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**MONMOUTH COUNTY PARK SYSTEM OPENS AN ADDITIONAL SECTION
OF THE UNION TRANSPORTATION TRAIL**

UPPER FREEHOLD – The Monmouth County Park System is proud to announce the opening of an additional section of the Union Transportation Trail, Upper Freehold. Approximately three miles long, the new section brings the trail’s total length to seven miles. Originally opened to the public in September 2010, the Union Transportation Trail is a multi-use trail that runs through farmland and rural countryside in the western corner of the county. Built along a former rail line, the trail is the result of a long-term lease between the Park System and JCP&L that allows the Park System to develop the land for recreational use. Since its opening, equestrians, bicyclists, runners and hikers have enjoyed this scenic trail that features an historic wood trestle bridge over Lahaway Creek. When completed, the trail will measure 8.6 miles in length.

Parking for the new section of trail is available on Herbert Road, near the Sharon Station Road. Additional parking for the Union Transportation Trail is available on Jonathan Holmes Road and Millstream Road (Route 537). For more information about the Union Transportation Trail or the Monmouth County Park System, please visit www.monmouthcountyparks.com or call 732-842-4000. For persons with hearing impairment, the TTY/TDD number is 711. The Monmouth County Park System, created in 1960 by the Monmouth County Board of Chosen Freeholders, is Monmouth County’s Open Space, Parks and Recreation agency.

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