Towpath Closures

The project is underway. Operations began in March 2018 and active dredging of the Canal and debris removal will resume in May 2019. Operations on the dewatering site, including trucking of the removed sediment, occur year-round.

During periods of active dredging the portion of the Canal being dredged is closed to boaters. Occasional, temporary closures of the towpath may be necessary during the project. Signage will be posted at D&R Canal State Park entrances surrounding the closed areas to notify the public.

Project Updates

Information as of April 2019:

- Work in the Canal will resume in May, with removal of aquatic vegetation scheduled to begin on May 1 and dredging to begin on May 6. This dredging season will continue through October 31, 2019.
- As of May 1, the Canal will be closed to boaters between the Walking Bridge (near Little Valley Stables) and Griggstown Lock ("Reach 3" of the dredging project).
- The next segment to be dredged in 2019 is Reach 5, which is between Griggstown Causeway and Blackwells Mills Causeway.
- Dredged material will continue to be transported via floating pipeline to the
 material dewatering area located outside of the Canal and Park areas. Once dry,
 the material will be transported by truck to the American Cyanamid Site in
 Bridgewater, NJ for beneficial reuse. All material dredged in 2018 has been
 delivered to the site.
- Three dredging seasons are expected (2018, 2019, and 2020). Final processing and transportation of dredged sediment will occur in early 2021.