

January 21, 2023

Dear Neighbors,

The Grant is happening this year: late summer 2023!

The Grant roadwork will be >\$600,000, which is 20 times what we typically spend in one year. These improvements should make the roads safer, easier and less expensive to maintain in the years to come.

Your property, Your Road

We want your participation. While the work will be extensive, it will also be similar to work that has been done by SWARM in the past. We had a professional survey of the roads done a few years back and the grant will be following the recommendations on that survey. The grant generally recommends road work in areas that have drainage problems resulting in poor water control and road erosion. This work includes crowning, new rock, replaced culverts, and rolling dips. Areas adjacent to this work will benefit with less water and sediment running down the road.

Details of the assessment will soon be found on our website: www.sherwoodgates.org. Please take a close look at the maps and use the key to find what specifically will be done on your portion of the road. Let your gate representative know about any questions or concerns you have regarding the work.

On our website (www.sherwoodgates.org) we will be posting maps of this subdivision and the recommendations for each section of the road, as per the survey. Please take a look at the maps and see the recommendations for your section of the road. Let your gate representative know your questions & concerns.

Additionally, we are planning a gates road meeting in early June to address your questions. Joe Scriven of the Resource Conservation District and who wrote the grant, will be attending to answer your questions. We will be sending out an additional letter to notify you of the meeting date and time.

The Timing

Sept 2022 – The State Water board approved our grant request

This winter 2023 – A Geologist reviews the plan and the current condition of the road, and updates the survey

Late Spring, 2023 – the Botanical survey and the Archaeological survey

Early summer 2023 – **road meeting** to address your concerns before the work begins

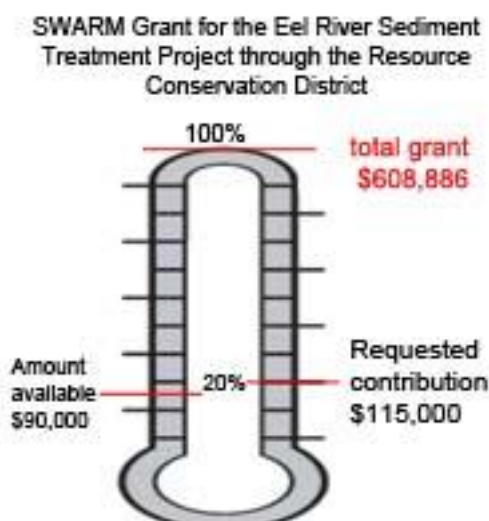
July-Mid October 2023 – Site plan with flagging in mid summer & by late summer **Road work begins at the Gates!!**

Late October-November 2023 – once 2023 work is done, we pay our portion of the work done

Summer 2024 – work from 2023 work will be reassessed and the work will then be completed; and we pay our final bill.

The Finances:

The grant is a huge opportunity for us to get our roads in great shape now & for a long time into the future.



Grant funding. The total grant is for \$608,886. The county is contributing \$493,886. To match the funds given we need a total of \$115,000. We have \$90,000 available. We need an additional \$25,000 beyond what we collect in a year.

To make this happen we need to match the grant with approximately 20% of total, which is \$115,000. Currently we have saved \$90,000 towards this, and we need another \$25,000 to meet our goal. Typically we can save up to \$10,000 from yearly member dues. We are very close to what we need, but we are seeking help from our neighbors to get all road dues paid to date and encourage your neighbors to do the same. Also, if everyone pays their road dues as soon as possible this year, we can better assess the total amount that we need. And of course, donations (including water for road work) are most welcome.

Thanks everyone!

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