

VILLAGE VOICES

Creyts Road Repairs are Coming

Finally, after a very bumpy spring, Creyts Road repairs are coming. The project, which removes and replaces the top 2" of road surface from the traffic round-a-bout at East Road and Creyts Road north to the Village limits, is scheduled to begin in late June of this year. In addition to the road repair, a low section of sidewalk that has seen increased flooding along the east side of Creyts Road will be removed, underground drainage systems placed and new concrete walk installed to prevent further flooding in this area.

The project was bid through the Michigan Department of Transportation in the May, 2009 bid letting. The apparent low bidder for the project is Rieth-Riley Construction Co., Inc. with a low bid that is more than 19% beneath the estimated project cost.

Funding for the project is a tale of bad news-good news. The bad news is that the project did not qualify for funding through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (federal stimulus money). The good news is that the project is funded by an 80-20 package that results in the state of Michigan picking up 80% of the project cost with the Village of Dimondale responsible for the remaining 20%. For the Village the cost is a budgeted item and will not result in any special assessments to adjacent property owners.

It is anticipated that Rieth-Riley will begin mobilizing to the site around June 15 and will start work soon thereafter. Time is of the essence on the project and the work is to be completed in an expeditious manner to minimize the disruption to vehicular and pedestrian traffic on this very busy stretch of road. Creyts Road will remain open to traffic for the duration of the project.

The Dimondale Village Council appreciates the patience demonstrated by residents and visitors regarding this road repair. Please continue to be patient through the construction process - smoother days are coming!

Scott Ammarman, Village Trustee