

Dear Richmond Residents,

With spring just around the corner, a number of infrastructure projects are on the near horizon.

This spring, a large culvert will be replaced on Allens Hill Road to reduce the risk of future damage to critical commuter infrastructure. This project is now out to bid, with an anticipated construction start date late in April 2019.

A bank stabilization and stream restoration project on Mill Creek is slated to start in June 2019. This project has been designed in partnership with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and Ontario County Soil & Water Conservation District to reduce sediment in the Mill Creek Stream Channel. Added benefits of the project will be wildlife habitat and safe walking trails.

In July 2019, a project is scheduled to begin at Sandy Bottom Park that will stabilize 150 feet of Honeoye Lake shoreline adjacent to the public swimming area. The stabilization will involve the construction of a series of soil lifts, protected by erosion control fabric and native plantings. Large rocks will be placed in the water in front of these structures. The project, administered through the Ontario County Soil & Water Conservation District, is funded through state grants and local match. This is a pilot project for Nature Based Best Practices for shoreline erosion.

The Town of Richmond has also embarked on a multi-year Forest Stewardship Plan to manage the Wetland Forest including an ash tree salvage sale within Sandy Bottom Park. The Ash trees have been severely damaged by emerald ash borer. Ash trees that pose a risk to the walking public and park infrastructure are now being removed and sent to salvage sale, with the goal of keeping the park safe for visitors and protecting park infrastructure. **Please look for and follow any park closure signs posted for your safety while logging operations are underway for the next two to five weeks.**

Restoring the forest will be an ongoing process for the next three years. With the support of Richmond's Parks and Recreation Committee and Friends of Sandy Bottom Park, the Town has secured a Trees for Tributaries Grant to replant Sandy Bottom Park with native species, following a NYSDEC Forest Stewardship Plan. Volunteers will be needed for the following planting dates:

Arbor Day: April 26, 2019

Love Your Park Day: May 4, 2019

National Trails Day: June 1, 2019

Make a Difference Day: October 26, 2019

For more information on the above projects, please visit the [Project Information](#) page at **TownofRichmond.org**. Park updates and forthcoming information on tree replanting days can also be obtained by following [Town of Richmond](#) and [Friends of Sandy Bottom Park](#) on Facebook.

Sincerely,

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