

# Flood control project bridge opens at Green Brook

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Col. John O'Dowd and members of the Green Brook Project Delivery Team attended the Green Brook Bridge ceremonial ribbon cutting in Bound Brook, NJ. in July.

The celebration marked the completion of the restored and elevated Green Brook Bridge, a major milestone of the District's Green Brook Flood Control Project that is expected to take over 10 years to complete and will cost in excess of \$400 million.

All gathered under a canopy, not far from the bridge, "where 10-feet of standing rain water was during Tropical Storm Floyd in 1999," remembered Peter Palmer of the Somerset County Board of Chosen Freeholders. O'Dowd, state politicians, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection commissioner, and members of the Green Brook Flood Control Commission spoke of the bridge's importance to the region's economic future and the teamwork that made the day a reality.

"This bridge is more than just concrete. It brings two communities together, Bound Brook and Middlesex Borough. It's a bridge to the future," said Bruce Sadowski, president, Middlesex Borough Council.



Photo: Linda Van Zandt

Cutting the ceremonial ribbon symbolizing the opening of the new bridge. (r-l) Col. John B. O'Dowd, District Engineer; Peter Palmer, director, Somerset County Freeholders; David Crabiel, director, Middlesex County Freeholders; Vernon Noble, chairman, Green Brook Flood Control Commission; Bradley Campbell, N.J. Department of Environmental Protection; Bruce Sadowski, president, Middlesex Borough Council, and Rep. Mike Ferguson (R-N.J. 7<sup>th</sup> Dist).