

**GRAVEL ROAD AND DITCH IMPROVEMENT PROJECT  
NEW MARKET TOWNSHIP, MN  
FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

**Why is the Township considering a gravel road and ditch project at this time?**

By improving the road and ditches, the overall performance of the roadway improves while reducing maintenance costs. The Township budgets for the annual gravel road and ditch capital improvement projects, as they are large enough to require a publicly bid, stand alone project.

**Will the Township complete all the roads shown tonight in one project?**

Most likely not. These projects are in their infancy stages of being designed, estimated and bid. We are simply introducing the projects to residents, with the expectation they will be divided into separate projects. Once the divisions are known, further communication for process and schedule will be distributed to residents.

**How is the project paid for?**

There are no Special Assessments for the project. It is funded 100% from the Road and Bridge fund as voted on by the Township residents.

**What happens if nothing is done now, and we wait a few more years?**

Maintenance will continue to be costly, often done on a low volume, sometimes emergency, as needed basis. This project brings an economy of scale to the project, allowing the improvements to be completed much more economically and efficiently.

**If this project moves forward, will we have access to our property at all times during construction?**

Yes, the Township will require the Contractor to maintain access to all properties at all times. However, there will be certain time periods when access is delayed (ex. During driveway culvert replacement).

**Will all of the culverts be replaced?**

Both roadway crossing and driveway culvert conditions will be evaluated and replaced on an as needed basis.

**Will by mailbox be adjusted?**

Yes, we will adjust your mailbox if necessary to provide the proper USPS height and offset requirements.

**Why do we need well defined ditches?**

Ditches allow the roadway to remain dry year round. It provides a place for rainfall to escape the roadway, snow storage in the winter, and generally allowing it to dry much faster to maintain a safe, drive able roadway surface.

**Will the Township continue with regular maintenance?**

Yes, taking advantage of these projects to lessen the maintenance burden over time.