focusing on identifying hazards related to sea rise and storms that impact our area, and designing creative and sustainable solutions for the problems they bring.

Students from the program will begin the project by coming to our community on June 8 and June 9, meeting with stakeholders, and touring the town. More information on the CRDS



program and other municipalities they have worked with can be found on the University of Delaware's website. (It's a long link - you can also Google Search "University of Delaware CRDS Program"!)

<https://www.udel.edu/academics/colleges/ceoe/delaware-sea-grant/extension/resilient-communities-and-economies/crds/>

Open Positions – Board of Adjustment

We still have an open position available on the Board of Adjustment.

The board position serves a three-year term. The Board of Adjustment only meets as needed when applications are received; there is no set schedule. These meetings are usually during the day.

This is an excellent opportunity to get involved with the Town. Letters of interest may be dropped off at Town Hall or submitted to townofbridgeville@gmail.com.

DelDOT Contract T202407902 – Repair work to the Bridge on N. Main Street over the Bridgeville Branch

DelDOT intends to perform work on the bridge in the window of August 1, 2026, to April 15, 2027. They currently do not anticipate road closures or detours – possibly one-lane closures or shoulder closures as needed.

The bridge, which has existed in its current form since 1934 and was expanded to two lanes in 1962, is succumbing to water-related erosion. This has exposed and caused minor damage to the bridge's footers, which are the foundations supporting the structure. The bridge is currently safe for motorists to use, but if the condition is left unaddressed, it could destabilize the structure and force the Department to impose weight restrictions. Fortunately, this is being described as a relatively simple fix.

The most difficult parts of the project involve noise and stream diversion. DelDOT will contact residents in the immediate vicinity who may be impacted.

A project fact sheet and email correspondence are attached to this report.

For more information, visit <https://www.deldot.gov/projects/>

Eastern Shore Natural Gas/ Chesapeake Utilities – Regional Enhancements

We have been notified regarding work to be performed at the Eastern Shore Natural Gas/Chesapeake Utilities facility north of town. This intended work is some time off (2027-2028) – and we will share updates as we hear them.

The scope of work includes enhancements to infrastructure in Pennsylvania, Maryland, and Delaware. The Bridgeville site is described as receiving meter and regulator upgrades. The project fact sheet is attached to this report. To stay informed on this project, visit www.delmarregionaleenhancement.com.



Grant Application/ Project Updates

The first quarter of 2026 has been incredibly busy with grant applications. These applications are essential to support projects in our town that do not deplete tax revenue or reserves. Below is a summary of applications that have either been submitted or are in process to be submitted soon.

DEMA Grant Update – \$22,750. This grant provides security features to Town Hall and our water towers and well houses. The funding has been on hold with federal restrictions over the past year, and we hope that it will be released soon. The Commission approved a match to this grant for estimated project costs with the FY26 Capital Budget. We reapplied to this funding as a change request from a previously awarded project.

- **Submitted, Approved in May – Work Scheduled for June.**

DSHA Technical Assistance Grant – Not direct funding, technical assistance. This grant provides a designated planner to the eight awarded municipalities that applied in 2025 under Senate Joint Resolution 8. The program is designed to support local governments in implementing zoning and land use reforms that promote housing opportunities.

- **Kickoff Meeting in April, first progress meeting May 12, 2026**

Chesapeake Bay Trust – Green Streets, Green Jobs, Green Towns (G3) Program – Not direct money, funds the program and any necessary expenses. The program helps plan and hold a two-day charette with key stakeholders to discuss and plan green infrastructure that minimizes flooding, manages stormwater, and creates beautification opportunities. Encourages natural approaches (rain gardens, tree canopies, aesthetic elements, etc.). Seaford did a similar project approximately two years ago, which created a pathway for ten years of capital improvement projects.

- **Submitted March 12, 2026, awaiting notice**

Emergency Operations Planning – Technical Assistance program through Sussex County, which provides free training, templates, and guidance for updating the Town’s Emergency Operations Plan, which kicks in during emergencies/disasters. The Town’s existing plan was adopted in 2006.

- **Project in Progress – Workshops held March 5 and April 8, 2026. Technical assistance available through June 15 2026.**

DelDOT Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) – This program facilitates the development of non-traditional transportation projects with the goal of providing choices for non-motorized users that are safe, reliable, and convenient. The application would fund a study to address/assess pedestrian/bicycle facilities, shared use paths, infrastructure elements for disabled/elderly, sidewalk connectivity, safety, and more.

- **Submitted April 14, 2026, awaiting notice**

Emergency Response Protocol Proposal for Surveillance Infrastructure Evaluation – \$6,000 Value - Awarded to Western Sussex Municipalities to conduct a comprehensive evaluation of the current surveillance camera, Automatic License Plate Recognition (ALPR), and infrastructure capabilities of the Western Sussex County municipalities: Greenwood, Bridgeville, Seaford,



Blades, Laurel, and Delmar. This initiative aims to provide each community with an individual report outlining their existing systems, recommendations for best practices, a proposed system architecture, and estimated funding needs for future expansion. The goal is to assist each municipality in making informed, efficient, and cost-effective decisions when implementing or upgrading public safety surveillance systems.

- **Awaiting details for next steps**

UD CRDS Project – University of Delaware Coastal Resilience Design Studio – This program works with graduate students in the University of Delaware Sustainable Coastal Communities Initiative and the University of Delaware Landscape Architecture Program to connect communities, students, not-for-profits, governmental entities, and professionals with the common goal of increasing the sustainability and resilience of Delaware’s coastal communities. The program will recognize hazards of storm surges, chronic flooding, erosion, and land subsidence, and help design solutions and resiliency plans for the same. They have worked over the last few years with Milton, Georgetown, and Slaughter Beach.

- **Kickoff meeting in April, work to be completed during UD summer semester, with next meeting scheduled June 8-9.**

UD IPA Cohort – The University of Delaware Institute for Public Administration, providing technical assistance funded by USDA – Rural Community Development Initiative – Awarded to Bowers Beach, Bridgeville, Dagsboro, Ellendale, Georgetown, and Milford. RCDI grants are awarded to help low-income rural communities to support community facilities and community and economic development projects in rural areas through training and technical assistance. Delaware USDA RCDI Focus Areas: community planning, capital budgeting, and project management IPA Support Provided: training, workshops, and hands-on technical assistance Monthly Training & Workshops from January 2026 - December 2026. Ongoing Project Development Support from January 2027 to December 2027. On-call assistance throughout.

- **Already in progress – continuing throughout the year**

FY27 Community Project Funding (CPF) – Dual Application through Representative Sarah McBride and Senator Chris Coons - \$4 million combined application for the Baltimore Trust renovation project – The Vault.

- **Applications submitted on March 6 and March 20, 2026, awaiting notice**

Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) – In coordination with Sussex County, we have agreed to hold a public hearing for the next round of CDBG funding. That hearing is estimated to occur in June, and we are working through a potential list of residents that may benefit from the information. The hearing will be advertised when the day is confirmed.

- **Public Hearing to be in June 2026**

Community Reinvestment Funds (FY27 Bond Bill) – Submitted for consideration of a 50/50 match in funding the proposed expansion to Town Hall (up to \$650,000 by estimate).

- **Submitted May 1, 2026**

Upcoming Deadlines for Potential Applications:

- **Downtown Development District (DDD) – June 15, 2026**
- **DNREC Energy Efficiency Investment Fund (EEIF)**

Save the Date – Community Events

June 13, 2026

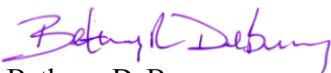
Join us on Saturday, June 13, 2026, from 4:00-8:00 PM - We are hosting a patriotic Concert in the Park featuring the Star Spangled Sweethearts! The event will start with a brief Memorial Brick Ceremony - where we acknowledge and honor those who have contributed to the Memorial Brick program, which had been put on hold during the COVID-19 pandemic. Anyone who purchased bricks or benches during that time should have also received a direct invitation by mail. Once this batch is installed, we will reopen the program to the public. Our plans for the continued growth and construction of the park space next to Town Hall include an expanded walkway to accommodate many more bricks, so there will be plenty of room to participate!

Also, this is your chance to be a part of Bridgeville history - come sign our guest book for our official time capsule! Our 50-year time capsule will be on display. Businesses and organizations throughout town will also receive a direct invitation to contribute to the time capsule - so look out for an invitation with additional information by mail soon!

We will have MyTFine BBQ and The Wild Fizz food trailers on site, and this event will be the debut of our own custom, locally made, portable mini-golf course!



Respectfully submitted,



Bethany DeBussy
Town Manager



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FW: Repairs Coming to Bridge 3-146, Main Street over Bridgeville Branch

1 message

Moore, Jonathan (DeIDOT) <Jonathan.Moore@delaware.gov>

Tue, May 19, 2026 at 9:54 AM

To: "bdebussy@townofbridgevillede.us" <bdebussy@townofbridgevillede.us>, "slambden@townofbridgevillede.us" <slambden@townofbridgevillede.us>, "cjohnson@townofbridgevillede.us" <cjohnson@townofbridgevillede.us>, "kelly@townofbridgevillede.us" <kelly@townofbridgevillede.us>, "townofbridgeville@gmail.com" <townofbridgeville@gmail.com>, "bparker@townofbridgevillede.us" <bparker@townofbridgevillede.us>

My apologies, I had your emails incorrect in my first attempt. Please see below and attached.

Thanks!



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State Bridge Maintenance & Construction
Engineer
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302-760-2340

From: Moore, Jonathan (DeIDOT)

Sent: Tuesday, May 19, 2026 9:46 AM

To: 'bdebussy@townofbridgeville.us' <bdebussy@townofbridgeville.us>; 'slambden@townofbridgeville.us' <slambden@townofbridgeville.us>; 'cjohnson@townofbridgeville.us' <cjohnson@townofbridgeville.us>; 'kelly@townofbridgeville.us' <kelly@townofbridgeville.us>; 'nbravo@townofbridgevillede.us' <nbravo@townofbridgevillede.us>; 'srichards@townofbridgevillede.us' <srichards@townofbridgevillede.us>; 'jtomeski@townofbridgevillede.us' <jtomeski@townofbridgevillede.us>; 'rdutton@townofbridgevillede.us' <rdutton@townofbridgevillede.us>; 'dharris@townofbridgevillede.us' <dharris@townofbridgevillede.us>; 'Bparker@townofbridgeville.us' <Bparker@townofbridgeville.us>

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Subject: Repairs Coming to Bridge 3-146, Main Street over Bridgeville Branch

Good Morning All,

I am reaching out to inform you of a project that we have coming to Bridge 3-146 which carries Main Street over Bridgeville Branch in the Town of Bridgeville (see location map below).

The bridge has an issue with scour which is when the flow of water erodes the stream bed away. This has exposed and caused minor damages to the bridge's footers which are the foundation supporting the structure. The bridge is currently safe for motorists to use, but if the condition is left unremedied, it could destabilize the structure and force the Department to impose weight restrictions on it. Fortunately, this is a relatively simple fix and we already have a plan in place with a contractor lined up to perform the work. I have attached a project facts sheet to this email that explains the project in detail. The facts sheet can also be found on our project portal here: [Bridge Maintenance Construction - Delaware Department of Transportation](#).

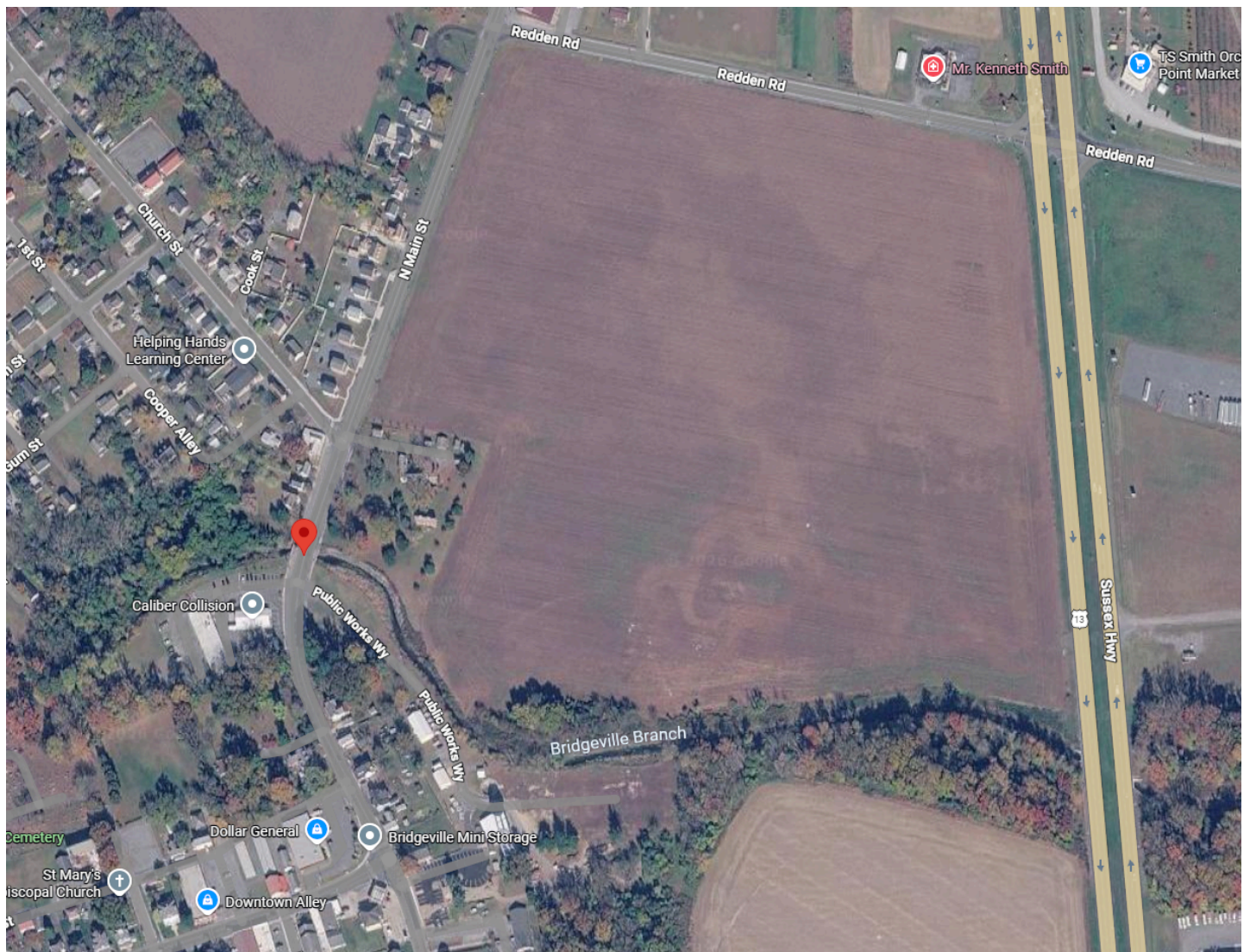
We plan to complete the majority of the work utilizing shoulder closures on Main Street. We may need to temporarily close a lane and utilize flaggers when we are bringing in equipment and materials. I anticipate disruptions to traffic to be very minor.

The one portion of this project that could potentially be mildly inconvenient is the noise. In order to install the concrete floor, we need the bridge to be dry underneath. To accomplish this, we will need to install a stream diversion and use a large water pump to pump the water around the structure. These pumps will need to run 24/7 while the stream diversion is in place. These pumps are run off of a gas powered generator which will generate noise. As this location is in town, we want folks to be aware of this. We are sending out what is known as a "noise survey" to inform people of Bridgeville about the project, the noise and to get their opinion on it. These will be mailed out to every resident within a 1-mile radius of the bridge.

We do have some environmental restrictions imposed on this location. With those restrictions in place, our period of allowable work is August 1st to April 15th. Pouring concrete in cold weather generally produces an inferior final product so working in the middle of winter is not advisable. I realize that Apple Scrapple Festival starts October 2nd for Bridgeville so we would either shoot for starting right on August 1st to complete before the festival (preferred) or we would wait until the end of February/ early March of 2027. I anticipate the construction duration to be about 6 weeks.

This is a lot of information for one email so I would be happy to set up a meeting or attend a Town Hall meeting and present on the project/ answer any questions you may have. Just let me know what works best for you. I am also available via phone call or email should you have any immediate questions.

Thank you in advance for your support as we strive to maintain Delaware's infrastructure.



Sincerely,



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State Bridge Maintenance & Construction
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 **BR 3-146 Main St Project Fact Sheet.pdf**
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Rehabilitation of Bridge 3-146

Main Street (US 13 Business) over Bridgeville Branch

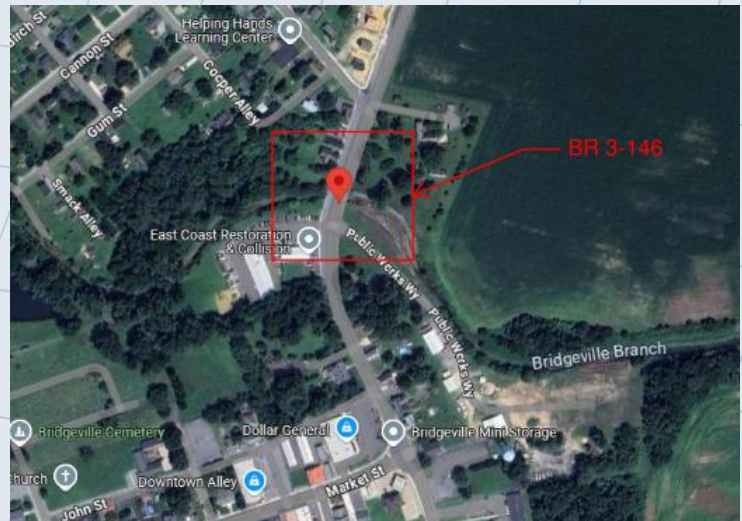
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Setting the Scene:

Bridge 3-146 is owned and maintained by DeDOT and lies in Bridgeville spanning the Bridgeville Branch. The existing structure consists of a culvert originally built in 1934. The culvert was extended in 1962 to carry two lanes of traffic along with shoulders.

BR 3-146 is 18 feet long and carries both directions of Main Street. This bridge carries an annual average of 4,354 vehicles per day, 7 percent of which are trucks.



Location of Bridge 3-146

Why is the bridge being worked on?

This culvert carries the water flow for the Bridgeville Branch towards the Nanticoke River to the east, covering a drainage basin of over 7 square miles. The water flow picks up sediments of various types and will etch into the concrete walls, creating abrasions on the surfaces of the interior culvert walls. Additionally, the water flow carrying sediments is striking the toe floor of the culvert and eroding the culvert itself. These erosive forces have exposed the culverts footers (known as scour) and cause a condition known as abrasion which is where the concrete and aggregate inside of it begin to wash away with the water flows.

The bridge substructure, the part of the bridge that carries the weight of the bridge and everything passing on the bridge, was rated as “Fair” condition. A “Fair” condition rating is defined by Federal standard as “all primary structural elements are sound but may have minor section loss, cracking, spalling, or scour.” While the bridge is currently safe, unremedied scour and abrasion could destabilize the bridge’s foundation and force the Department to implement weight restrictions on the structure.



North elevation view of the culvert



Scour exposing the culvert footer. Note the deep abrasion in the culvert footer as shown by the ruler probing it.

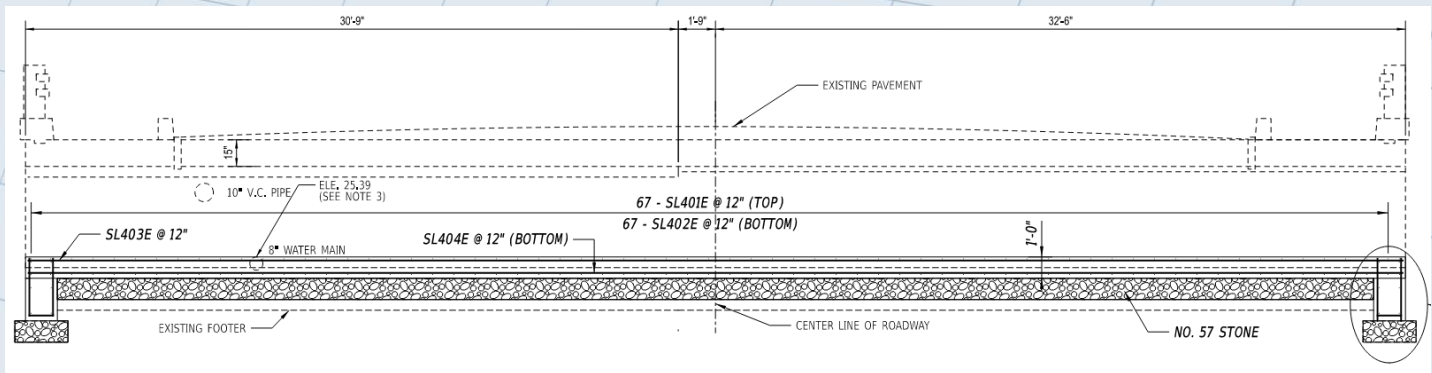
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<https://www.deldot.gov/projects/>



What are the planned repairs for this bridge?

DeIDOT plans to extend the lifespan of this vital bridge by constructing a concrete floor through the culvert. The existing abrasion in the footer of the culvert will be encapsulated and protected by the new culvert floor. This floor will remediate the scour issue below the bridge and protect the structure against scour for years to come. New toe walls at each end of the floor will withstand the force of the water and sediments striking the face of the culvert. Lastly, the floor will secure a water main pipe that is currently partly buried in the culvert floor. By placing the reconstructed floor that embeds the water main, the water main will be protected from the effects of water erosion that could damage or rupture the water main itself.



Drawings of the planned repairs: installing steel reinforced floor to the culvert. Dashed lines indicate existing items. Solid lines identify new items.

How will this impact my travel along Main Street / US 13 Business?

This project will be conducted in the stream bed by installing a pump that will carry steam-diverted water through pipes mounted on the wall of the culvert itself. This will create a dry work area where concrete can be poured over the steel rebar reinforcements and allowed to cure to the needed strength.

There are no detours needed for the duration of this construction work. The shoulders for the bridge will be closed for most of the duration of the project. Occasional lane closures will be needed for the placement and removal of some equipment. The work duration is anticipated to be 6 weeks and will begin in the Summer/Fall of 2026.

Who can I contact with more questions, and how?

Any questions, comments or concerns should be directed to DeIDOT Community Relations at 302-760-2080 or you may contact us by e-mail at dotpublic@delaware.gov. Please include the project name or contract number when contacting us to expedite our response to any inquiry.

<https://www.deldot.gov/projects/>



DELMAR REGIONAL ENHANCEMENT

A FORWARD-LOOKING INVESTMENT IN LOCAL ENERGY INFRASTRUCTURE

Eastern Shore Natural Gas' role as a trusted regional energy provider

For more than 65 years, Eastern Shore Natural Gas has been a trusted partner in delivering safe and dependable natural gas service to the communities of the Delmarva Peninsula. As an interstate natural gas pipeline system, regulated by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC), Eastern Shore supports every day life across the region – from heating homes to powering local businesses and essential services.



DELIVERING RELIABLE, AFFORDABLE ENERGY

Supporting the region's growing residential, commercial and industrial needs by delivering reliable, affordable energy.



BUILDING RESPONSIBLY

Project facilities will be located within existing utility corridors whenever possible to reduce impacts on landowners and the environment.



POWERING GROWING COMMUNITIES

This growth project will enable additional natural gas to reach customers, helping meet increasing energy demand across Delaware and Maryland.

PROJECT DETAIL:

The Project will provide up to 15,800 dekatherms per day of firm natural gas transportation capacity through installation of:

- 2.5 miles of pipeline looping – Chester County, PA
- 1.8 miles of pipeline looping – Cecil County, MD
- 1.6 miles of pipeline looping – New Castle County, DE
- 4.75 miles of pipeline looping – Kent County, DE
- Meter and Regulator Upgrade – Sussex County, DE

ANTICIPATED TIMEFRAME:

- **Q3 2026:**
Anticipated FERC Filing
- **Q3 2027:**
Anticipated FERC Approval
- **Q3 2028:**
Anticipated Project In-Service



COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS?



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PROJECT FOOTPRINT

