

Public Advisory Group Meeting 4

November 17, 2020



Welcome to the PAG!



Meeting Guidelines

- The meeting will be recorded and shared on the PAG SharePoint Site.
- Please remain muted unless called upon to speak.
- Please “raise your hand” if you wish to speak. Our moderator will call on participants to speak in the order in which hands were raised.
- You may also ask questions or submit comments using the chat feature.

Goals for Today's Meeting

- Roll Call
- PAG Participants Roundtable Discussion
- Aesthetic Presentation
- Next steps

Project Team Leadership

- Scott Deeck – NJDOT Project Manager
- Ali Vaezi – Consultant Team Project Manager, Dewberry
- David Hill – Consultant Team Deputy Project Manager, Dewberry
- Ileana Ivanciu – Technical Advisor, Environmental Analysis, Dewberry
- Andrea Burk – Environmental Analysis Task Leader, Dewberry
- Sara Margolis – Public Involvement Task Leader, Dewberry

PAG Members

- Maryann Carroll – Delaware River Greenway Partnership, Executive Director
- Lauren Chamberlain – Borough of Delaware Water Gap – Resident
- John Corlett – AAA Northeast, Director of Public/Government Affairs and Traffic Safety
- John Donahue – Knowlton Township, Hardwick Township, Upper Mt. Bethel Township, Lower Mt. Bethel Township, Smithfield Township
- Crista Schaedel – Borough of Delaware Water Gap – Resident
- Rich Scott – Portland Borough – Resident

PAG Members, continued

- Lt. Jeffrey Shotwell – New Jersey State Police, Station Commander of the NJSP Hope Barracks
- James Steele –Portland Borough – Resident
- Gail Toth – New Jersey Motor Truck Association, Executive Director
- Trooper Brian Weis – New Jersey State Police, Assistant Station Commander of the NJSP Hope Barracks
- Mark Zakutansky – Appalachian Mountain Club, Director of Conservation Policy Engagement

Roundtable Discussion



Questions

- How have you been communicating the information that you have been learning at these PAG meetings with your communities and/or networks?
- What feedback have you heard from your communities and/or networks?

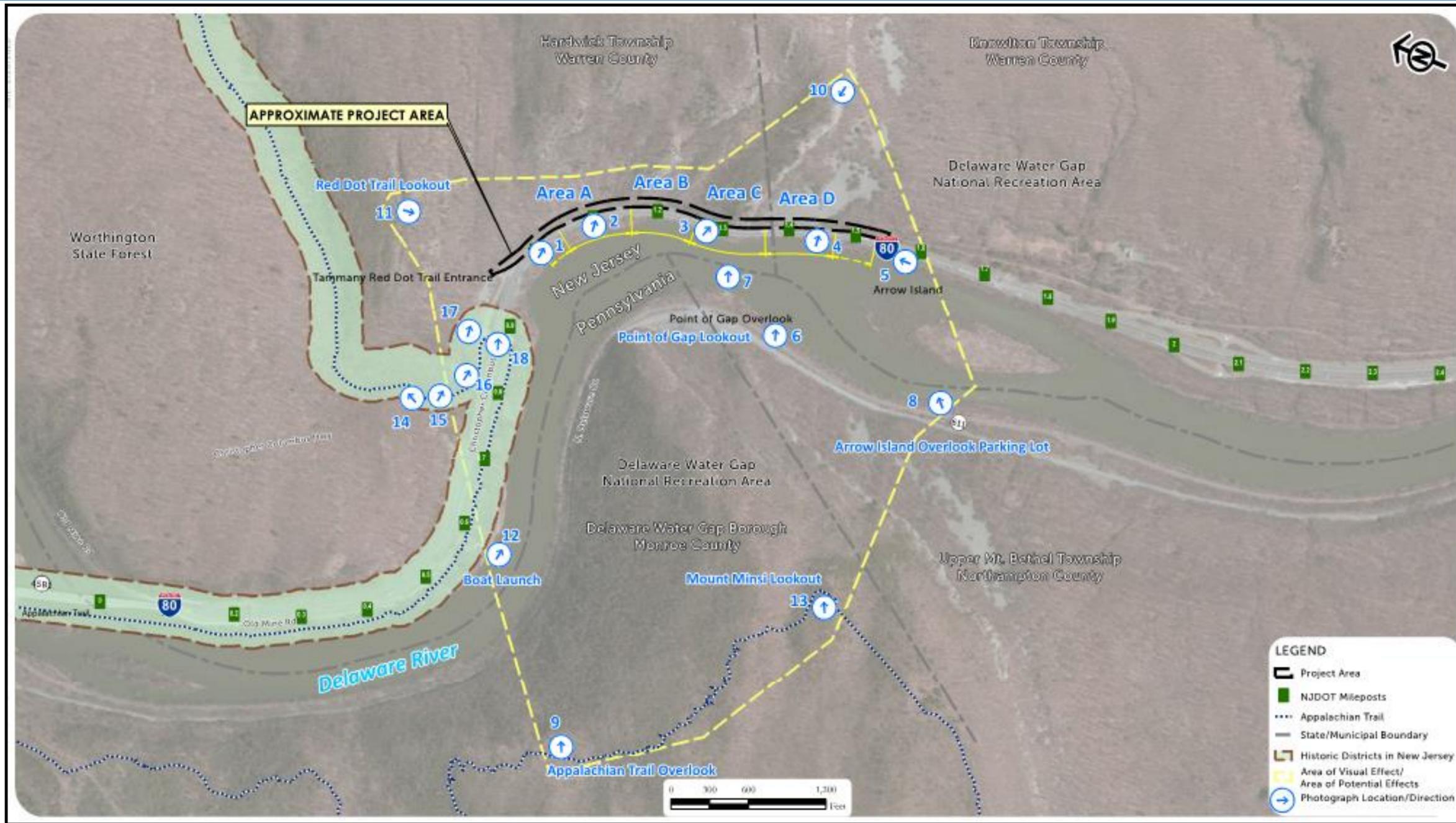
Aesthetics Overview



Regulatory Overview

- Aesthetic treatments were developed in support of evaluations being conducted pursuant to NEPA and Section 106
- The evaluations also followed FHWA's *Guidelines for the Visual Impact Assessment of Highway Projects* (January 2015)

Area of Visual Effect



Barrier Wall Aesthetic Alternatives



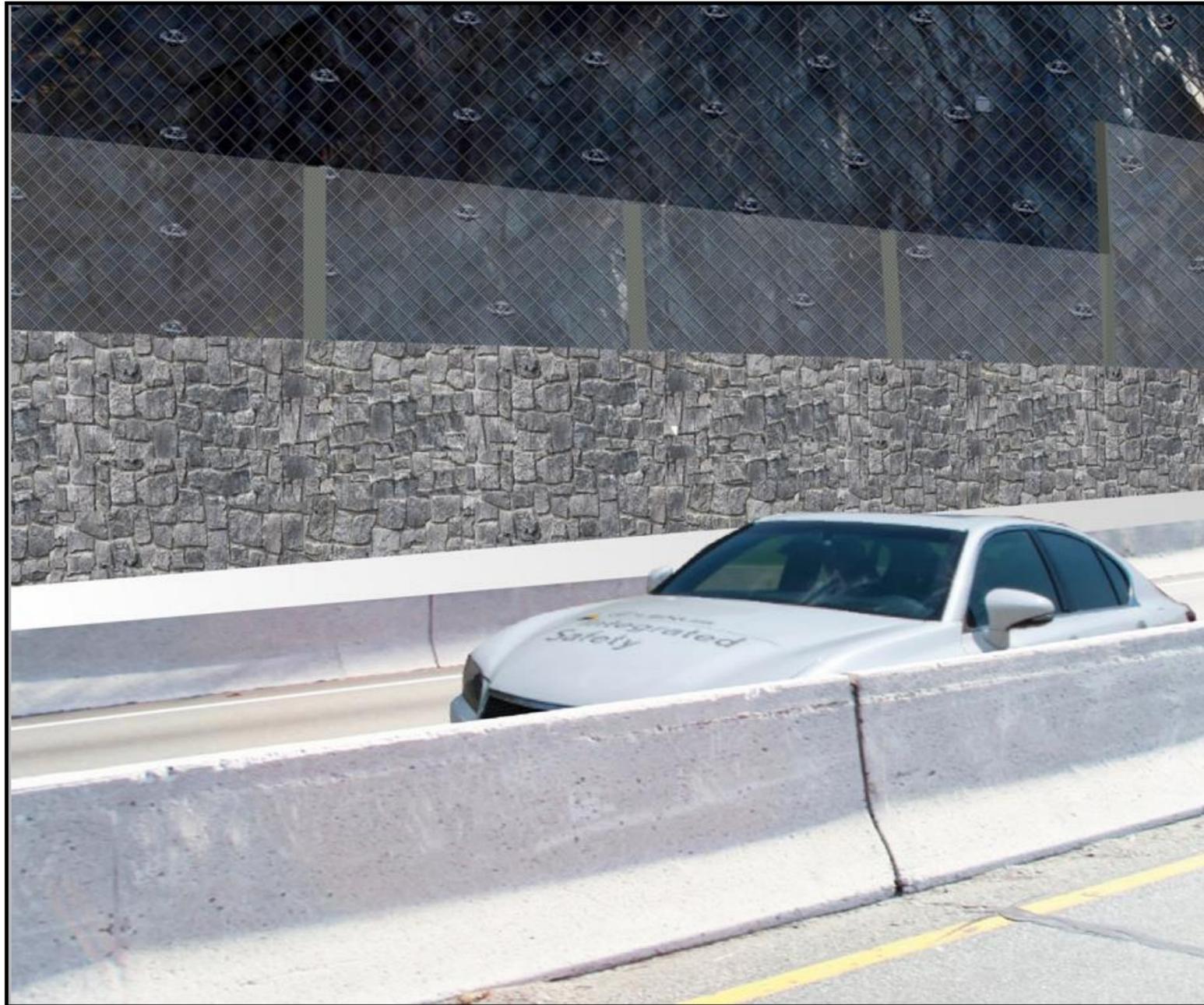
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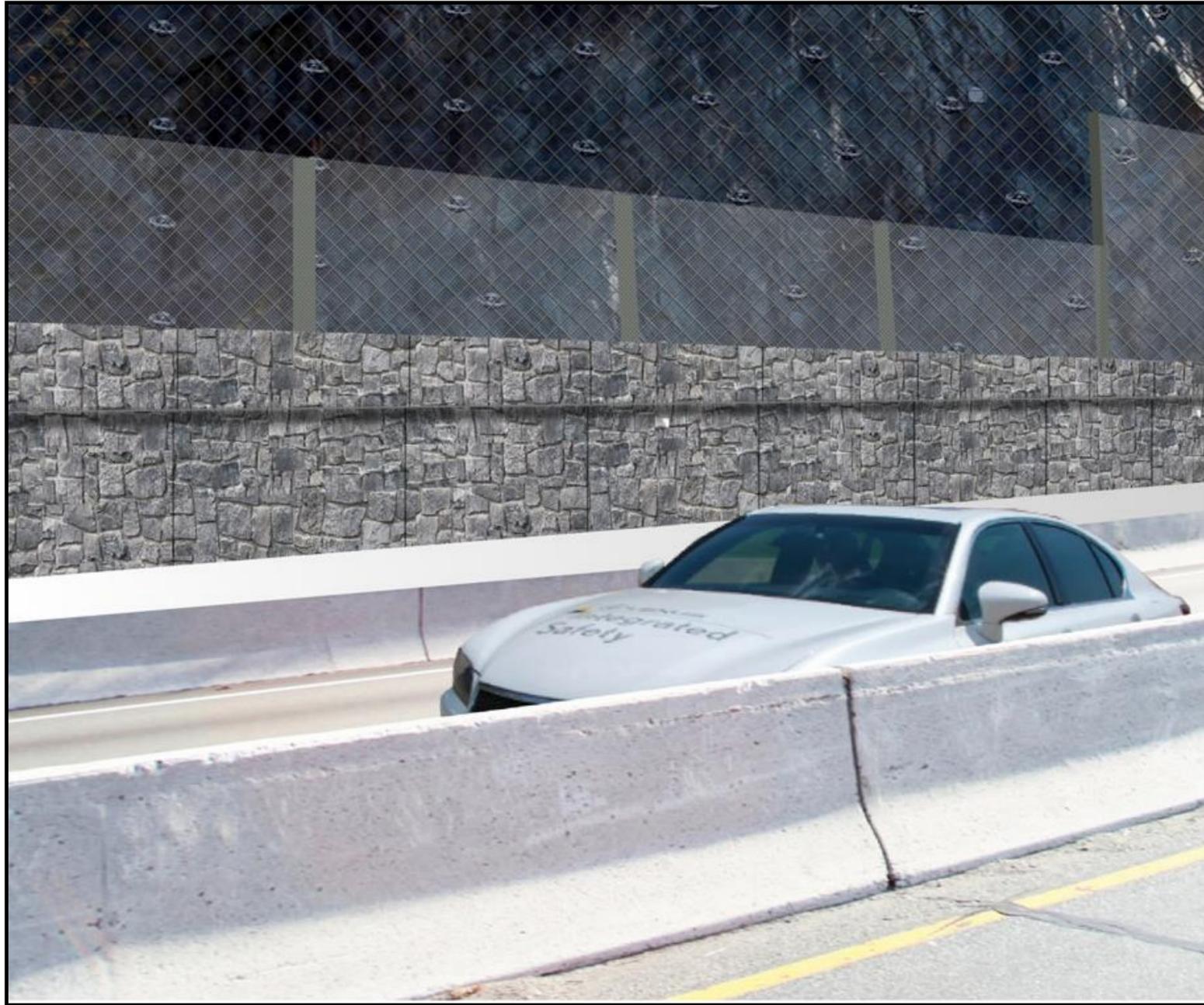
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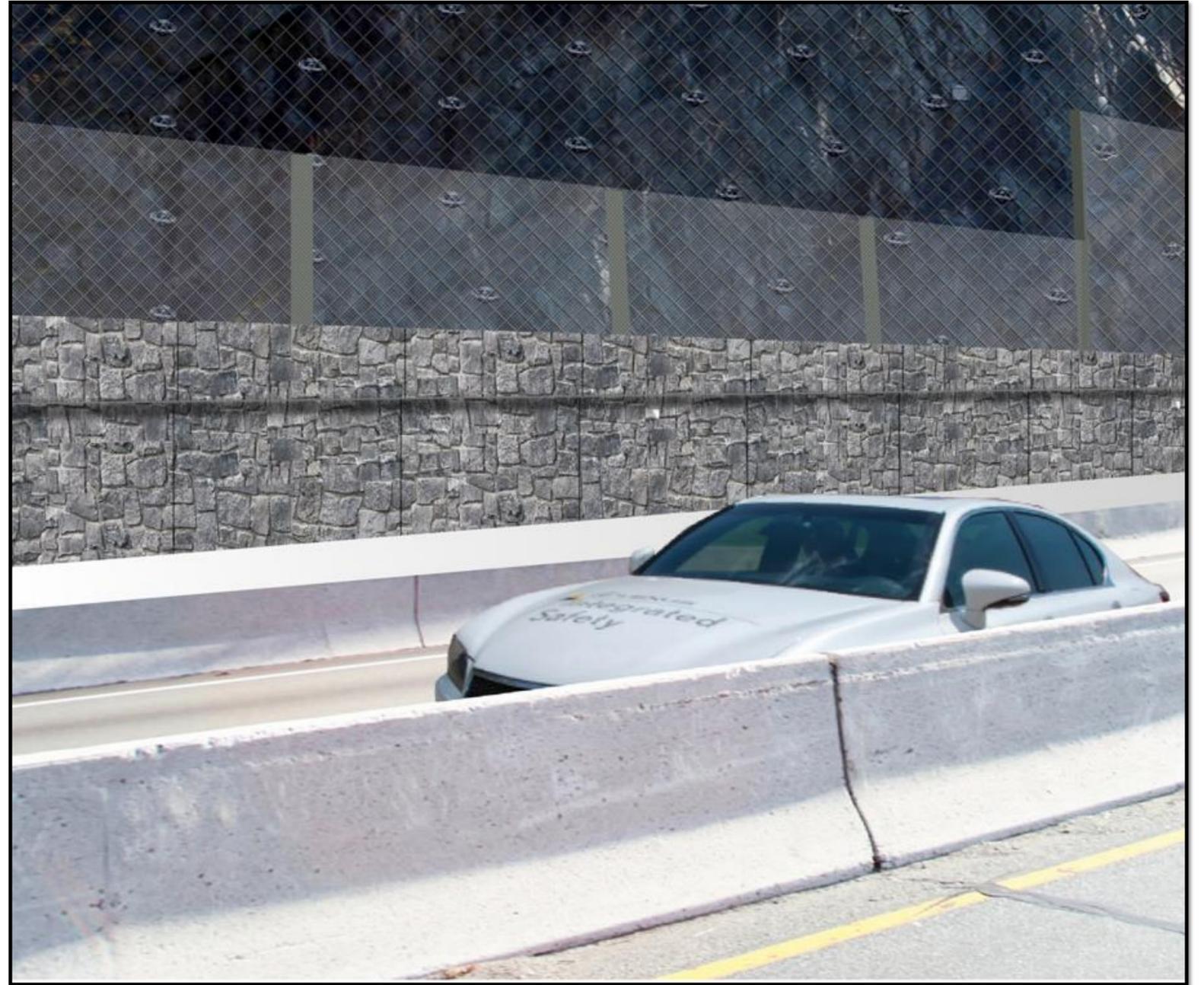
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Visual Treatment Options

- Recommended Color Selection
- Dark Grey: Federal Color 36081 and RAL color 7010
- Mesh/Net Sample Mockups in Area C

Rock Mesh



Tecco Mesh



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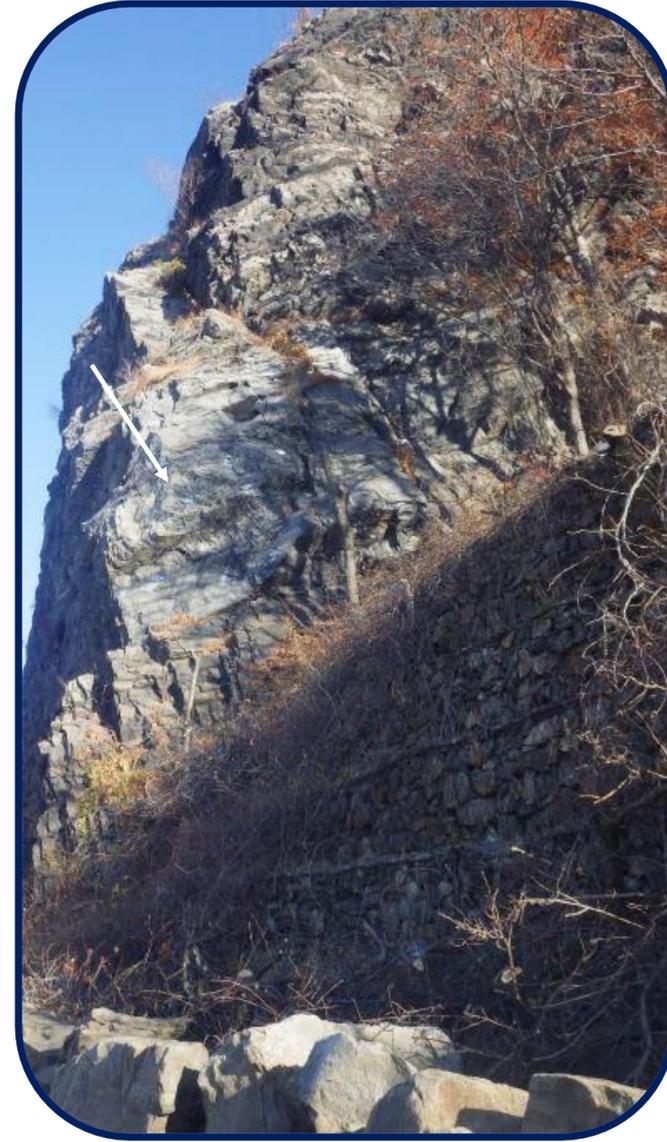
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Ring Net



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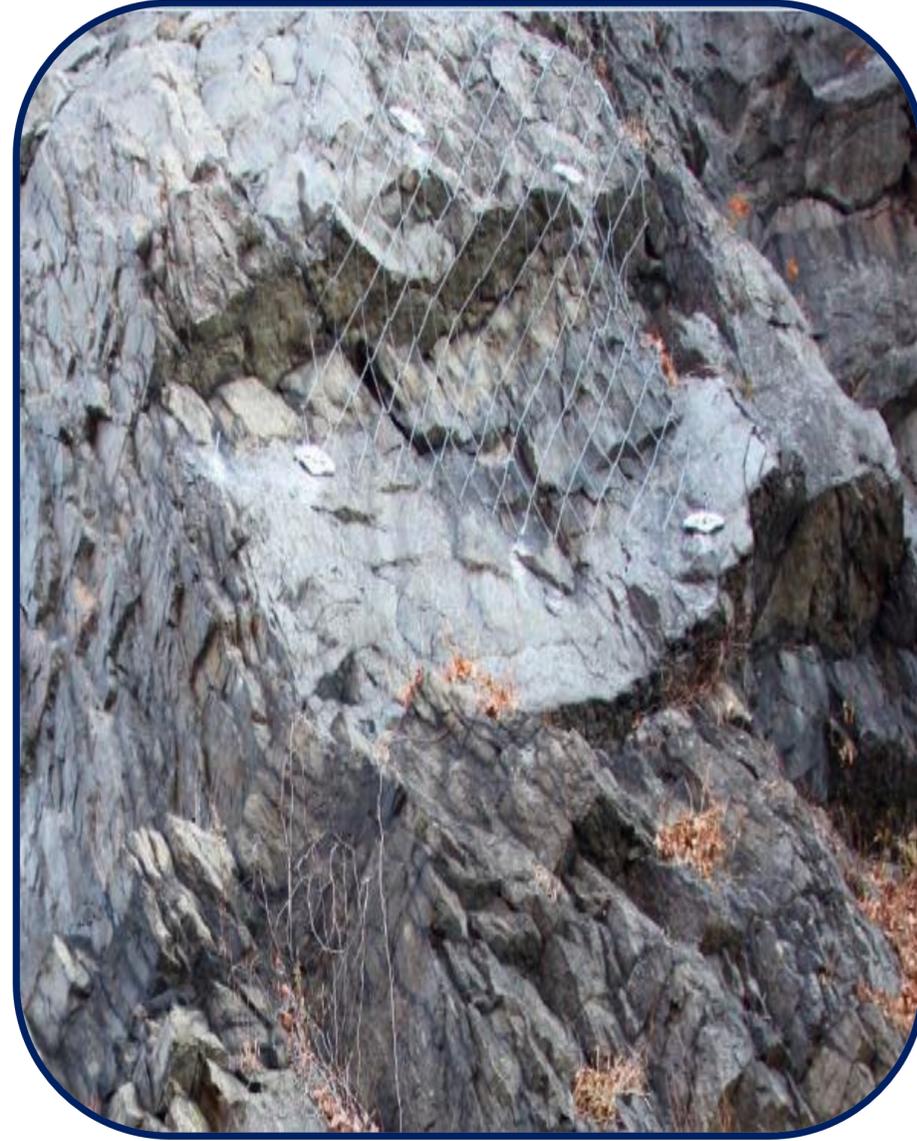
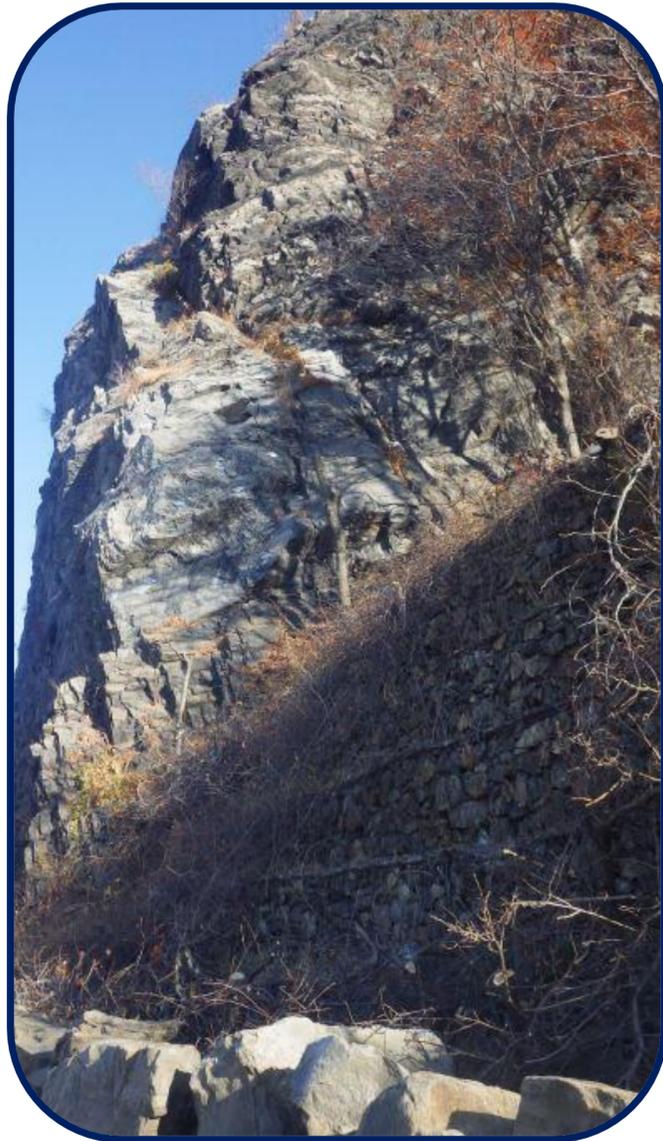


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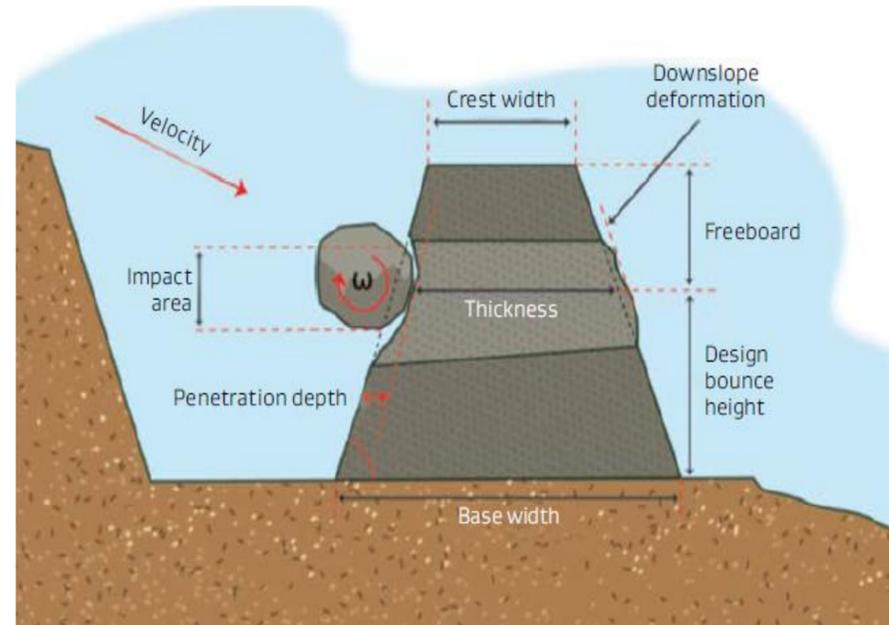
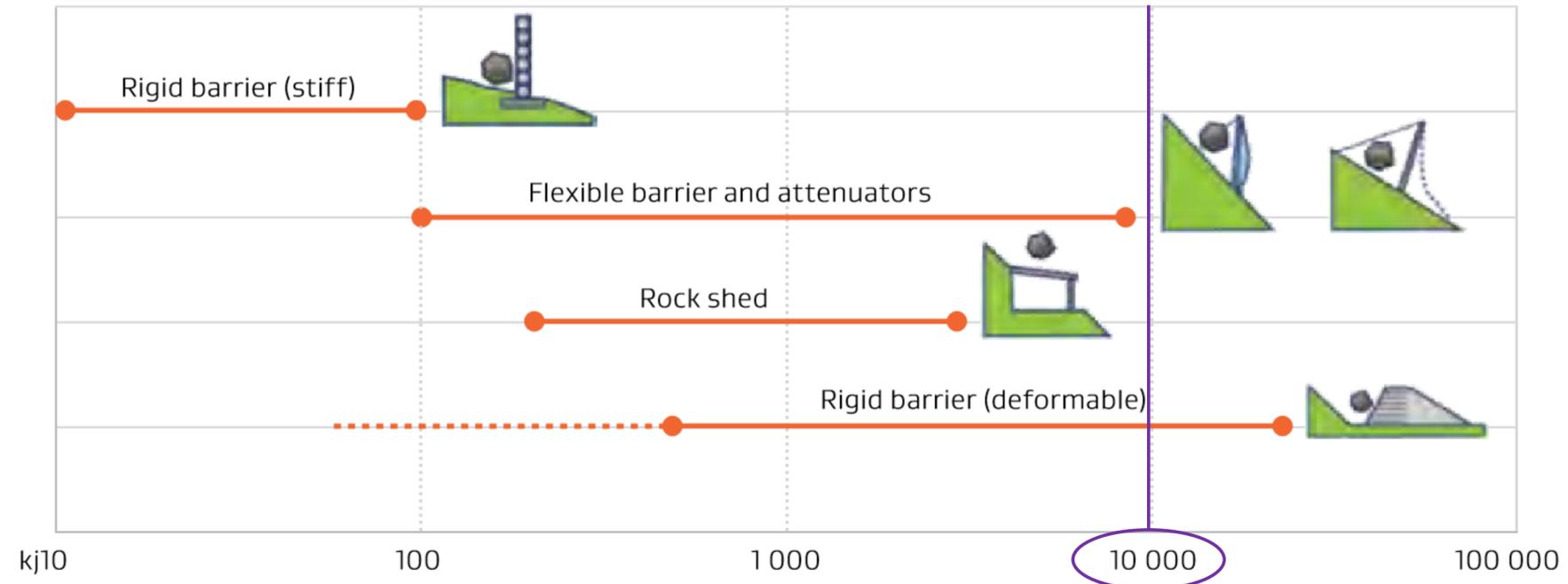
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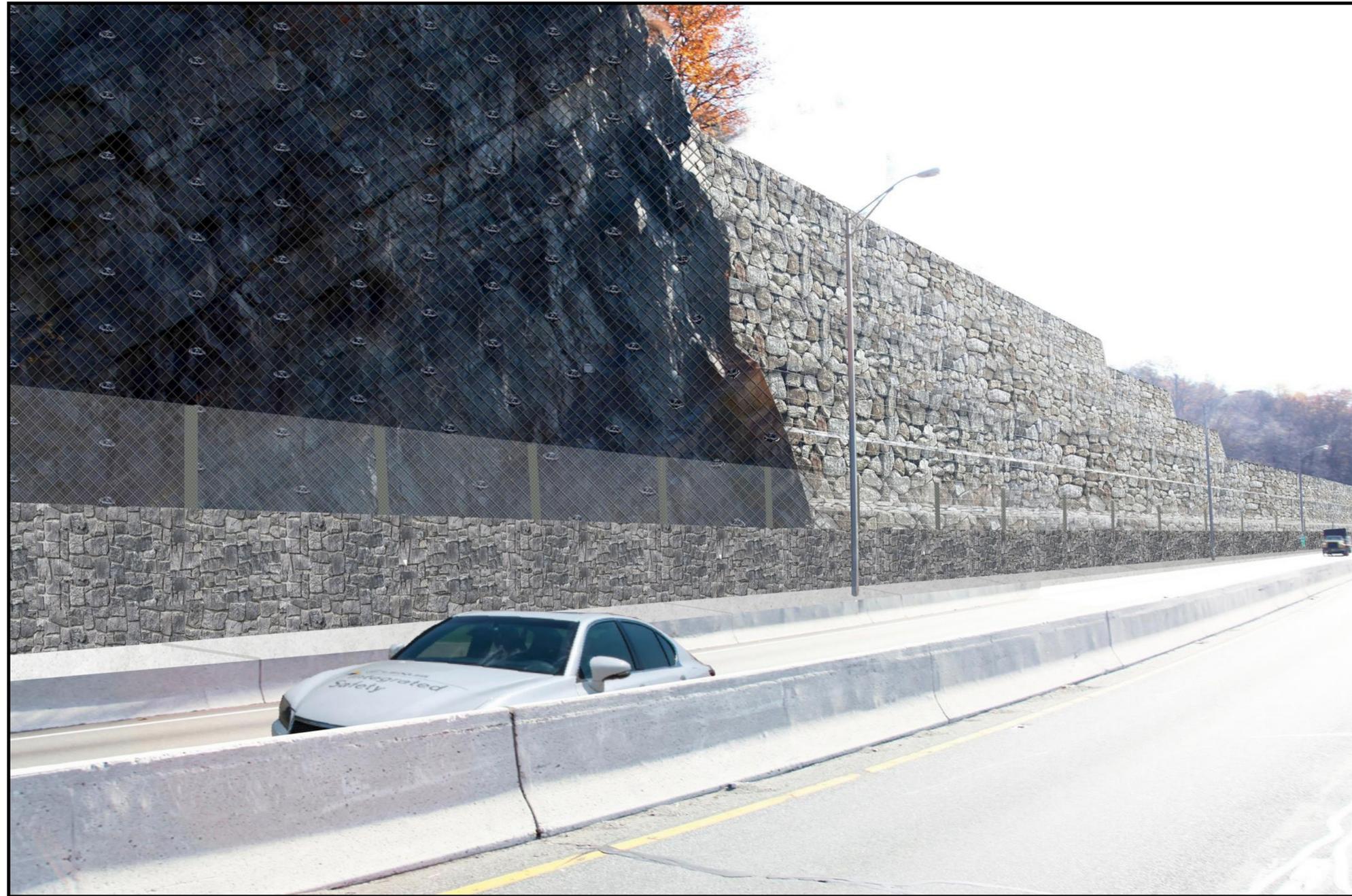
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Rockfall Berm



Rockfall Berm Aesthetic Alternatives



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Visual Treatment Options

Common Milkweed,
Asclepias syriaca
Butterfly milkweed,
Asclepias tuberosa
Common yarrow,
Achillea millefolium



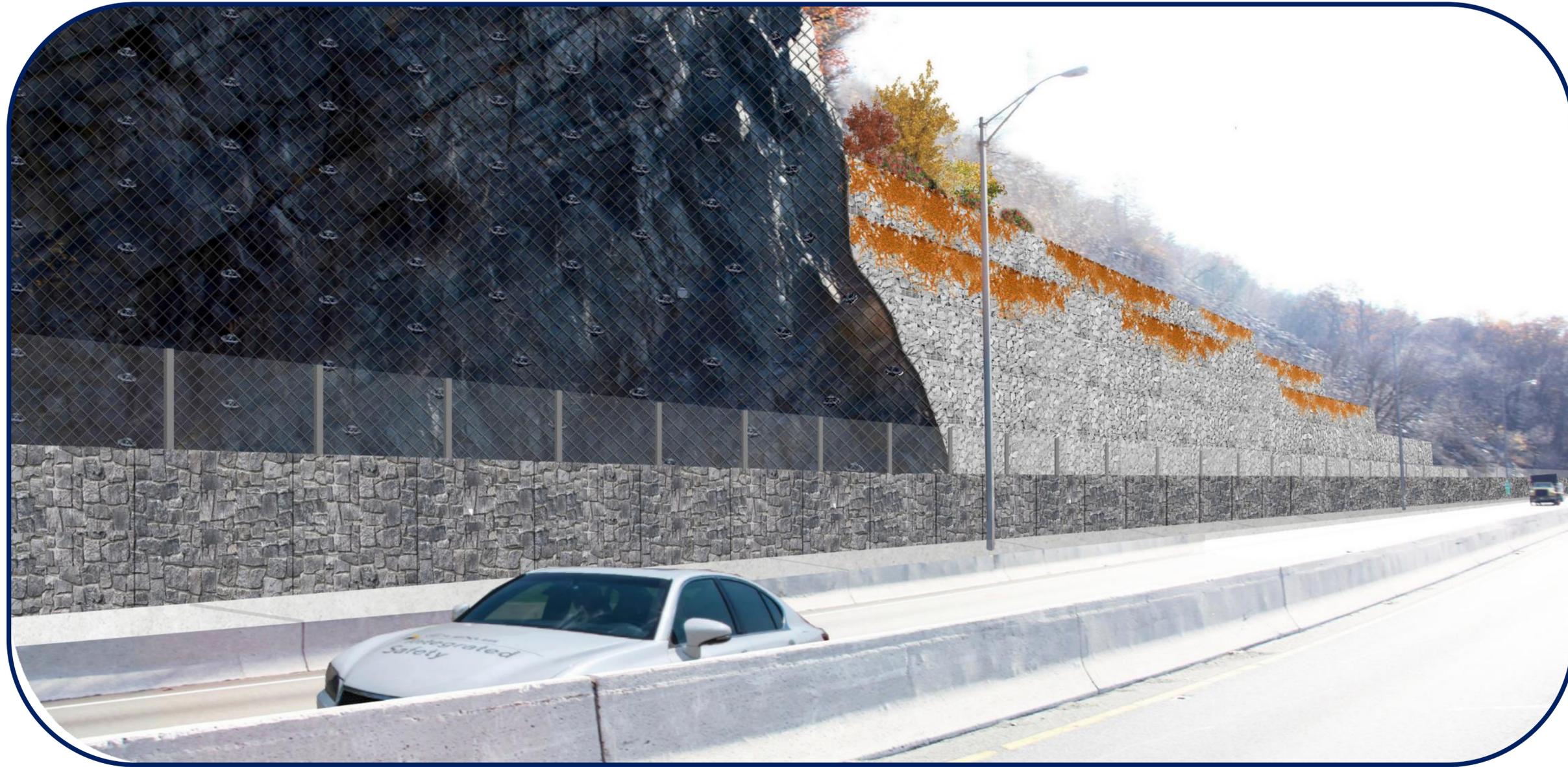
Lanceleaf Tickseed,
Coreopsis lanceolata
Smooth Aster,
Symphyotrichum laeve
Early Goldenrod,
Solidago juncea



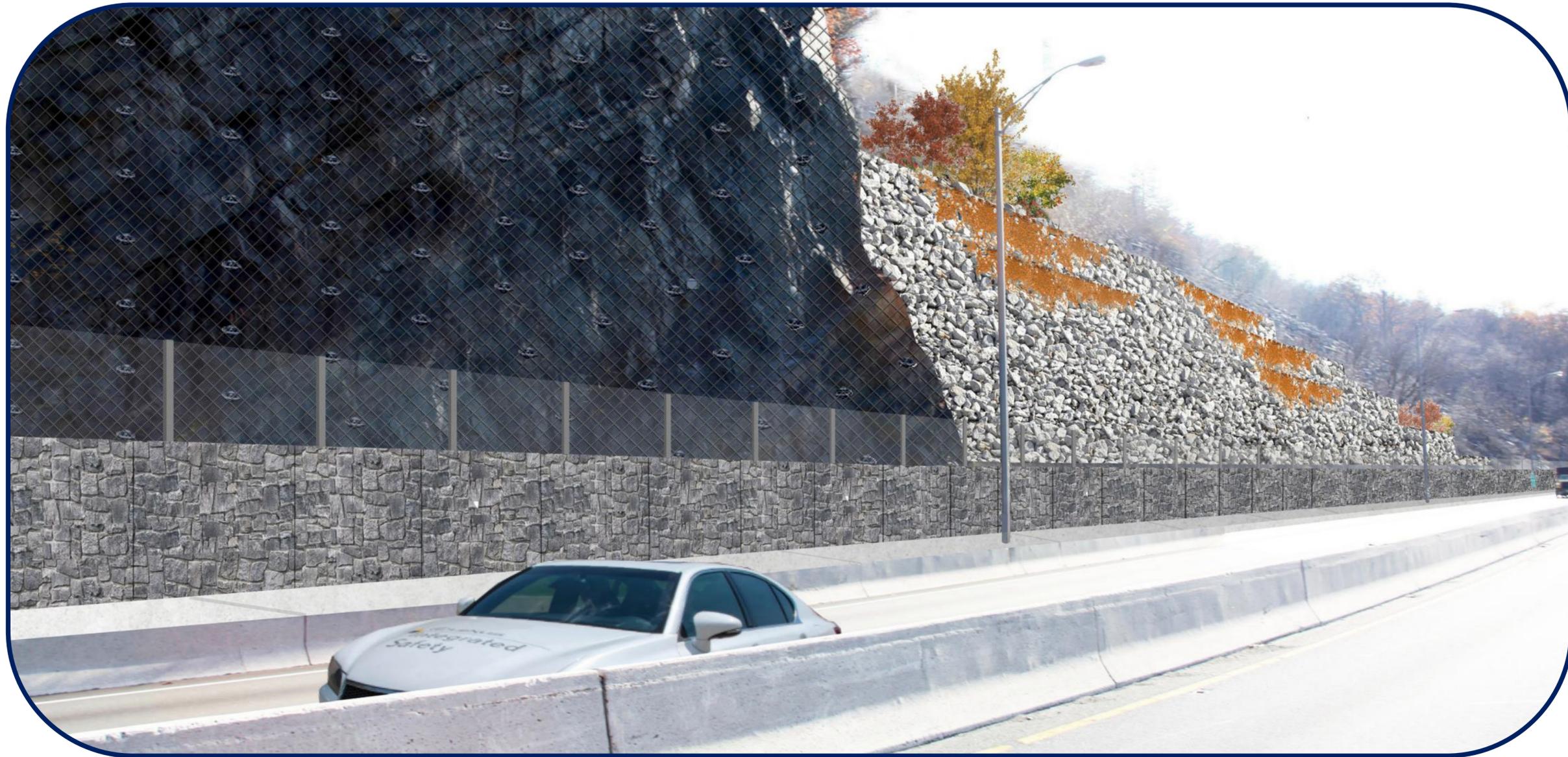
Black-Eyed Susan,
Rudbeckia hirta
Foxglove
Beardtongue,
Penstemon digitalis
Spreading fescue,
Festuca



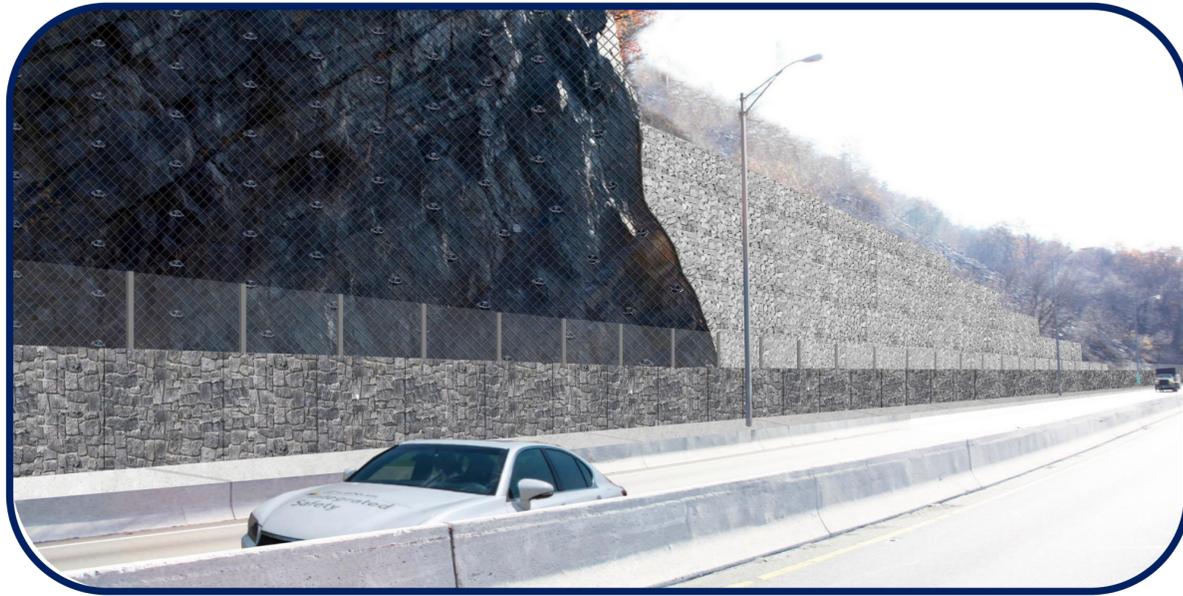
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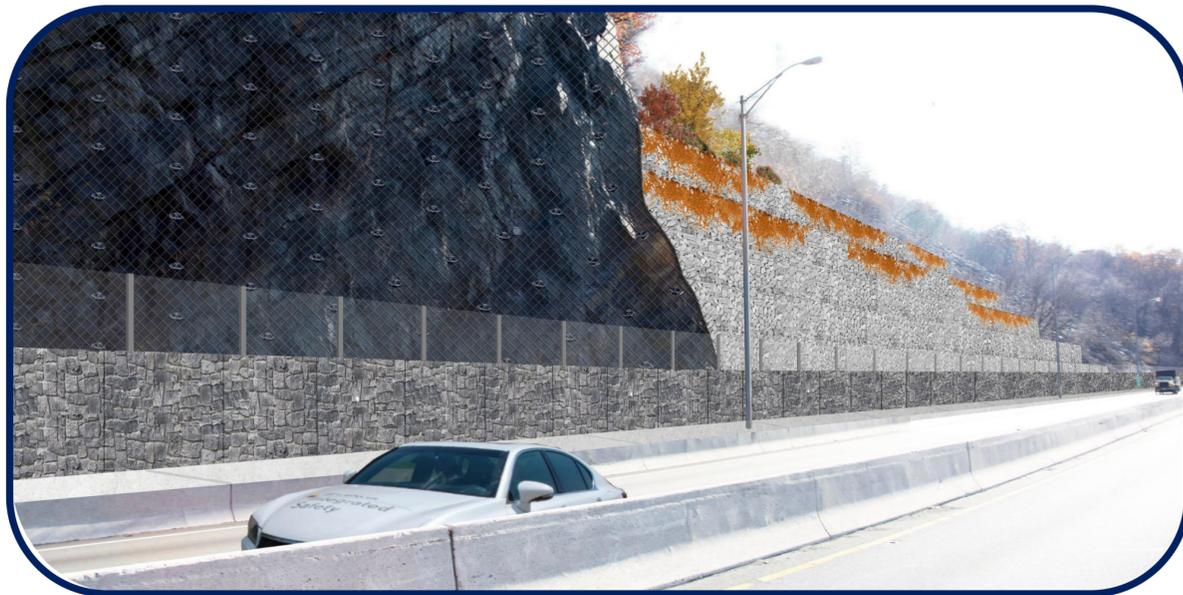
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Area C and D Looking East - Gabion



Area C and D Looking East - Boulderscape

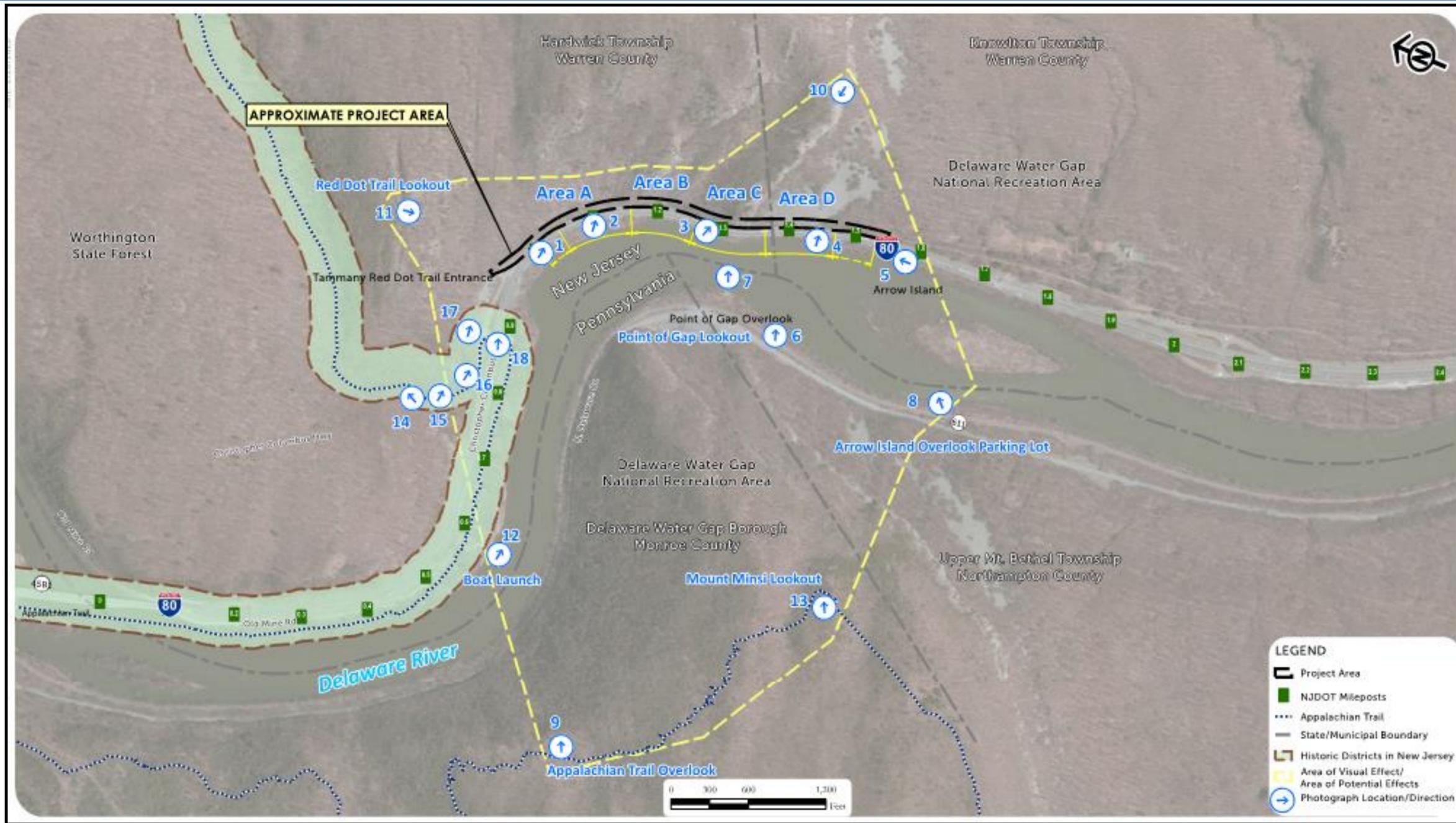


Area C and D Looking East - Gabion with Native Vegetation



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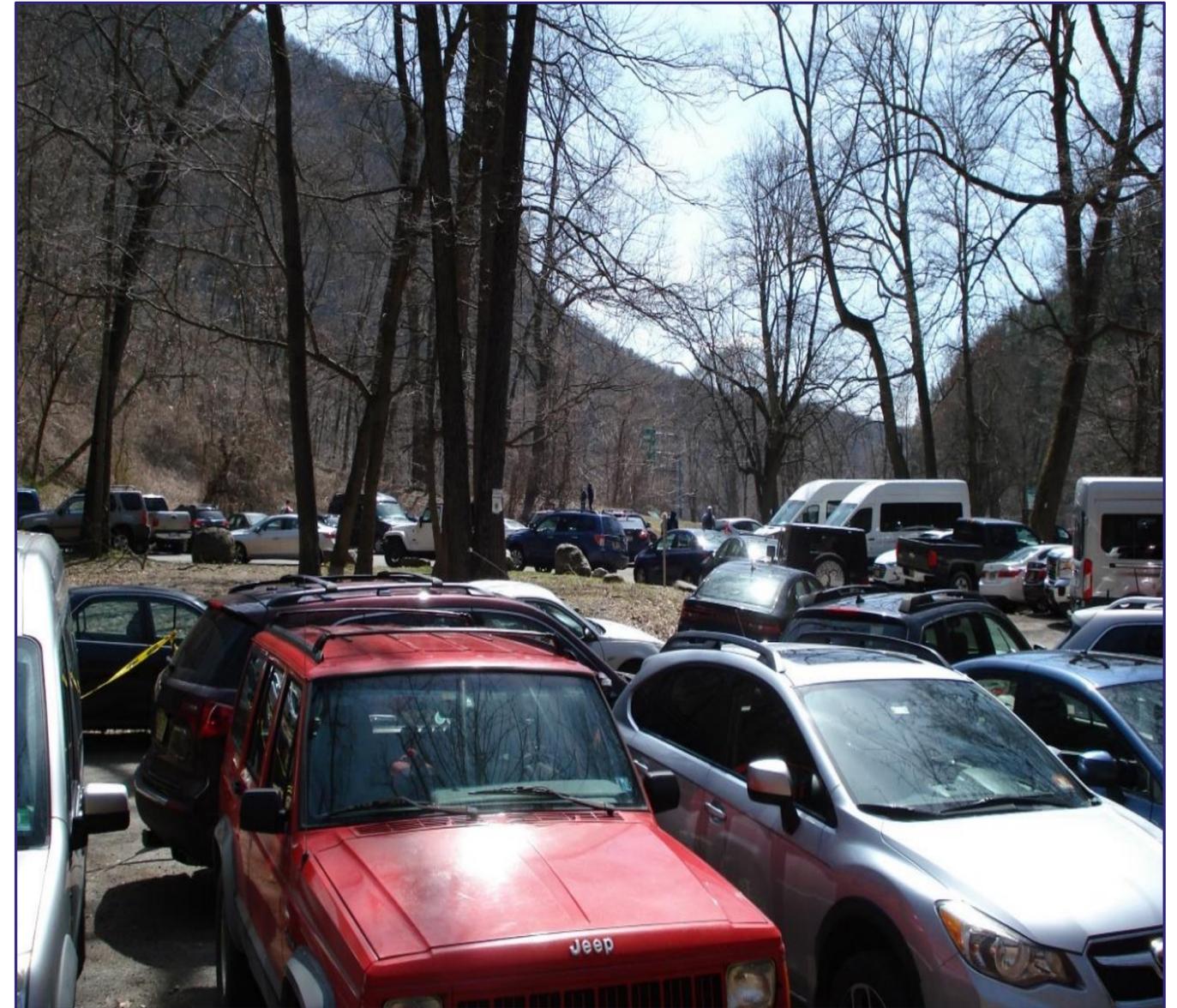
Area of Visual Effect



Views from Mt. Tammany and Red Dot Trail



Views of Appalachian Trail in NJ



Views from Appalachian Trail in NJ



View from Mt. Minsi Lookout in PA

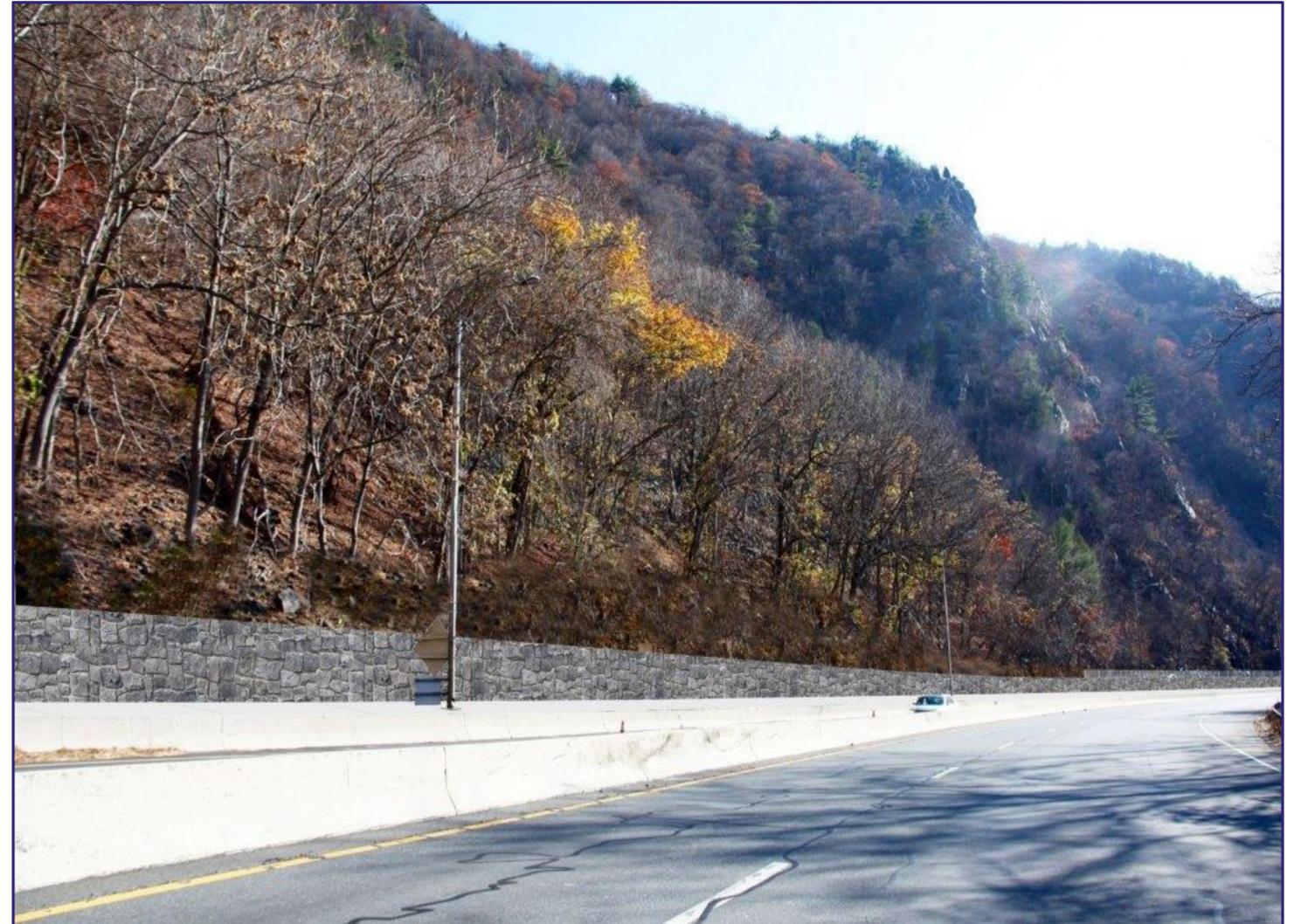


Area A Comparison

EXISTING



PROPOSED



Area A - Proposed



Area B Comparison

EXISTING



PROPOSED



Area B - Proposed



Areas C and D Comparison

EXISTING



PROPOSED



Areas C and D - Proposed



Area D Comparison

EXISTING



PROPOSED



Area D - Proposed



Areas C and D Comparison

EXISTING



PROPOSED



Areas C and D - Proposed



Areas C and D Comparison

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Areas C and D - Proposed



Area C Comparison

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Area C - Proposed

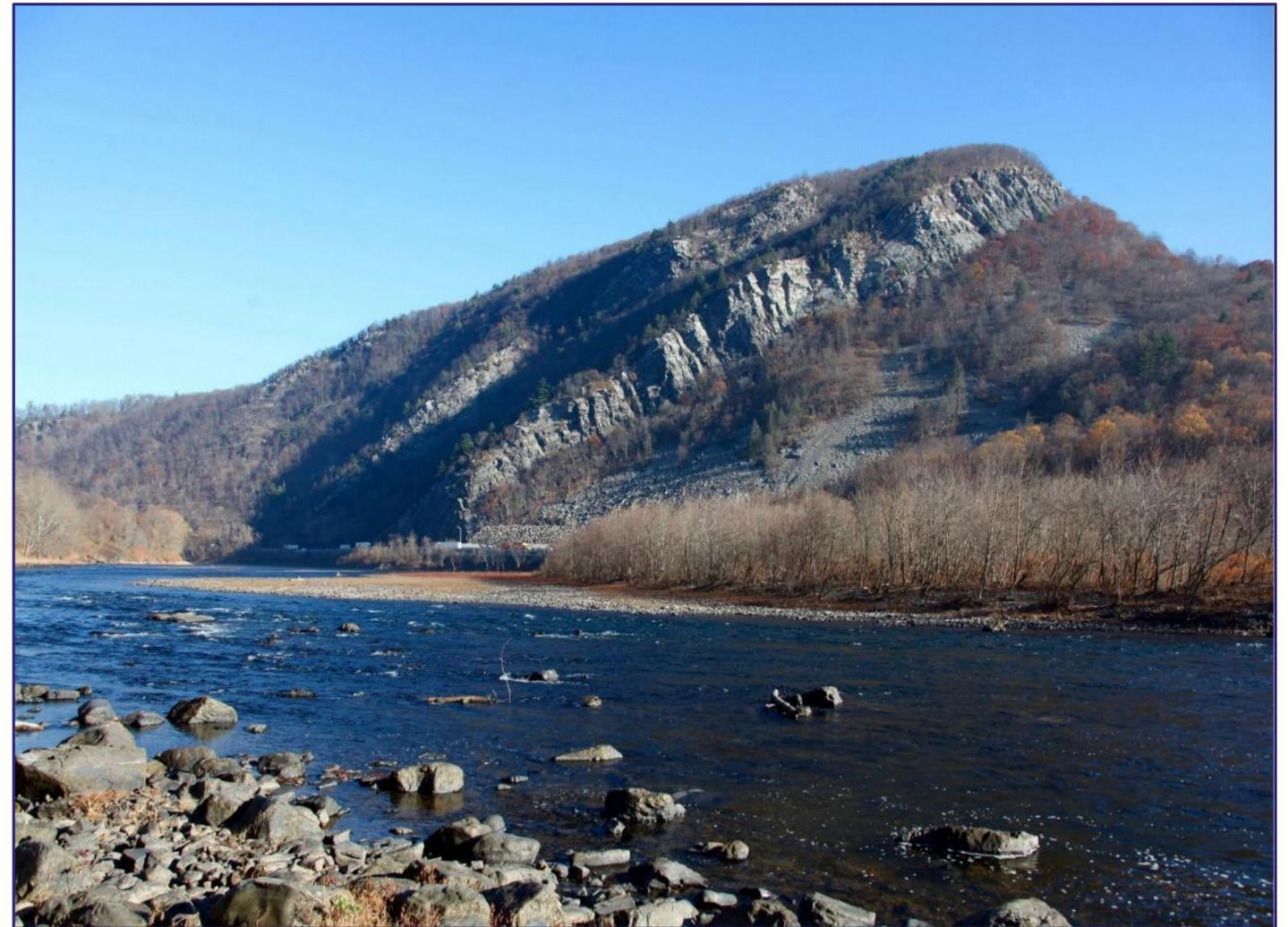


View Across Arrow Island Comparison

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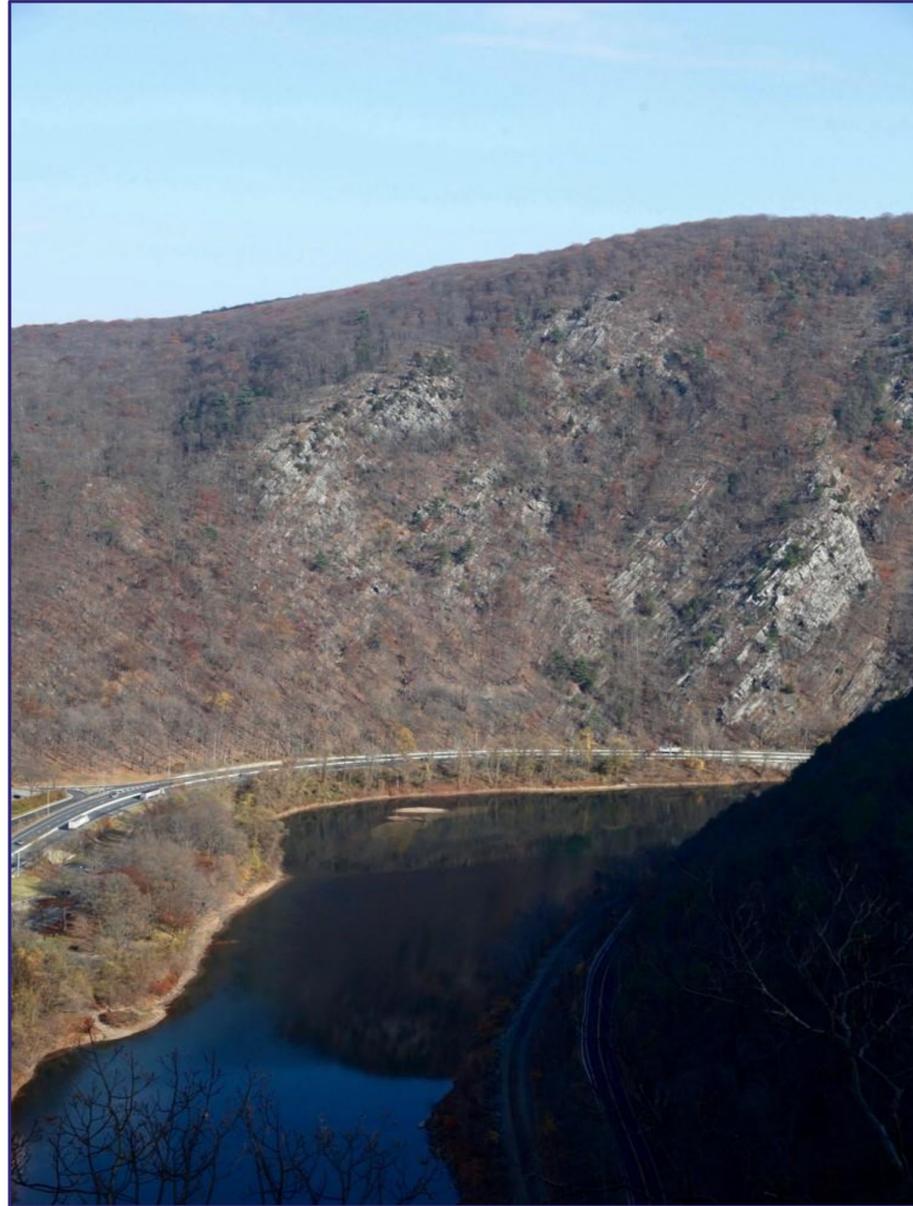


View Across Arrow Island - Proposed

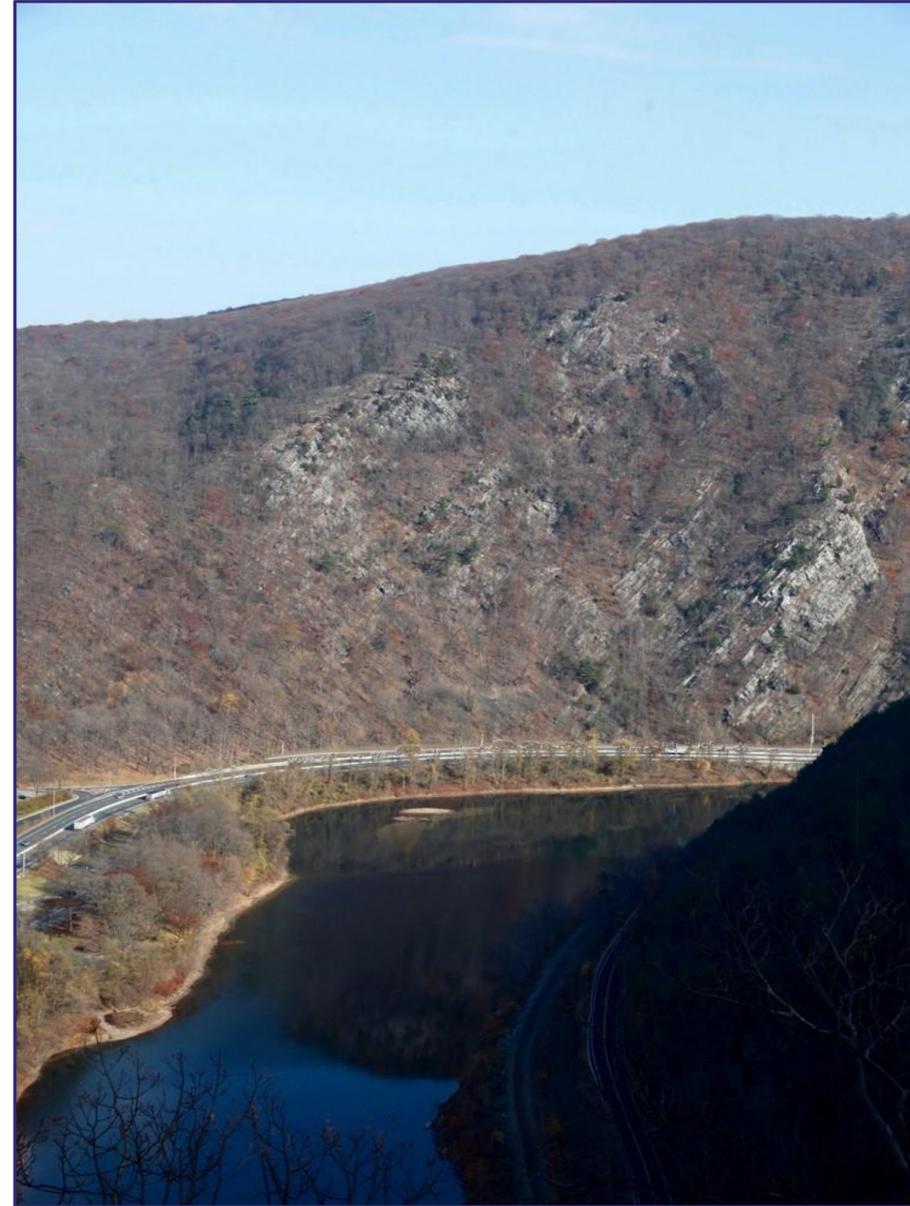


View from Appalachian Trail in PA Comparison

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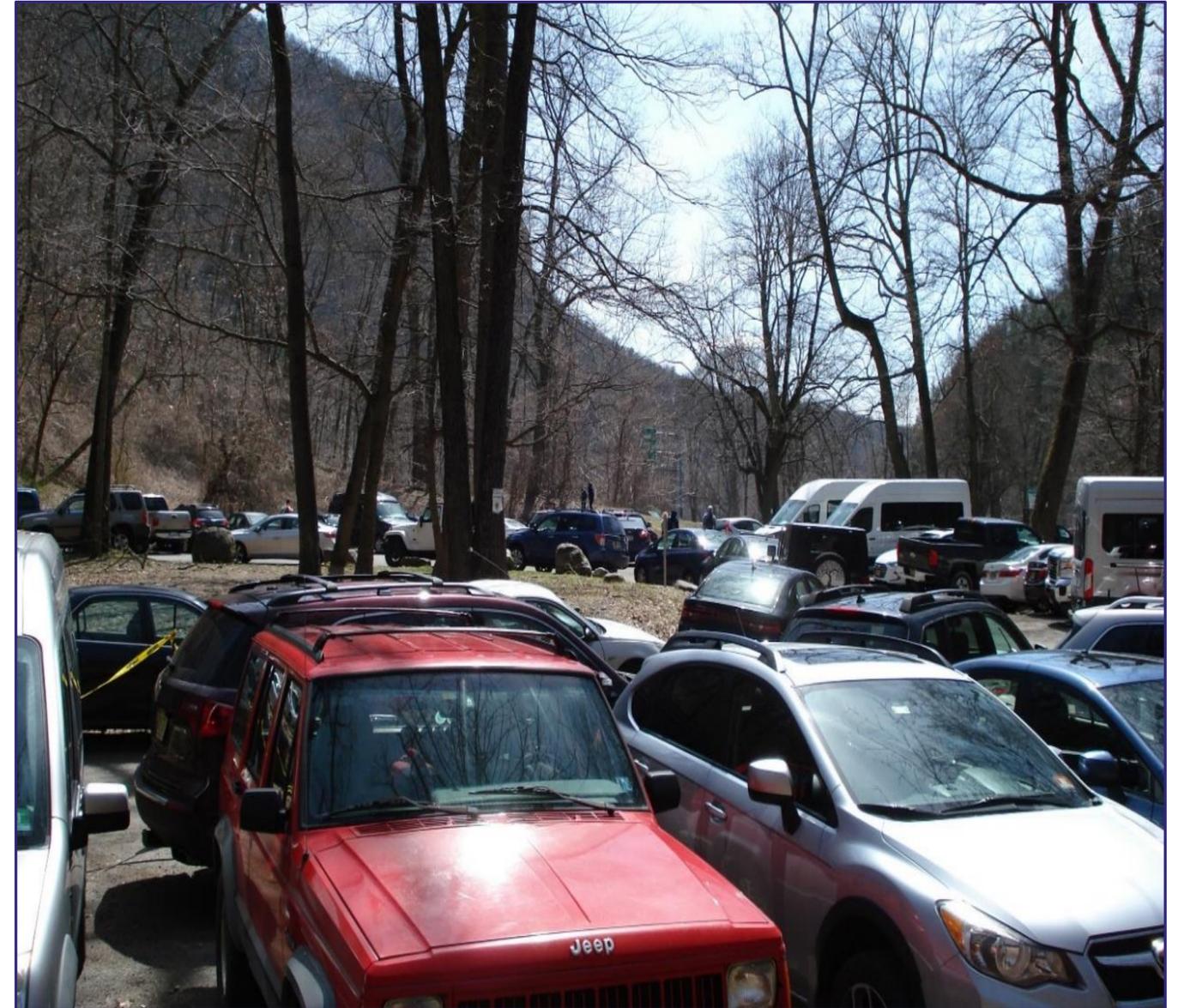
Discussion



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Area B - Proposed



Areas C and D - Proposed



Area D - Proposed



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Area C - Proposed



View Across Arrow Island - Proposed



View from Appalachian Trail in PA - Proposed



Wrap Up



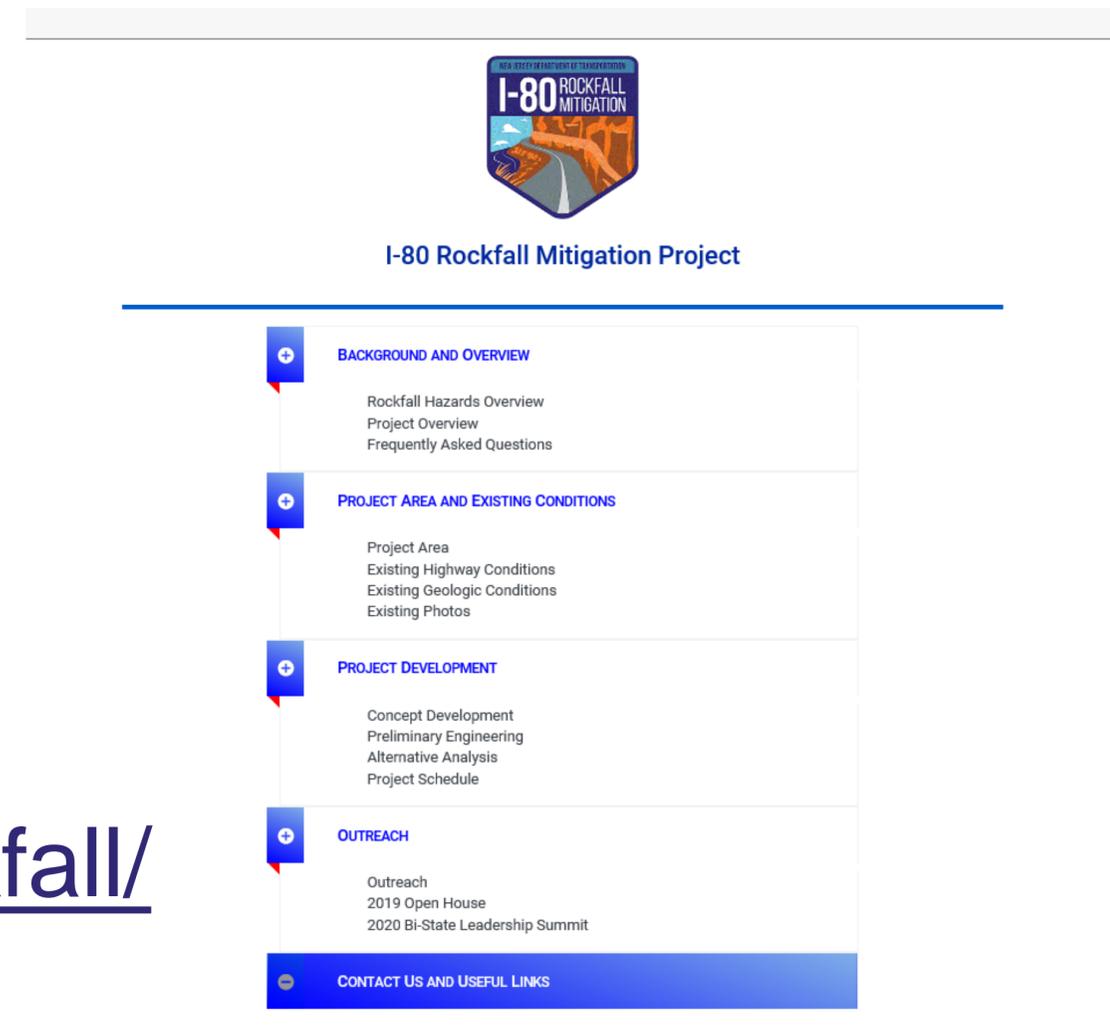
Next Steps

- Continue outreach with local elected officials, agencies, etc. – December 2020, continuing into 2021
- Visual Impact Assessment – Winter 2020/2021
- Coordination with the Emergency Services Task Force – Spring 2021
- Draft Environmental Document – Spring 2021
- Public Hearing – Spring 2021
- Final Environmental Document – Spring/Summer 2021

Next Steps

Ongoing Opportunities for public input

- New Jersey Department of Transportation
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Trenton, NJ 08625
(609) 963-1982
- I80Rockfall@dot.nj.gov
- Go to the project website at:
<https://www.state.nj.us/transportation/works/rockfall/>



Thank You!

PAG member questions or comments may be emailed to:

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View this meeting recording and other project materials at:

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