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SUSQUEHANNA RIVER RAIL BRIDGE PROJECT



Project Update



The Amtrak Susquehanna River Bridge Project is a critical infrastructure project that will improve rail connectivity along the Northeast Corridor (NEC) by replacing the existing two-track bridge over the Susquehanna River between the City of Havre de Grace in Harford County, Maryland, and the Town of Perryville in Cecil County, Maryland. The new structures will include two fixed parallel bridges with greater vertical and horizontal clearances for marine traffic. Amtrak has begun preparatory work for the project. This project update describes recent progress and upcoming activities residents and business owners may see in the coming months. The activity descriptions and general locations below are dynamic and subject to change.

Recent Progress

- Amtrak worked with Towson University to install artificial basking platforms in the Susquehanna River to support the Northern Map Turtle population.
- The Project Team continued to coordinate with state and federal agencies to secure various permits and approvals. On May 13, 2025, the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) issued Conceptual Design Approval for the Project's Stormwater Management Plan.
- On May 2, 2025, the Project Team participated in the Havre de Grace First event. We engaged with attendees, answered questions about upcoming construction and encouraged residents to sign up for the project mailing list.



Artificial basking platform

Environmental Surveys

- Crews began conducting surveys to gather information about natural and archaeological resources and ambient noise and vibration in 2025 and will continue through the third quarter of 2025.
- Surveys will be conducted during daytime weekday hours.
- Work will involve excavation, measurements, photographs, drones, etc.



Excavation for archaeological investigations

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Environmental and Geotechnical Testing

- Environmental testing has begun and will continue through the second quarter of 2025. Testing will include hazardous material surveys of ancillary structures on Amtrak property.
- Crews will be conducting an in-river test shaft program to provide the design and construction teams with a better understanding of subsurface conditions.
- This work will be done from barges and is anticipated to begin in the third quarter of 2025.
- These activities are expected to occur during daytime and weekday hours.



Environmental testing

Subsurface Utility Investigations

- Crews began to identify subsurface utilities throughout the project corridor and surrounding areas using ground penetrating radar, hand augers, and vacuum excavators in the first quarter of 2025.
- Investigations will continue throughout 2025 and into 2026.
- Surveyors will be present performing project stakeout.
- Activities will typically occur during daytime weekday hours.
- There will be roadway impacts at some locations. Crews will coordinate lane closures with the appropriate authorities prior to starting work.
- Disturbed areas will be restored upon completion.



*Identification of
subsurface utilities*

Ongoing Railroad Maintenance

- In addition to the project-specific activities, Amtrak will continue performing regular inspections and maintenance along the existing bridge and adjacent segments of the Northeast Corridor.



*Maintenance on the NEC
Credit: Amtrak*

Project Timeline

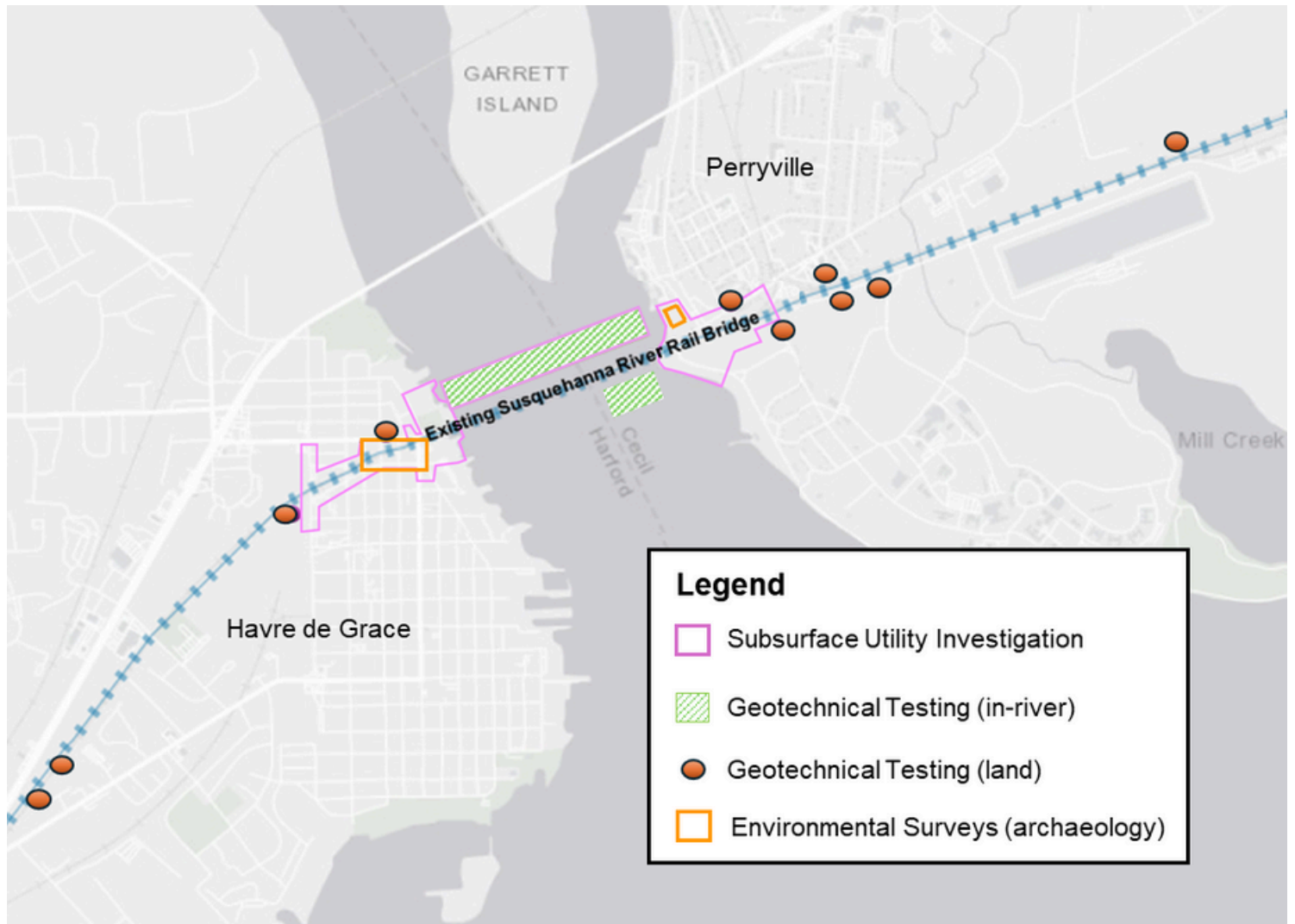


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Approximate Locations of On-Going and Upcoming Activities



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