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DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

February 19, 2020

**RE: CRITICAL ROAD AND BRIDGE CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS IN YOUR AREA**

Dear Property Manager:

The Dutchess County Department of Public Works (DCDPW) is pleased to announce the construction of the two improvement projects described in the attached letter. Both of the projects will begin construction this spring. Due to the size and scope of the projects, we anticipate that your residents may be affected by the construction work.

We kindly request your assistance to ensure your residents are aware of the upcoming projects. In order to reach the widest possible audience, we ask that you post the enclosed letter and map prominently in public spaces, on bulletin boards, or in newsletters within your development. If it would be more convenient for you, we can provide a digital (PDF) copy of the letter for email distribution.

Should you or your residents have any questions about the upcoming projects, please contact the DCDPW Engineering Division at (845) 486-2925.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joseph E. Stankavage".

Joseph E. Stankavage, P.E.  
Assistant Civil Engineer II

cc: Robert H. Balkind, P.E., Commissioner  
Matthew Dutcavich, P.E., ACE II

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February 20, 2020

RE: **CRITICAL ROAD AND BRIDGE CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS IN YOUR AREA**

Dear Dutchess County Resident:

As part of our continuing effort to revitalize our county road system, the Dutchess County Department of Public Works (DCDPW) is moving forward with two anticipated projects in the towns of East Fishkill and Beekman:

- Reconstruction of approximately two miles of Beekman Road (County Route 9) between the Taconic State Parkway and Sylvan Lake Road (County Route 10) has received final approval from the New York State Department of Transportation (DOT)
- Additionally, Bridge E-8 over the Fishkill Creek on Phillips Road will be replaced.

These two critical projects are being done concurrently to minimize the impact on residents and commuters, while improving the quality and safety of these two important roadways.

The Beekman Road project work includes extensive reconstruction with new pavement and curve realignments, as well as improved drainage, signage, and expanded shoulders. Preliminary work is anticipated to begin in early March, including removing trees and clearing shoulder areas. During construction, Beekman Road will remain open and access to local businesses and driveways will be maintained; however, there will be frequent lane closures and traffic delays should be anticipated. The full project is expected to take approximately fifteen (15) months to complete.

The Phillips Road bridge project, which is anticipated to begin later in the spring, includes building a new, wider bridge to accommodate the addition of shoulders. During construction, Phillips Road will be closed near the Park Place intersection with a posted detour directing traffic along State Route 216, Green Haven Road (County Route 8), and Beekman Road (County Route 9). A map of the closure and detour is enclosed. Work is expected to be complete, with the new bridge open and both lanes of traffic flowing, by the end of the year.

Motorists are encouraged to seek alternate routes during the construction period. School buses and emergency service vehicles will be given priority through the work zones. If travel through the construction area cannot be avoided, motorists should plan for additional time and exercise extra caution, obey the posted speed limits, traffic advisory signs, and the directions from flaggers in the work zone to ensure the safety of workers and other motorists.

