

**-NEWS RELEASE-**  
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**TOWN OF EVANS**  
**WATERLINE AND ROAD IMPROVEMENTS**

As part of the continuing efforts to improve the waterlines and roads in Evans, the Town Board recently awarded a contract to the lowest bidder, New Frontier Excavating of Eden. According to Supervisor Fran Pordum, the contract will include replacement of undersized waterlines as well as improvements to Town roads.

He mentioned that waterlines and/or roads will be improved on Utica between Reeves and Lancaster; Lancaster between Lake Shore and Redwing, Delevan from Utica past Redwing, Potomac from Lake Shore to Utica Street; Harding Road from Oakland to Pearl Street; and the waterline replacement on Herr Road Extension.

Work will begin in early February when National Fuel relocates some of their gas lines in preparation for the installation of the waterlines. During the winter months the waterlines will be replaced and when the weather improves, road work will be done. Mr. Pordum indicated all construction is expected to be completed in June with final restoration of all property in July.

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### **BIKE PATH UPDATE**

Residents continuously ask, "Will we ever get our Bike Path?" According to Giff Swyers who has been coordinating the efforts for the past seven years, the answer is Yes! As many residents know, federal grants were received many years to construct a multi-use pathway in cooperation with Erie County along Old Lake Shore Road.

After a myriad of delays, including environmental concerns, inflationary costs, County budget woes, Army Corp of Engineers' comments, right of way acquisition and design revisions, the first phase of the pathway was ready for construction from Roat Drive to Bennett Beach. The County who is now sponsoring the project was ready to advertise for bids last August when another obstacle appeared.

According to Mr. Swyers, the federal funds that are appropriated for the pathway are passed through New York State. Due to the State financial situation, Governor Patterson has refused to obligate these federal monies to us and thus the project is on hold.

Town personnel have been in contact with Congressman Brian Higgins and Assemblyman Jack Quinn who are extending efforts to release the federal money for the project. It is hoped that Governor Paterson will soon obligate the funds to enable the County/Town to have the pathway built this summer.

Phase II of the project including the trail from Bennett Beach to the Town Park is also expected to be constructed this summer. Delays in this portion of the path were similar to Phase I and also the 2009 County sewer project impacted the development of that section.

Currently funding has been awarded from the federal government for the trail to go along Lake Shore Road from Sturgeon Point Road to 18 Mile Creek. Design for this section should occur during 2010-11.

The Town and County will continue their efforts to secure grants for the remaining sections from Evans Town Park to Evangola State Park as well as the small portion from Wendt Park to the Sturgeon Point Marina.