

**Richmond Highway  
Department**

# Memo

**To:** Tyler Mashia, Richmond Zoning Administrator

**From:** Peter Gosselin, Richmond Road Foreman

**cc:** Richmond DRB members, Keith Osborne, Richmond Town Planner

**Date:** April 12, 2023

**Re:** Hillview Road limitations

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I am replying to a letter submitted by Michael Marks and Sally Mccay of 21 Bates Farm Road. An assessment of Hillview Road has been made stating that Hillview Road is problematic to support an additional private rural road supporting 4 residences based on limited visibility, mud season, inadequate ditching and pedestrian and bicycle safety.

In my opinion this is just an observation. Hillview Road was upgraded in 2016. This upgrade included brush cutting the right of way, ditching and culvert replacement, installation of underdrain in several areas, elevating the southern entrance of Hillview Road to gain safe sight lines as well as installing road fabric and 2 courses of plant mix gravel. The Town invested a very large sum of money to upgrade this road. Mud season is almost non-existent. The road is one of the best gravel roads in Richmond.

All gravel roads in Richmond have certain characteristics that that relate to the topography of the area. Hillview Road is a class 3 road which connects on both ends to Huntington Road and Cemetery Road. The comment that this road has limitations which would hamper any future residential growth is incorrect in my professional opinion. Hillview is a rural dirt road posted at 35 miles per hour. To my knowledge there have been no supporting documents or traffic studies stating the assessed issues with the road.