

# Bicycle Path on Abandoned right-of-way of the Railroad line between Manasquan and Farmingdale

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## Manasquan-Wall Section Of 'Cycle Path Completed

MANASQUAN — The first leg of the two-mile Manasquan-Farmingdale Bicycle Pathway has been completed from its eastern end at North Main street to Route 35 in Wall Township.

From there, an underpass built many years ago for the Freehold and Jamesburg Agricultural Railroad, is ready to carry on the route to Allenwood, an additional 1.9 miles. The road was abandoned about 25 years ago.

This section of the route is now owned by the Jersey Central Power and Light Co. which uses it as a right-of-way for a high voltage distribution line.

JCP&L has indicated an interest in furthering the bicycle pathway, the first to be built in New Jersey. Negotiations are under way between the company and Wall Township officials for continuing the path to Allenwood in the hope of completing the surfacing in the spring.

The negotiations are principally concerned with the acceptance of public liability for cyclists and pedestrian users of the bikeway by the municipalities involved, the effective prohibition of licensed or unlicensed motor bikes or other motorized vehicles.

The Manasquan Borough Council recently adopted an ordinance prohibiting the use of motor vehicles on the pathway except those needed for police and emergency purposes.

The State of New Jersey also is supporting the project.

In a recent letter to Edgar H. Felix, chairman of the

pathway committee, Joseph J. Truncer, director of the Division of Parks, Forestry and Recreation of the state Environmental Protection Department, said that plans include construction of a bicycle pathway across Allaire State Park. This would be from the Allenwood area to Farmingdale, a distance of about three miles of the proposed 7½ mile path.

Mr. Felix took up bicycle riding as a healthful hobby after retirement as a planning coordinator with RCA. His specialty was missiles and rockets.

Mr. Felix, who lives at 69 Allen Ave., has pointed out that cyclists are not welcome on heavily traveled highways because they are an annoyance to motorists, and do not fit in with the rapid pace of travel.

On the other hand, cyclists are equally annoyed by side-swiping drivers who do not hesitate to make sharp turns in front of them and to cut them off in front of parked cars.

Mr. Felix believes that the cyclists should have his own routes of travel.

He says that more than half the states support bicycle routes, especially those with large recreation and tourist areas, and those with a growing retirement population.

## Illegitimacy Law Invalidated

ROME (AP) — Italy's Supreme Court has declared unconstitutional a law limiting the amount an illegitimate child can inherit.

The decision is a landmark in the fight to give all children equal rights. Because divorce has not been legal in Italy until last month, thousands of illegitimate children are born each year to couples who have not been able to marry.

The court's ruling invalidated a law which said an illegitimate child could inherit only one half of the amount bequeathed to the least favored of a parent's legitimate children and no more than a third of the total estate.

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