



# Safer Roads in Hartland

A Citizen Task Force Recommendation to Address Road Conditions in Hartland Township

## Hundreds of residents weigh in on the Safer Roads Plan; Task Force makes changes based on public input

More than 60 percent of paved roads in Hartland are rated in “poor” condition -- and the gravel roads fare no better. A Citizen Task Force was convened in 2013 to study this issue and recommend whether the Township should step into road improvements, although all roads in Hartland belong to either the State, the Livingston County Road Commission or private landowners. The Task Force made a recommendation that the Township become active in road improvements and outlined a plan to improve 12 roads and multiple sidewalks. The plan was then taken out to the community for feedback.

Hundreds of residents weighed in on the plan and the Task Force reconvened to discuss the input and revise the plan accordingly. A few significant themes emerged and prompted important changes:

- Residents advocated that roads take precedence over sidewalks.
- Many residents reached out to the Task Force asking that Read Road and Blaine Road improvements be included in the plan.

*The Safer Roads Synopsis can be found on page 2 of this newsletter. Visit [HartlandRoads.com](http://HartlandRoads.com) for the full plan.*

### Task Force recommends sidewalk improvements be financed by the Township’s General Fund

The Task Force has recommended that the Township’s General Fund finance sidewalk improvements and that pathways be removed from the millage question. During the Task Force meeting, Township Manager James Wickman explained that the General Fund could contribute \$100,000 per year to sidewalks if the millage is approved and those dollars are not directed to minor road improvements. The Township will also explore alternative funding, including state grants and special assessment districts.

The \$100,000 commitment would do very little to impact road conditions, but could make a significant impact in walkability and bikeability along M-59, Hartland Road and the Village area.

### Let your voice be heard — input is still sought

- SUBMIT** the survey enclosed in your July tax statement
- POST** a message on our Facebook page
- SEND** an email to [Roads@HartlandTwp.com](mailto:Roads@HartlandTwp.com)
- VISIT** [HartlandVoices.com](http://HartlandVoices.com)
- ATTEND** the next public meeting held before the Board:  
**Tuesday, July 22, 2014**  
**7 p.m.**  
**Hartland Township Hall**

The Safer Roads Citizen Task Force is recommending that a 1.5 mill/ten-year ballot question be placed on the November 2014 ballot to fund the road improvement program. This would equate to \$150 per year for the average Hartland homeowner.

# Safer Roads In Hartland Plan Synopsis

*Estimated costs were provided by the Livingston County Road Commission (LCRC). Contingencies are included in these estimates as well as LCRC engineering. Should engineering needs exceed LCRC capacity, the Task Force has included a line item to account for potential outside engineering costs.*

## **PAVED ROADS**

Hartland Road, Crouse to Cook Road	\$ 437,500
Fenton Road, M-59 to Hibner Road	\$ 650,000
Bullard Road, 1790' N. of M-59 to Dunham Road	\$ 437,500
Bergin Road, Rolling Hills to Old 23	\$ 481,250
Fenton Road, Hibner to Holtforth Road	\$ 962,500
Clyde Road, Cullen to Hartland Road	\$ 125,000
Hibner Road, Hartland to Bullard Road	\$ 337,500
Read Road, Bullard to Fenton Road	\$ 512,500

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**ESTIMATED TOTAL PAVED ROAD IMPROVEMENT COSTS: \$3,943,750**

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## **GRAVEL ROADS**

Pleasant Valley, Lone Tree to Commerce Road	\$ 456,480
Dunham Road, Clark to Fenton Road	\$ 657,920
Clyde Road, Hartland to Fenton Road	\$ 805,600
Dunham Road bridge improvements	\$ 85,000
Blaine Road, Maxfield Road to end of pavement	\$ 146,250

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**ESTIMATED TOTAL GRAVEL ROAD IMPROVEMENT COSTS: \$2,151,250**

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## **NEW PAVED ROAD**

Hacker Road, M-59 to Golf Club

*Hartland Township's projected portion of the project when done in partnership with Oceola Township.*

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**ESTIMATED TOTAL NEW PAVED ROAD COST: \$1,500,000**

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## **PREVENTATIVE MAINTENANCE AS NEEDED**

Filling potholes, crack sealing, etc.	\$ 495,000
Fourth chloride application to roads for ten years	\$ 210,000
Road grading and drainage improvements	\$ 200,000

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**ESTIMATED TOTAL PREVENTATIVE MAINTENANCE COSTS: \$ 905,000**

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**PROJECT DESIGN AND ENGINEERING \$ 500,000**

**TOTAL ESTIMATED COST: \$9,000,000**

**A 1.5 mill/ten-year tax increase would raise the funds necessary to make the improvements listed above. This would cost the average homeowner \$150 per year.**