

### 7.2.3 Woodbury

**Green Street Play Area (Park ID 51):** The proposed GCL would pass immediately to the west of Green Street Play Area. As this resource is located within the City of Woodbury, which has accepted Green Acres funding for some of its parkland resources, this resource is encumbered by Green Acres' restrictions and compensation requirements.

As shown on Figure 16, "Direct impacts to Green Street Play Area," a permanent acquisition of approximately less than 0.01 acres would be required to accommodate a portion of the proposed alignment. This would affect a small sliver of the park, and would not affect any park equipment/facilities, fencing, trees or landscaping. Additionally, approximately 0.02 acres of Green Street Play Area would be affected during the construction of the proposed project. The construction LOD would affect a portion of fencing enclosing playground equipment; however this fencing would be replaced in its current location following the completion of the proposed GCL.

As such, the proposed GCL would affect a total of approximately 0.02 acres of the 0.10-acre park (25.5 percent). Although this constitutes a Green Acres Major Impact based solely on the portion of the park affected, this conservative estimate of the affected parkland area includes the impact due to temporary construction activities. It is anticipated that the portion of the existing fencing that would need to be removed to accommodate construction activities would be replaced in its current location following the completion of the proposed GCL. The permanent impact to the Green Street Play Area as a result of the proposed GCL would not affect any park equipment/facilities, fencing, trees, or landscaping, nor would it diminish the value of the park. For these reasons, the GCL would not result in a significant adverse impact to the Green Street Play Area.

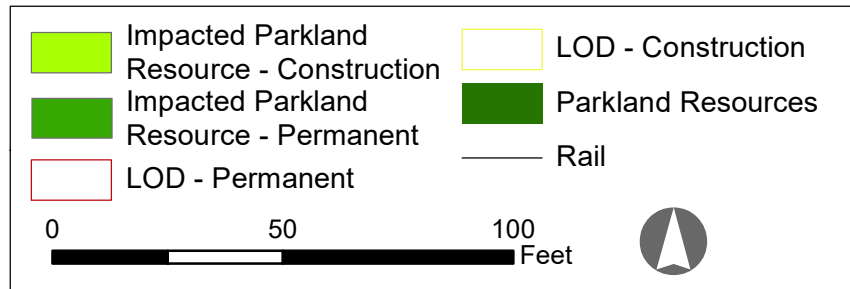
**Woodbury Lake Park (Park ID 55):** The proposed alignment for the GCL would pass immediately to the west of Woodbury Lake Park. As this resource is located within the City of Woodbury, which has accepted Green Acres funding for some of its parkland resources, this resource is encumbered by Green Acres' restrictions and compensation requirements.

As shown on Figure 17, "Direct Impacts to Woodbury Lake Park," a permanent acquisition of approximately 0.01 acre would be required to accommodate a widened bridge capable of supporting a double-track alignment. Additionally, less than 0.01 acre would be affected due to construction activities. In total, 0.02 acre of the 31.52-acre park property (0.1 percent) would be affected by the proposed GCL.

While Woodbury Lake Park consists of a total of 18 parcels, only one of these parcels would be directly affected. However, this parcel is not accessible from the public right-of-way and roughly half of its total area is occupied by Woodbury Lake. One tree within this parcel would need to be removed to accommodate the structures supporting the proposed bridge. Given that the remainder of Woodbury Lake Park would not be directly affected, there would be no permanent interference with or impact to the use of the park.



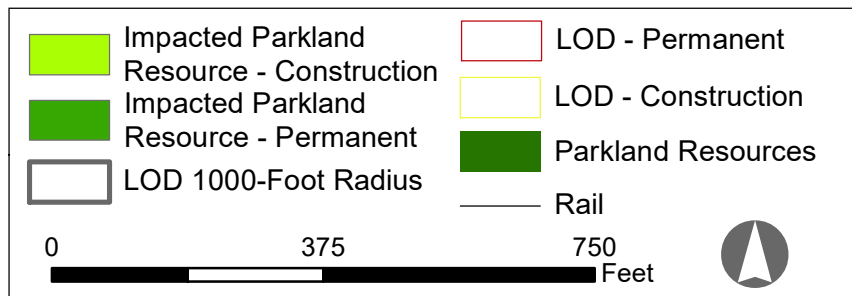
**Figure 16: Direct Impacts to Green Street Play Area**



Source: DVRPC; US Census Bureau; New Jersey Green Acres; NJGIN.



**Figure 17: Direct Impacts to Woodbury Lake Park**



Source: DVRPC; US Census Bureau; New Jersey Green Acres; NJGIN.

#### 7.2.4 Woodbury Heights Borough

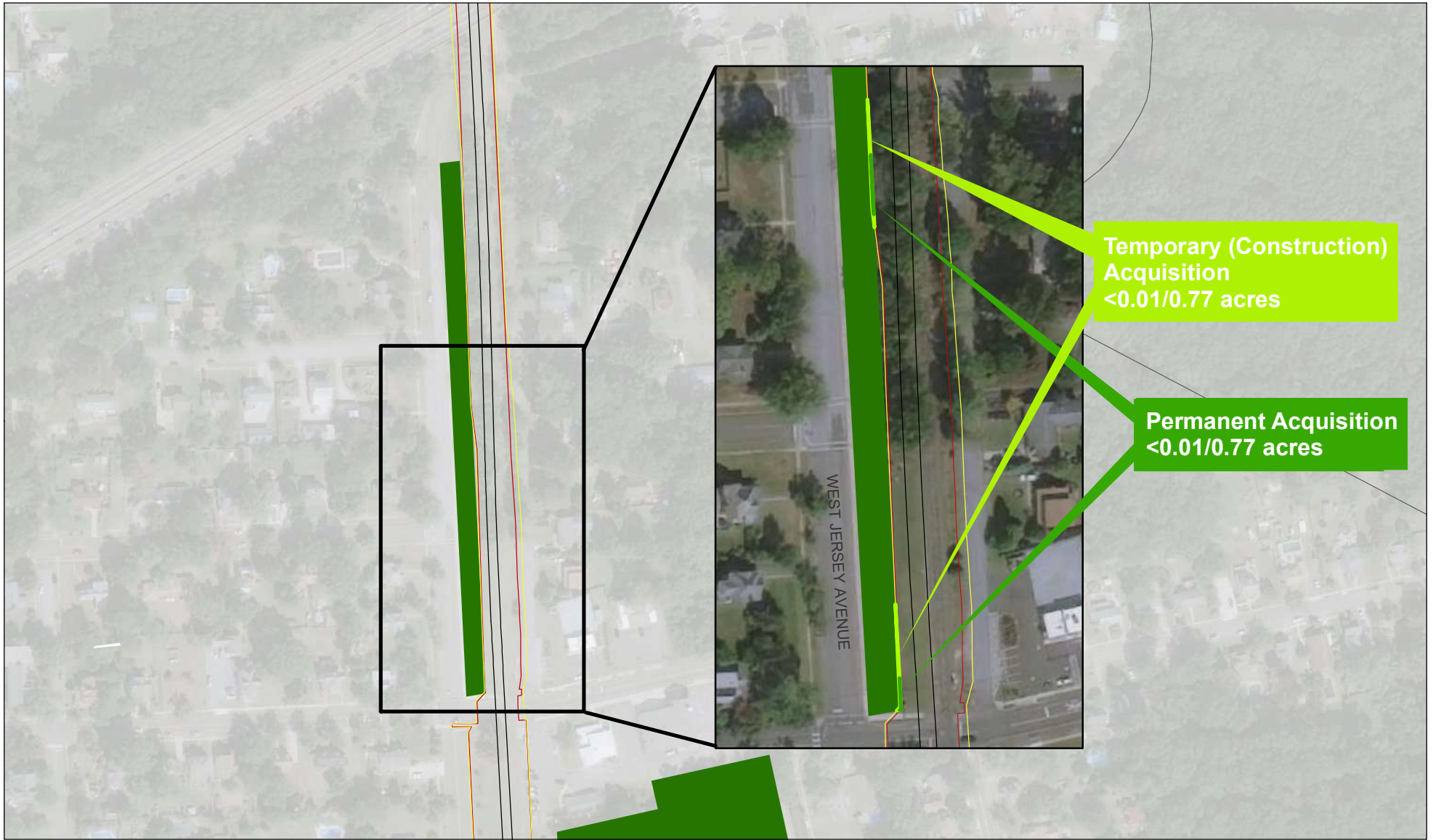
**Veterans' Park (Park ID 62):** The proposed alignment for the GCL would pass immediately to the east of Veterans' Park. As this resource is located within the Borough of Woodbury Heights, which has accepted Green Acres funding for some of its parkland resources, this resource is encumbered by Green Acres' restrictions and compensation requirements.

As shown on Figure 18, "Direct Impacts to Veterans' Park," a permanent acquisition of less than 0.01 acres would be required to accommodate the proposed rail alignment and grade crossing protection where the proposed alignment intersects with Elm Avenue. Construction activities are anticipated to extend marginally beyond the limit of permanent features of the GCL at this location, resulting in an additional affected area of less than 0.01 acres. Combined, the temporary (construction) and permanent (operational) LOD would affect less than 0.01 acres of the 0.77-acre park property (0.5 percent). However, the area-based impact calculations understate the direct impacts that would occur due to the way in which the parcel boundaries for this resource are defined.

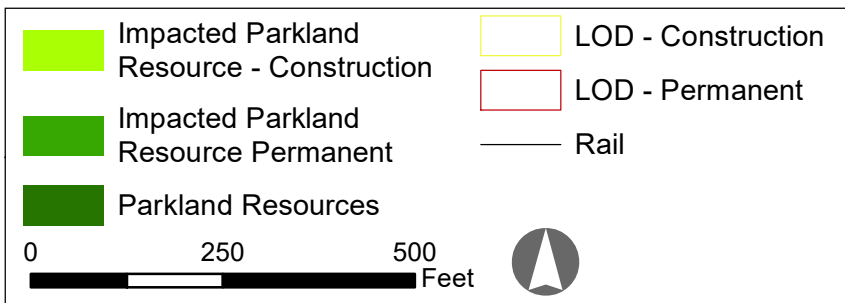
In addition to an approximately 35-foot wide strip of well-manicured grass-covered area, which acts as a buffer between the rail right-of-way and the park, there are various elements of this resource, including brick-paved walkways, monumental structures, and a set of gates running parallel to Elm Avenue near the roadway's northern sidewalks, that extend well beyond the parcel's eastern limits.

The proposed alignment would occupy the majority of the grass-covered strip that lies between the brick-paved walkways and the rail right-of-way, effectively eliminating the existing buffer that serves to separate the park from the rail traffic. In addition, the proposed alignment would occupy a portion of the brick-paved area in the southern half of the resource that surrounds a tree. The proposed alignment would also intersect with the western gate near the intersection of Elm Avenue and W. Jersey Avenue. The section of brick-paved walkway and the western gate would need to be modified to accommodate the proposed project alignment. A sliver of the brick-paved walkway that connects with the northern sidewalks along Elm Avenue would be affected by the installation of grade crossing protection equipment. One tree that lies at the northern edge of the park (beyond the parcel limits) would need to be removed to accommodate the proposed alignment.

Although direct impacts to portions of the brick-paved walkways and the western gate parallel to Elm Avenue would be expected, as well as the incorporation of the majority of the grass-covered strip, the primary features that define this resource (i.e., the monumental structures that pay tribute to active and fallen US soldiers and the brick-paved walkways that lead from those features to the sidewalks along Elm Avenue and W. Jersey Avenue) would not be directly impacted by the GCL. Therefore, no significant adverse impacts to the use of or access to this parkland resource are anticipated.



**Figure 18: Direct Impacts to Veterans' Park**



Source: DVRPC; US Census Bureau; New Jersey Green Acres; NJGIN.

**Woodbury Heights Elementary School (Park ID 63):** The proposed GCL would pass immediately to the west of Woodbury Heights Elementary School and would be buffered from the school by a dense, undisturbed swath of existing trees that currently spans approximately 225 feet, effectively separating the school grounds from the existing rail right-of-way. As this resource is located within the Borough of Woodbury Heights, which has accepted Green Acres funding for some of its parkland resources, this resource is encumbered by Green Acres' restrictions and compensation requirements.

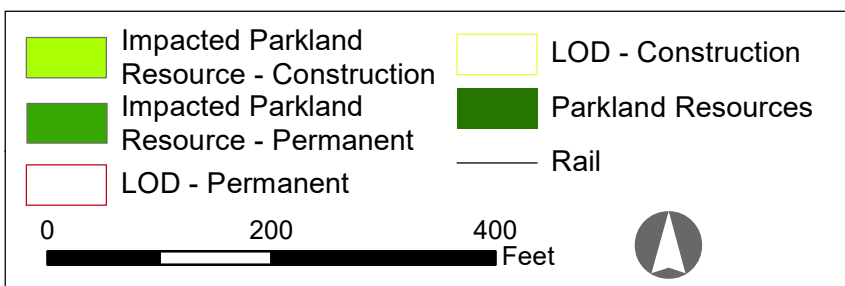
As shown on Figure 19, "Direct Impacts to Woodbury Heights Elementary School," a permanent easement of less than 0.01 acre of the 9.23 acre park property (0.1 percent) would be required to accommodate the beginning of the approach that provides access to the proposed Woodbury Vehicle Maintenance Facility. The construction LOD would extend marginally beyond this, affecting less than 0.01 acre in addition to the permanent impact. However, there would be no direct impact to the use of Woodbury Heights Elementary School and its associated recreational facilities. One tree within the impacted area that borders the rail right-of-way would need to be removed.

Although the GCL is anticipated to result in minor adverse impacts (i.e., removal of one tree), there would be no permanent interference with the use of or access to the school and none of the playground equipment or fencing would need to be permanently relocated. Therefore, the GCL is not anticipated to result in any significant adverse impacts to Woodbury Heights Elementary School.





**Figure 19: Direct Impacts to Woodbury Heights Elementary School**



Source: DVRPC; US Census Bureau; New Jersey Green Acres; NJGIN.

### 7.2.5 Wenonah Borough

**Wenonah Lake (Park ID 70):** The proposed GCL would pass immediately to the east of Wenonah Lake. This resource is located within the Borough of Wenonah which has not accepted Green Acres funding. As such, Wenonah Lake is not encumbered by Green Acres' restrictions and compensation requirements.

As shown on Figure 20, "Direct Impacts to Wenonah Lake," a temporary easement of 0.02 acre of the 65.78-acre park property (less than 0.1 percent) would be required to accommodate construction activities. The permanent features of the proposed GCL would not affect Wenonah Lake. One tree currently located on the park property would have to be removed as part of the construction of the proposed GCL. This tree is a part of a large wooded area and would not affect the use or value of the Wenonah Lake open space.

Although the GCL is anticipated to result in minor adverse impacts (i.e., removal of one tree), there would be no permanent interference with the use of or access to the open space. Therefore, the GCL is not anticipated to result in any significant adverse impacts to Wenonah Lake.

**Cedar Field (Park ID 75):** The proposed GCL would pass immediately to the west of Cedar Field. This resource is located within the Borough of Wenonah which has not accepted Green Acres funding. As such, Cedar Field is not encumbered by Green Acres' restrictions and compensation requirements.

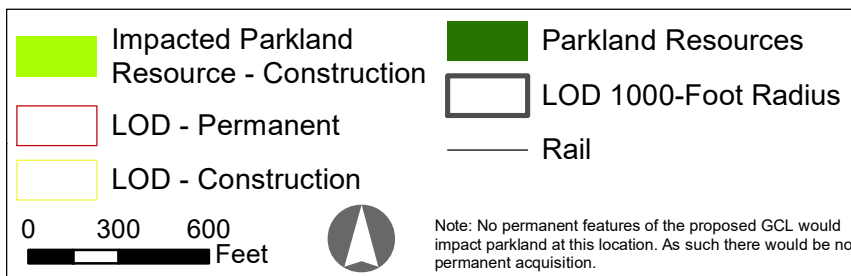
As shown on Figure 21, "Direct Impacts to Cedar Field," a temporary easement of less than 0.01 acre of the 3.37-acre park property (less than 0.1 percent) would be required to accommodate construction activities. The permanent features of the proposed GCL would not affect Cedar Field. No trees, facilities, equipment, or fencing would have to be removed or modified to accommodate the GCL construction activities at this location.

The GCL would not result in any interference with the use of or access to the open space. Therefore, the GCL is not anticipated to result in any significant adverse impacts to Cedar Field.

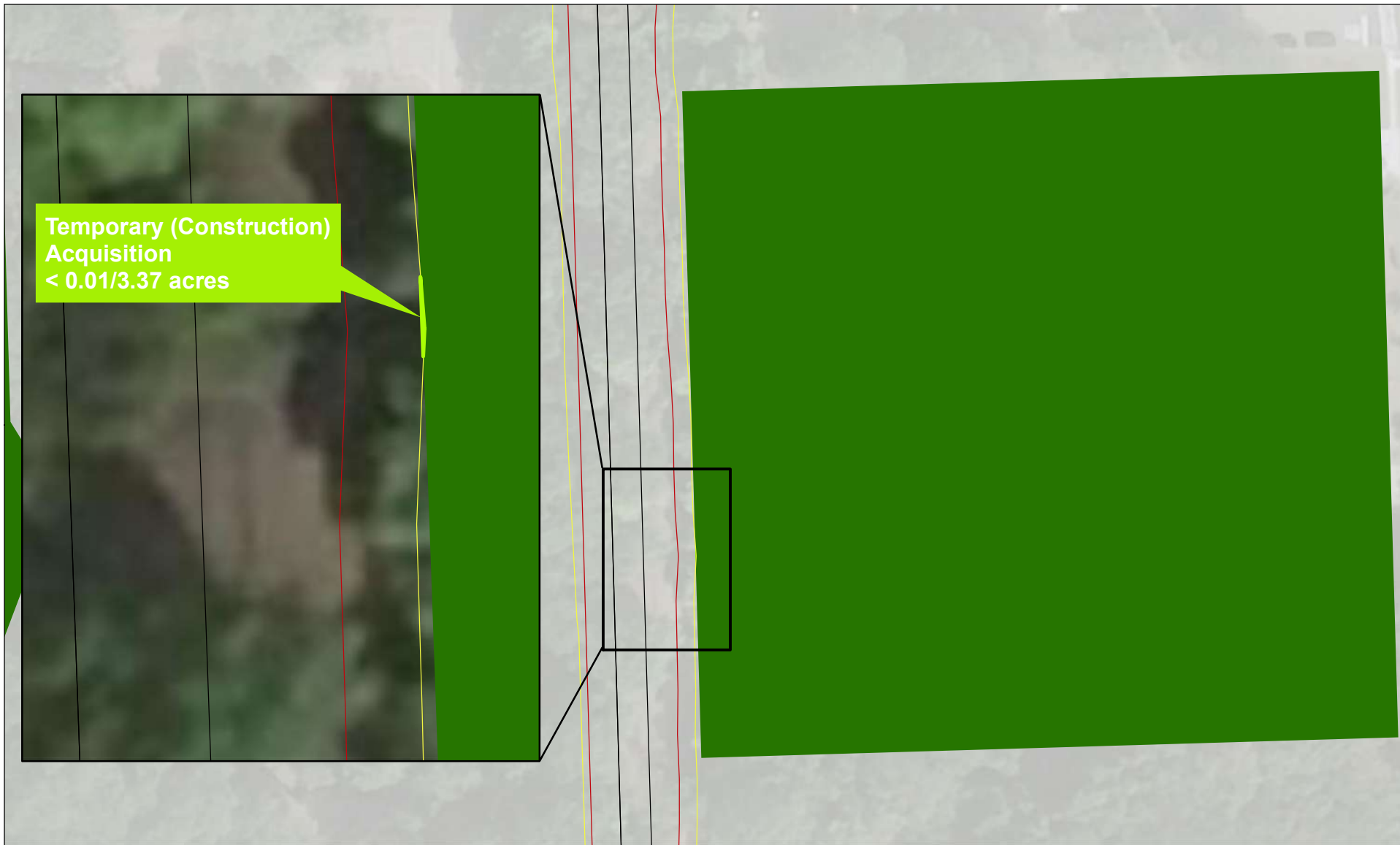




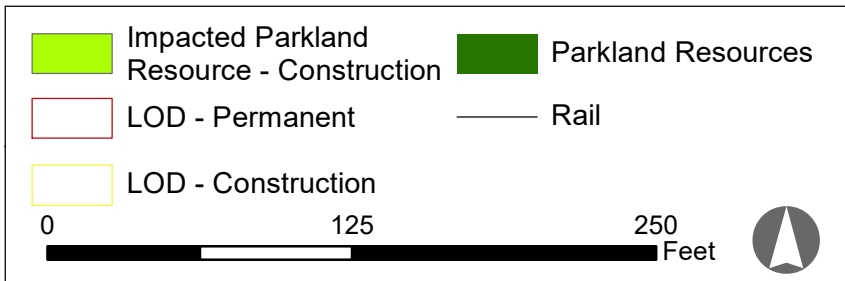
**Figure 20: Direct Impacts to Wenonah Lake**



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**Figure 21: Direct Impacts to Cedar Field**



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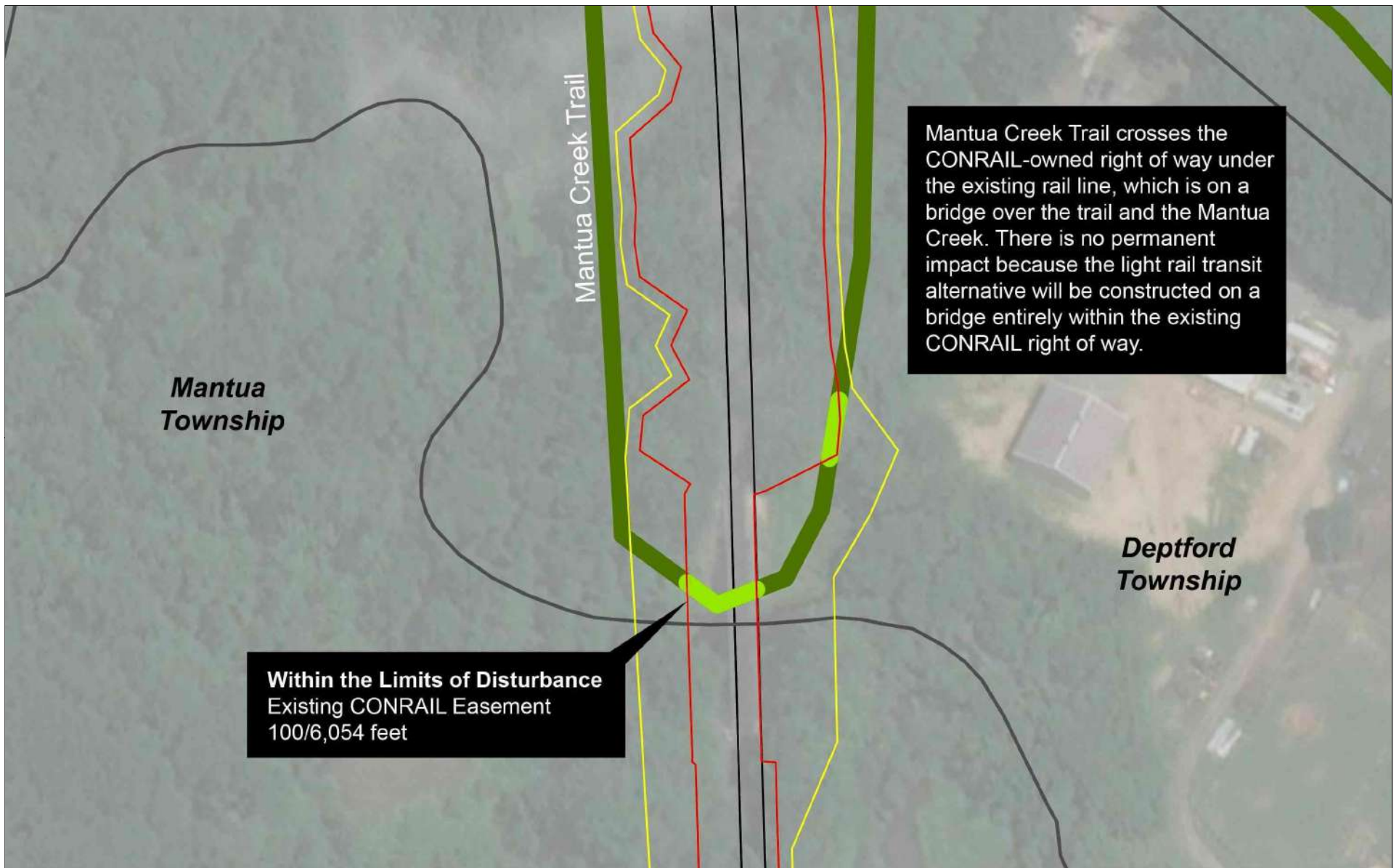
### 7.2.6 Deptford Township

**Mantua Creek Trail (Trail ID D):** The Mantua Creek Trail is a 1.15 mile multi-use trail that traverses portions of Wenonah Borough, Mantua Township, and Deptford Township and directly connects with the Monongahela Brook Trail (Trail ID E) in Wenonah Borough to the east. To avoid conflicts between trail users and rail traffic, the portion of the trail located within Deptford Township currently begins at an elevation that is similar to that of the rail tracks, runs north-south roughly parallel to the tracks while gradually sloping down toward Mantua Creek, bends east-west at Mantua Creek to pass beneath the bridge that carries rail traffic over Mantua Creek, and then returns to a north-south orientation gradually sloping upwards to return to an elevation similar to that of the rail tracks. The horseshoe configuration of the trail near Mantua Creek within Deptford Township is situated on a parcel that is privately-owned by Conrail. As part of the GCL, the existing rail bridge over Mantua Creek is proposed to be widened to accommodate two sets of rail tracks.

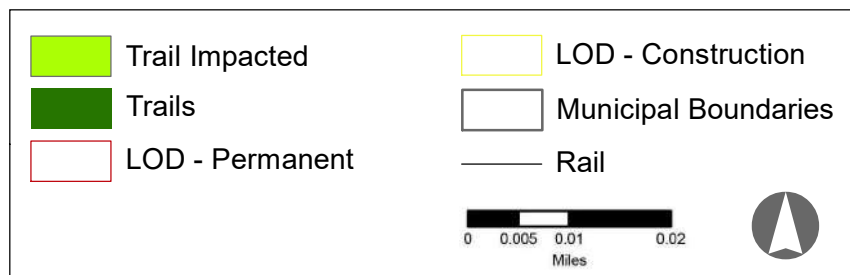
As shown on Figure 22, “Lack of Direct Impacts to Mantua Creek Trail,” as the trail passes beneath the existing rail bridge within Deptford Township on the Conrail-owned parcel, there is a 0.06 mile segment of the trail (5.0 percent of the trail’s total length) that would overlap with the GCL’s permanent and temporary LODs. It is anticipated that the proposed bridge widening and the long-term operation of the GCL would increase the length of the trail situated beneath the bridge from an existing length of approximately 20 feet to a future length of approximately 40 feet.

Despite the fact that a larger portion of the trail would be situated beneath the rail bridge with the proposed GCL, the long-term operation of the GCL would not result in any permanent interference with the use of or access to the multi-use trail once constructed because trail users would be able to use the same underpass beneath a widened rail bridge. Therefore, the GCL is not anticipated to result in any significant adverse impacts to the Mantua Creek Trail.

However, construction-related activities along the 0.06 mile segment of the trail would temporarily affect the use of the trail. As noted in Table 4, “Multi-Use Trail Resources Located Within the GCL Study Area,” the Wenonah Environmental Commission, as the owner of the trail system, is charged with maintaining this and the other trails within the study area.



**Figure 22: Direct Lack of Impacts to Mantua Creek Trail**



Source: DVRPC; US Census Bureau; New Jersey Green Acres; NJGIN

### 7.2.7 Glassboro Borough

**Bowe Park (Park ID 91):** The proposed GCL would pass immediately to the east of Bowe Park. As this resource is located within the Borough of Glassboro which has accepted Green Acres funding for some of its parkland resources, this resource is encumbered by Green Acres' restrictions and compensation requirements.

As shown on Figure 23, "Direct Impacts to Bowe Park," a temporary easement of approximately 0.40 acre of the 26.23-acre park property (1.5 percent) would be required to accommodate construction activities. The permanent features of the proposed GCL would not affect Bowe Park. No trees, facilities, equipment, or fencing would have to be removed or modified to accommodate the GCL construction activities at this location.

The GCL would not result in any interference with the use of or access to the open space. Therefore, the GCL is not anticipated to result in any significant adverse impacts to Bowe Park.

**Glassboro High School (Park ID 92):** The proposed GCL would pass immediately to the west of Glassboro High School. As this resource is located within the Borough of Glassboro, which has accepted Green Acres funding for some of its parkland resources, this resource is encumbered by Green Acres' restrictions and compensation requirements.

As shown on Figure 24, "Direct Impacts to Glassboro High School," less than 0.01 acre would be acquired to accommodate the drainage and rail bed widening for the project. Additionally, temporary construction activities would affect 0.20 acre of Glassboro High School resulting in a total affected area of approximately 0.20 acre of the 35.35-acre park (0.56 percent). The affected area is not occupied by any recreational facilities and lies near the southern edge of the school property beyond the running track. Thus, there would be no direct impact to the use of Glassboro High School and its associated recreational facilities. One tree within the impacted area would need to be removed.

Although the GCL is anticipated to result in minor adverse impacts (i.e., removal of one tree), there would be no permanent interference with the use of or access to the school or its recreational facilities and none of the recreational facilities would need to be permanently relocated. Therefore, the GCL is not anticipated to result in any significant adverse impacts to Glassboro High School.

**Glassboro Sports Complex (Park ID 93):** The proposed GCL would pass immediately to the east of Glassboro Sports Complex. As this resource is located within the Borough of Glassboro, which has accepted Green Acres funding for some of its parkland resources, this resource is encumbered by Green Acres' restrictions and compensation requirements.

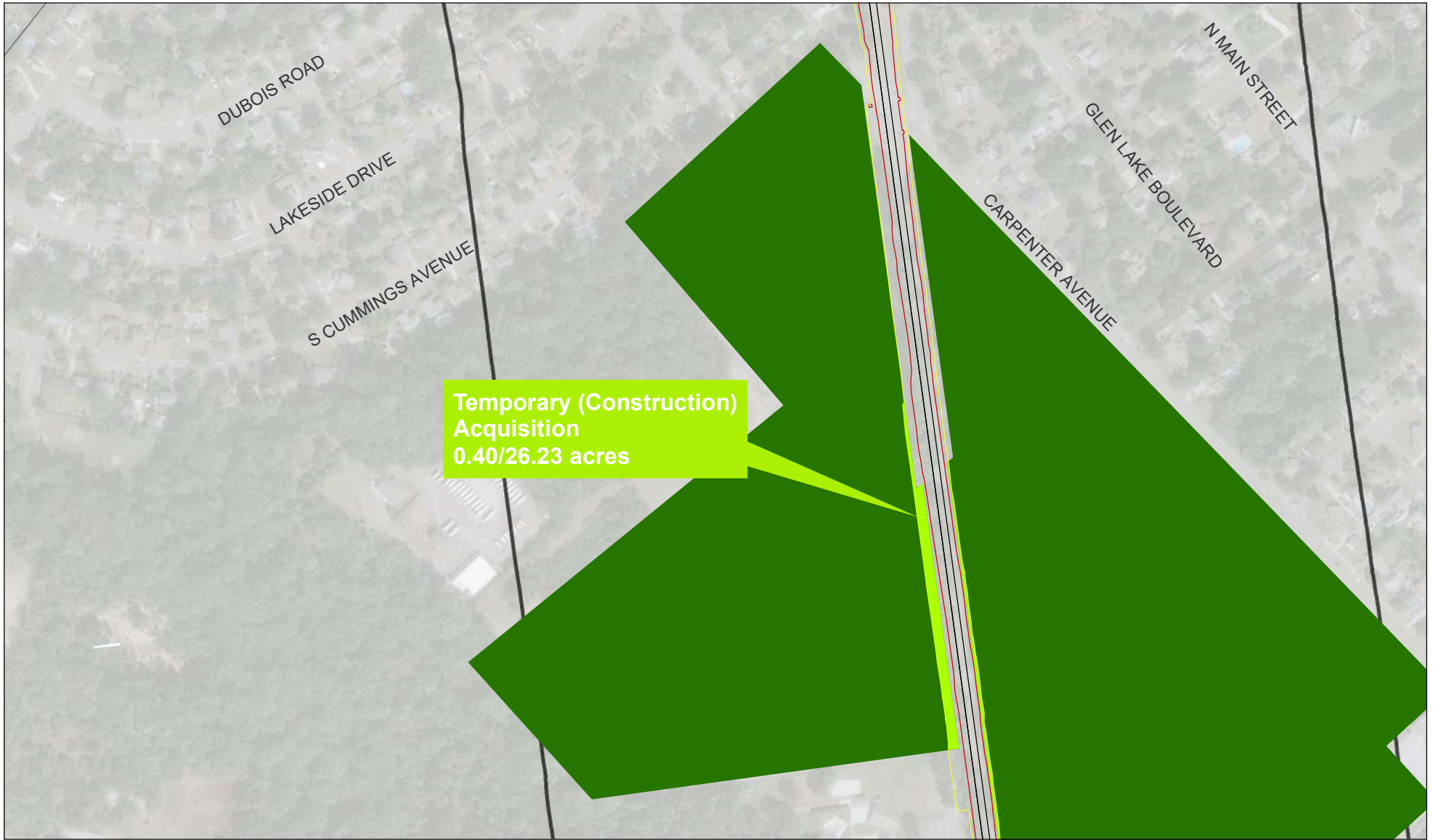
As shown on Figure 25, "Direct Impacts to Glassboro Sports Complex," 0.02 acre would be acquired to accommodate the GCL alignment. Additionally, temporary construction activities would affect 0.08 acre of the Glassboro Sports Complex, resulting in a total affected area of approximately 0.10 acre of the 16.21-acre park (0.56 percent). The affected area is not occupied by any recreational facilities and lies near the eastern edge of the park property. Thus, there would be no direct impact to the use of the Glassboro



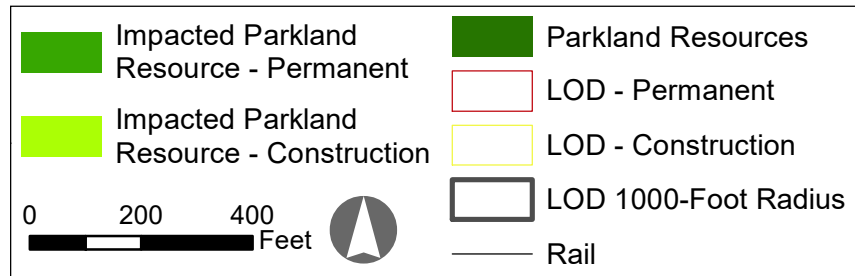
Sports Complex and its associated recreational facilities. No trees, facilities, equipment, or fencing would have to be removed or modified to accommodate proposed GCL features or construction activities at this location.

Although the GCL is anticipated to result in minor adverse impacts, there would be no permanent interference with the use of or access to the school or its recreational facilities and none of the recreational facilities would need to be permanently relocated. Therefore, the GCL is not anticipated to result in any significant adverse impacts to the Glassboro Sports Complex.





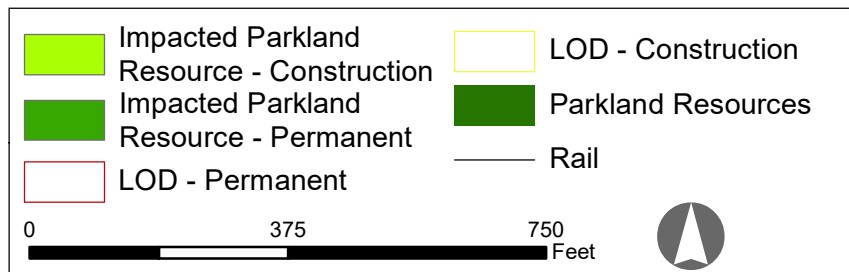
**Figure 23: Direct Impacts to Bowe Park**



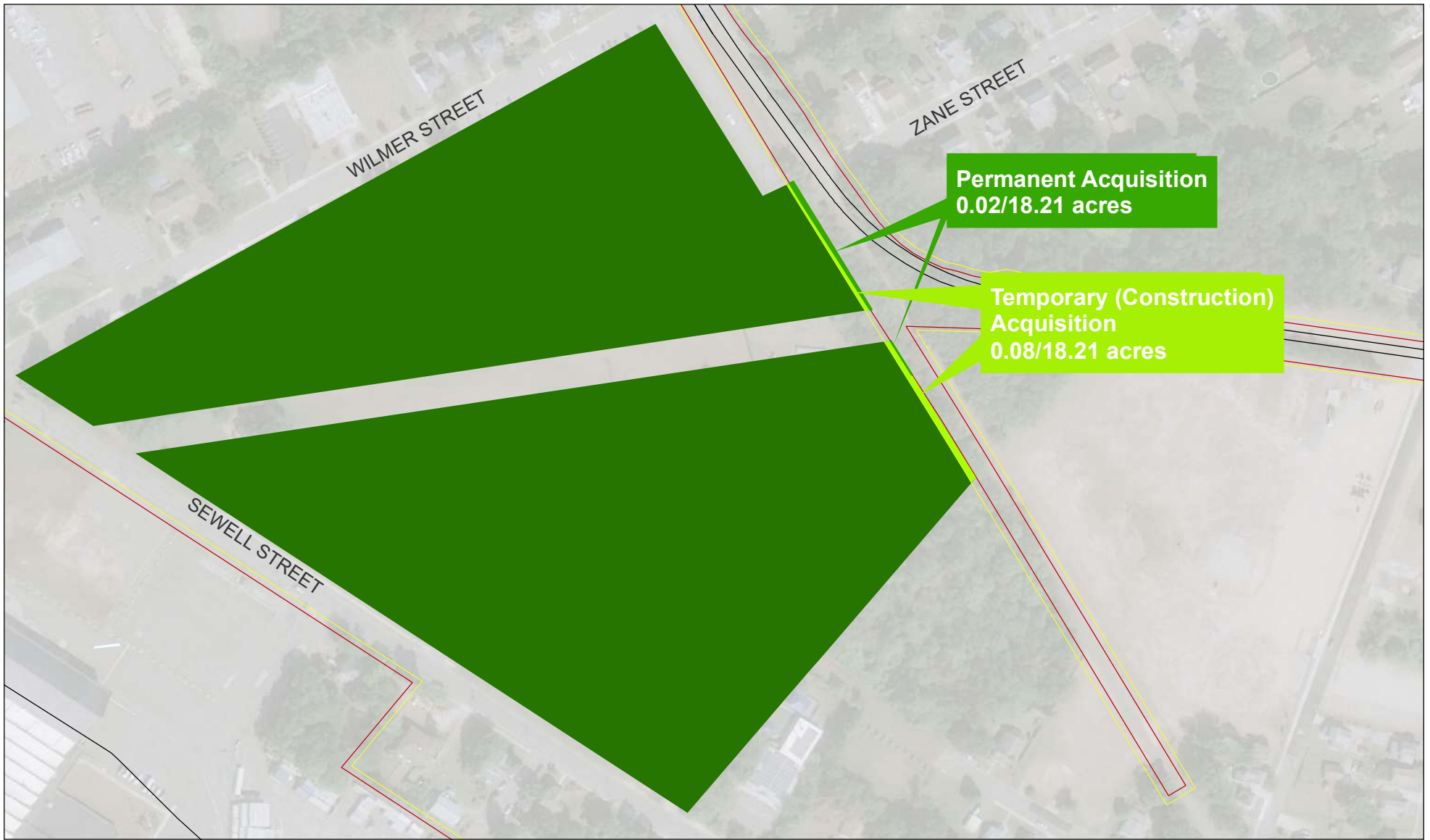
Source: DVRPC; US Census Bureau; New Jersey Green Acres; NJGIN.



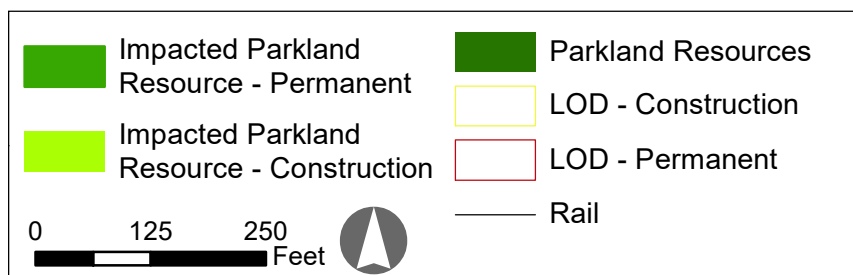
**Figure 24: Direct Impacts to Glassboro High School**



Source: DVRPC; US Census Bureau; New Jersey Green Acres; NJGIN.



**Figure 25: Direct Impacts to Glassboro Sports Complex**



Source: DVRPC; US Census Bureau; New Jersey Green Acres; NJGIN.

## **8 MITIGATION AND COMPENSATION**

### **8.1 No-Action Alternative**

Under the No-Action Alternative the GCL would not be built; as such no mitigation would be required with the No-Action Alternative.

### **8.2 Proposed GCL**

Coordination has been initiated with municipalities regarding the anticipated long-term effects to parkland resources, as described in Section 9, “Community Consultation.” As the project advances, agreed-upon measures to minimize harm to parkland resources would be developed in consultation with these municipalities.

The remainder of this section details the Green Acres compensation requirements that would be triggered by the change in the direct use of a portion of these resources from their current function as public spaces for recreation and/or conservation.

#### **8.2.1 Triangle Park (City of Camden)**

Given that more than ten percent of the parkland parcel would be directly affected by the GCL, the proposed change in the use of this parcel would constitute a major disposal or diversion under the Green Acres regulations.

As the project would operate above the resource, negotiating a permanent easement over the property would be the most logical legal mechanism to secure the proposed change in its use. In addition to replacing all trees that would be affected by the project, the project sponsor prior to construction of the proposed GCL would need to coordinate with the park’s owner (City of Camden), which would serve as the applicant to Green Acres, to propose compensation in the form of replacement land, monetary compensation, or a combination of the two as detailed in the “Surface Easement Over or Through Parkland” row of Table 1, “Green Acres’ Minimum Compensation Requirements for Major Disposals and Diversions of Encumbered Parkland Resources.”

As the intended use of the park (i.e., passive recreation) would be fully compromised once the GCL and its associated Cooper Hospital Station are in operation, the project sponsor would need to identify candidate replacement land nearby that could house a permanently relocated Triangle Park. The project sponsor prior to construction of the proposed GCL would also be responsible for providing the park’s owner, the City of Camden, with a level of compensation necessary to facilitate both the acquisition of the new site and either the physical relocation of the elements that constitute Triangle Park to the new site or the development of new features that functionally transform the new site into a public park.



Pending further consultation with the City of Camden and NJDOT, a replacement park could be developed at a proximate site on the opposite (south) side of Haddon Avenue to serve as mitigation for the anticipated closure of Triangle Park.

Triangle Park, which is depicted in blue and red on Figure 26, “Potential Site for A Permanently Relocated Triangle Park,” is currently bounded to the north by Newton Avenue, to the east by I-676, and by Haddon Avenue to the south and west. The new site, which is depicted in yellow on Figure 26, “Potential Site for A Permanently Relocated Triangle Park,” would be located directly south of the existing area and bounded by Haddon Avenue to the north, I-676 to the east, Pine Street to the south, and S. 9<sup>th</sup> Street to the west. The proposed site is located in an un-platted area that, given its proximity to I-676, is presumed to be under the control of the NJDOT. The proposed 0.80 acre site offers the potential for an expanded recreational footprint in an adjacent area with similar aesthetic characteristics, as the existing Triangle Park totals 0.18 acres. The two art panels could potentially be reinstalled either within the new park site or at the proposed Cooper Hospital Station once construction is completed.





**Figure 26:** Potential Site for a Permanently Relocated Triangle Park

-  Existing Triangle Park
-  Potential Site for a Relocated Triangle Park





### **8.2.2 Sherman Neighborhood Play Lot (City of Gloucester)**

Given that the project sponsor is a public entity, the project proposed would have a public benefit, less than 5 percent of the parkland parcel would be directly affected by the GCL, no significant adverse impacts to the intended use of the resource are anticipated, and no significant adverse impacts to the natural resources within the parcel or in the surrounding areas would occur under the project, the proposed change in the use of this parcel would constitute a minor disposal or diversion under the Green Acres regulations.

The project sponsor prior to construction of the proposed GCL would need to coordinate with the City of Gloucester, which would serve as the applicant to Green Acres, to secure the proposed change in the resource's use. The project sponsor prior to construction of the proposed GCL would also need to weigh the monetary and transactions costs and benefits associated with using any one of the three legal mechanisms to secure the proposed change in the resource's use.

In terms of Green Acres' compensation requirements, negotiating a permanent easement would result in the applicant (and thereby the project sponsor prior to the construction of the proposed GCL) contributing a minimum of \$2,500 to the Green Acres program. Negotiating a sale of a portion of the parcel would result in the applicant (and thereby the project sponsor prior to construction of the proposed GCL) contributing a minimum of \$5,000 to the Green Acres program as compensation. Based on the Green Acres regulations, neither of these legal mechanisms would trigger the need to replace any trees directly affected by the project.

Negotiating a lease or use agreement for a portion of the parcel would require that the Green Acres Program review the proposed compensation to the City of Gloucester, as the owner and applicant, and approve it as fair and appropriate. In addition, a lease or use agreement would require that the applicant and, by extension, the project sponsor prior to construction of the proposed GCL compensate for impacts to all trees that would be directly affected by the project. Finally, the City of Gloucester, as the applicant, would be required to use all the proceeds from the compensation provided to support operating, maintenance, or capital expenses for the City's funded parkland or overall recreation program.

### **8.2.3 Thompson Street and Lane Avenue Park (City of Gloucester)**

Given that more than ten percent of the parkland parcel would be directly affected by the GCL, the proposed change in the use of this parcel would constitute a major disposal or diversion under the Green Acres regulations.

The project would operate at a similar elevation to this recreational facility. While negotiating a permanent easement through the property may be the most logical legal mechanism to secure the proposed change in its use, other mechanisms (e.g., granting of a lease or use agreement for other than recreation and conservation purposes for a term that exceeds two years or the transfer or sale of a fee simple interest in the property) may also be considered. Regardless of the mechanism chosen, the project sponsor prior to construction of the proposed GCL would be required to replace all trees that would be directly affected by the project. In addition, the project sponsor prior to construction of the proposed

GCL would need to coordinate with the City of Gloucester, which would serve as the applicant to Green Acres, to propose compensation in the form of replacement land, monetary compensation, or a combination of the two as outlined in either the “Surface Easement Over or Through Parkland” or “Diversion or Disposals” rows of Table 1, “Green Acres’ Minimum Compensation Requirements for Major Disposals and Diversion of Encumbered Parkland Resources” depending on the legal mechanism used.

#### **8.2.4 Green Street Play Area (City of Woodbury)**

Given that more than ten percent of the parkland parcel would be directly affected by the GCL, the proposed change in the use of this parcel would constitute a major disposal or diversion under the Green Acres regulations.

The project would operate at a similar elevation to this recreational facility. While negotiating a permanent easement through the property may be the most logical legal mechanism to secure the proposed change in its use, other mechanisms (e.g., granting of a lease or use agreement for other than recreation and conservation purposes for a term that exceeds two years or the transfer or sale of a fee simple interest in the property) may also be considered. Regardless of the mechanism chosen, the project sponsor prior to construction of the proposed GCL would be required to replace all fencing that would be directly affected by the project. In addition, the project sponsor prior to construction of the proposed GCL would need to coordinate with the City of Woodbury, which would serve as the applicant to Green Acres, to propose compensation in the form of replacement land, monetary compensation, or a combination of the two as outlined in either the “Surface Easement Over or Through Parkland” or “Diversion or Disposals” rows of Table 1, “Green Acres’ Minimum Compensation Requirements for Major Disposals and Diversion of Encumbered Parkland Resources” depending on the legal mechanism used.

#### **8.2.5 Woodbury Lake Park (City of Woodbury)**

Given that the project sponsor is a public entity, the project proposed would have a public benefit, less than 5 percent of the parkland parcel would be directly affected by the GCL, no significant adverse impacts to the intended use of the resource are anticipated, and no significant adverse impacts to the natural resources within the parcel or in the surrounding areas would occur under the project, the proposed change in the use of this parcel would constitute a minor disposal or diversion under the Green Acres regulations.

The project sponsor prior to construction of the proposed GCL would need to coordinate with the City of Woodbury, which would serve as the applicant to Green Acres, to secure the proposed change in the resource’s use. The project sponsor prior to construction of the proposed GCL would also need to weigh the monetary and transactions costs and benefits associated with using any one of the three legal mechanisms to secure the proposed change in the resource’s use.

In terms of Green Acres’ compensation requirements, negotiating a permanent easement would result in the applicant (and thereby the project sponsor prior to construction of the proposed GCL) contributing a minimum of \$2,500 to the Green Acres program. Negotiating a sale of a portion of the parcel would result in the applicant (and thereby the project sponsor prior to construction of the proposed GCL) contributing

a minimum of \$5,000 to the Green Acres program as compensation. Based on the Green Acres regulations, neither of these legal mechanisms would trigger the need to replace any trees directly affected by the project.

Negotiating a lease or use agreement for a portion of the parcel would require that the Green Acres Program review the proposed compensation to the City of Woodbury, as the owner and applicant, and approve it as fair and appropriate. In addition, a lease or use agreement would require that the applicant and, by extension, the project sponsor prior to construction of the proposed GCL compensate for impacts to all trees that would be directly affected by the project. Finally, the City of Woodbury, as the applicant, would be required to use all the proceeds from the compensation provided to support operating, maintenance, or capital expenses for the City's funded parkland or overall recreation program.

#### **8.2.6 Veterans' Park (Borough of Woodbury Heights)**

Similar to the discussion presented in Section 8.2.5, "Woodbury Lake Park (City of Woodbury)", the proposed change in the use of a portion of Veteran's Park would constitute a minor disposal or diversion under the Green Acres regulations. While portions of the brick-paved walkways, western gate, and grass-covered buffer would be directly affected, no significant adverse impacts to the resource would be anticipated.

The project sponsor prior to construction of the proposed GCL would need to coordinate with the Borough of Woodbury Heights, which would serve as the applicant to Green Acres, to secure the proposed change in the resource's use.

The project sponsor prior to construction of the proposed GCL would also need to weigh the monetary and transactions costs and benefits associated with using any one of the three legal mechanisms to secure the proposed change in the resource's use. Given that the direct impacts to Veterans' Park meet the same regulatory thresholds as those anticipated for Woodbury Lake Park, the same compensation requirements outlined in Section 8.2.5, "Woodbury Lake Park (City of Woodbury)," would apply.

#### **8.2.7 Woodbury Heights Elementary School (Borough of Woodbury Heights)**

Like the discussion presented in Section 8.2.5, "Woodbury Lake Park (City of Woodbury)," the proposed change in the use of a portion of Woodbury Heights Elementary School would constitute a minor disposal or diversion under the Green Acres regulations.

The project sponsor prior to construction of the proposed GCL would need to coordinate with the Borough of Woodbury Heights, which would serve as the applicant to Green Acres, to secure the proposed change in the resource's use.

The project sponsor prior to construction of the proposed GCL would also need to weigh the monetary and transactions costs and benefits associated with using any one of the three legal mechanisms to secure the proposed change in the resource's use. Given that the direct impacts to Woodbury Heights Elementary School meet the same regulatory thresholds as those anticipated for Woodbury Lake Park,

the same compensation requirements outlined in Section 8.2.5, “Woodbury Lake Park (City of Woodbury),” would apply.

#### **8.2.8 Wenonah Lake (Wenonah Borough)**

Construction activities would affect 0.02 acres of the 65.78-acre Wenonah Lake, which is not under the jurisdiction of Green Acres. Although the GCL is anticipated to result in minor adverse impacts (i.e., removal of one tree), there would be no permanent interference with the use of or access to the open space. Therefore, the GCL is not anticipated to result in any significant adverse impacts to Wenonah Lake; potential mitigation and/or remediation measures will be explored with the Borough of Wenonah as part of preliminary engineering efforts.

#### **8.2.9 Cedar Field (Wenonah Borough)**

Construction activities would affect 0.01 acres of the 3.37-acre Cedar Field, which is not under the jurisdiction of Green Acres. The GCL would not result in any interference with the use of or access to the open space. Therefore, the GCL is not anticipated to result in any significant adverse impacts to Cedar Field; potential mitigation and/or remediation measures will be explored with the Borough of Wenonah as part of preliminary engineering efforts.

#### **8.2.10 Mantua Creek Trail (Wenonah Environmental Commission)**

The segment of the Mantua Creek Trail that intersects with the profile of the GCL passes beneath the rail ROW that would be used by the project. Therefore, no direct impacts to this recreational facility are anticipated. In addition, the segment that lies beneath the rail ROW is situated on property that is privately-owned by Conrail and has never been subject to an encumbrance by the Green Acres Program. Therefore, this recreational facility is not encumbered by Green Acres’ restrictions and compensation requirements and no compensation would be required.

#### **8.2.11 Bowe Park (Borough of Glassboro)**

No permanent features of the proposed GCL would affect Bowe Park. A temporary easement of less than 0.40 acre of the 26.23-acre park property (1.5 percent) would be required to accommodate construction activities. No trees, facilities, equipment, or fencing would have to be removed or modified to accommodate the GCL construction activities at this location. The GCL would not result in any interference with the use of or access to the open space. Therefore, the GCL is not anticipated to result in any significant adverse impacts to Bowe Park; potential mitigation and/or remediation measures will be explored with the Borough of Glassboro as part of preliminary engineering efforts.

#### **8.2.12 Glassboro High School (Borough of Glassboro)**

Similar to the discussion presented in Section 8.2.5, “Woodbury Lake Park (City of Woodbury),” the proposed change in the use of a portion of Glassboro High School would constitute a minor disposal or diversion under the Green Acres regulations.

The project sponsor prior to construction of the proposed GCL would need to coordinate with the Borough of Glassboro, which would serve as the applicant to Green Acres, to secure the proposed change in the resource's use.

The project sponsor prior to construction of the proposed GCL would also need to weigh the monetary and transactions costs and benefits associated with using any one of the three legal mechanisms to secure the proposed change in the resource's use. Given that the direct impacts to Glassboro High School meet the same regulatory thresholds as those anticipated for Woodbury Lake Park, the same compensation requirements outlined in Section 8.2.5, "Woodbury Lake Park (City of Woodbury)," would apply.

### **8.2.13 Glassboro Sports Complex (Borough of Glassboro)**

Similar to the discussion presented in Section 8.2.5, "Woodbury Lake Park (City of Woodbury)," the proposed change in the use of a portion of Glassboro High School would constitute a minor disposal or diversion under the Green Acres regulations.

The project sponsor prior to construction of the proposed GCL would need to coordinate with the Borough of Glassboro, which would serve as the applicant to Green Acres, to secure the proposed change in the resource's use.

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## **9 COMMUNITY CONSULTATION**

In 2014, the GCL Project Sponsor initiated coordination and outreach with agencies that have jurisdiction over parkland resources within the GCL project study corridor. As the project continues to move forward, the GCL Project Sponsor will continue to coordinate with communities and Green Acres as appropriate to discuss any changes in the anticipated impacts since the original coordination. A summary of this initial agency coordination and outreach specific to the parkland resources for which the project is anticipated to have direct physical impacts is provided below.

### **9.1 Triangle Park (City of Camden)**

A meeting was held with the City of Camden's Department of Engineering on May 8, 2014, to discuss the project's impacts to Triangle Park. Although the City did not have any objections to the proposed use of Triangle Park, they did request that the proposed guideway be designed to prevent birds from nesting and avoid creating a space that could potentially attract a homeless population. It should be noted that the City of Camden requested that the project sponsor coordinate with Cooper Hospital which currently maintains this facility and that such coordination should occur before final design.

Additional coordination will be needed with the City and the Green Acres Program to discuss the proposed potential mitigation site and the nature of the facilities at that site. Discussions will also need to be initiated with NJDOT, the presumed owner of the proposed mitigation site, to determine its availability.

## **9.2 Thompson Street and Lane Avenue Park (City of Gloucester)**

A meeting was held with representatives from the City of Gloucester on April 28, 2014 to discuss the project's impacts to Thompson Street and Lane Avenue Park. Representatives did not raise any concerns regarding the project's impact to this parkland resource.

## **9.3 Sherman Neighborhood Play Lot (City of Gloucester)**

A meeting was held with representatives from the City of Gloucester on April 28, 2014 to discuss the project. However, at the time, the design of the GCL did not anticipate impacts to Sherman Neighborhood Play Lot. Given that the updated design introduces direct impacts to one of the 11 parcels that constitute Sherman Neighborhood Play Lot, the project team will convene a follow-up meeting with representatives from the City of Gloucester to discuss the project's anticipated impacts to Sherman Neighborhood Play Lot.

## **9.4 Green Street Play Area (City of Woodbury)**

A meeting was held with representatives from the City of Woodbury on May 12, 2014 to discuss the project. However, at the time, the design of the GCL did not anticipate impacts to Green Street Play Area. Given that the updated design introduces direct impacts to the parcel that constitutes Green Street Play Area, the project team will convene a follow-up meeting with representatives from the City of Woodbury to discuss the project's anticipated impacts to Green Street Play Area.

## **9.5 Woodbury Lake Park (City of Woodbury)**

A meeting was held with representatives from the City of Woodbury on May 12, 2014 to discuss the project. However, at the time, the design of the GCL did not anticipate impacts to Woodbury Lake Park. Given that the updated design introduces direct impacts to one of the 18 parcels that constitute Woodbury Lake Park, the project team will convene a follow-up meeting with representatives from the City of Woodbury to discuss the project's anticipated impacts to Woodbury Lake Park.

## **9.6 Veterans' Park (Borough of Woodbury Heights)**

A meeting was held with representatives from the Borough of Woodbury Heights on April 28, 2014 to discuss the project's impacts to Veterans' Park. However, at the time, the design of the GCL did not anticipate any direct impacts to this resource. While the representatives had agreed that the previous design would have a negligible impact on the resource and offered their support for the project, the project team will convene a follow-up meeting with representatives from Woodbury Heights to discuss the project's updated anticipated impacts to Veteran's Park.



### **9.7 Woodbury Heights Elementary School (Borough of Woodbury Heights)**

A meeting was held with representatives from the Borough of Woodbury Heights on April 28, 2014 to discuss the project's impacts. However, at the time, the design of the GCL did not contemplate impacts to Woodbury Heights Elementary School. Given that the updated design introduces direct impacts to this resource, the project team will convene a follow-up meeting with representatives from Woodbury Heights to discuss the project's anticipated impacts to Woodbury Heights Elementary School.

### **9.8 Mantua Creek Trail (Deptford Township)**

Although no direct impacts are anticipated to Mantua Creek Trail, construction activities may affect the use of this recreational facility. Therefore, the project team will convene a meeting with representatives from the Wenonah Environmental Commission and Deptford Township to discuss the project's potential temporary impacts to Mantua Creek Trail.

### **9.9 Bowe Park (Borough of Glassboro)**

A meeting was held with representatives from the Borough of Glassboro on May 8, 2014 to discuss the project. However, at the time, the design of the GCL did not anticipate impacts to Bowe Park. Given that the updated design introduces direct impacts to one of the parcels that constitute Bowe Park, the project team will convene a follow-up meeting with representatives from the Borough of Glassboro to discuss the project's anticipated impacts to Bowe Park.

### **9.10 Glassboro High School (Borough of Glassboro)**

A meeting with representatives from the Borough of Glassboro on May 8, 2014 demonstrated that the Borough did not have any concerns regarding the anticipated impacts to Glassboro High School. The representatives noted that they would communicate the potential impact to the Glassboro Board of Education, which owns the high school.

### **9.11 Glassboro Sports Complex (Borough of Glassboro)**

A meeting was held with representatives from the Borough of Glassboro on May 8, 2014 to discuss the project. However, at the time, the design of the GCL did not anticipate impacts to the Glassboro Sports Complex. Given that the updated design introduces direct impacts to one of the parcels that constitute the Glassboro Sports Complex, the project team will convene a follow-up meeting with representatives from the Borough of Glassboro to discuss the project's anticipated impacts to the Glassboro Sports Complex.

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