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### **Cumberland County Secures State Permitting for the South Avenue Culvert at Rocap's Run, Bridgeton, New Jersey**

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**Bridgeton, New Jersey (August 18, 2023)**- The Cumberland County Commissioners are pleased to announce they have received all permits required from the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) to repair and construct the South Avenue Culvert on County Route 609 over Rocap's Run in Bridgeton New Jersey. The culvert collapsed causing the road to close in late 2020.

In early 2023 the current Cumberland County Administration immediately took two actions. First, they applied for all necessary permits to reconstruct the culvert. Second, they altered the detour previously established to allow for a better and more efficient flow of local traffic pending the culvert reconstruction.

Cumberland County Commission Director Doug Albrecht states "We thank State Senator Michael Testa who was instrumental in securing these permits. We continue to be committed to completing this project as soon as it can be done." Deputy Director Antonio Romero comments "Senator Testa delivered on his promise to us to see that these permits were received as quickly as possible. His commitment to the project and advocacy was a critical component in moving the process along."

The last remaining permits the County must obtain to begin reconstruction of the culvert are from the United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE). The Commissioners and Administration are working with Congressman Jeff Van Drew to see these permits are obtained swiftly.

Once all necessary permits are received the County's agreement with the design engineer allow about three months for completion of the final design and specifications for the bid process to be completed. Construction will begin as soon as possible. The public will be informed at every step.