

Major County Road and Bridge Projects A Priority For Completion This Year

Numerous road, bridge, and culvert improvements were completed by the County Department of Engineering and Public Works during the 2019 construction season, Freeholder Shaun Van Doren reported at the November 6th Freeholder meeting.

Van Doren, the Freeholder Board's Engineering and Public Works liaison, stated, "The protection of our residents and the motoring public by investing in significant maintenance of the County's 246 miles of roadways, 246 bridges and over 2000 culverts continue to be a priority for the Freeholders.

Taking advantage of good weather through most of the construction season, the Department completed over sixty-two miles of county road striping and finished sixteen miles of road resurfacing.

Seven bridge and culvert replacement or reconstruction projects were also completed throughout the County this year, including three projects in Lebanon Township and one each in Clinton Township, Holland, Tewksbury, and West Amwell."

Van Doren added, "Seven bridge painting projects have been completed, including bridges in Glen Gardner, Holland, Kingwood, three bridges in East Amwell, and two in Tewksbury. Painting allows bridges to stand up to the weather and ensures a longer life for the County's spans.

Four road, bridge and other improvement projects are ongoing, including drainage improvements on Route 519 in Delaware Township, and those projects will continue until the weather prevents further work."

Van Doren said, "Oversight of contracted work is an important function of the Department. It ensures work is completed in a timely manner, stays within costs, and meets the standards of the County and the requirements of the awarded contracts.

As an example, at the November 6th Freeholder meeting, a resolution was approved for a \$272,819.67 cost reduction for the resurfacing project on CR 523, thanks to our staff's oversight.”

These responsibilities are taken most seriously by the County staff and that fact is reflected in the quality and completion of the work.”