



ERIE COUNTY COMPTROLLER
HON. STEFAN I. MYCHAJLIW

April 30, 2018

William Geary
Commissioner, Department of Public Works
95 Franklin Street, 14th Floor
Buffalo, NY 14202

Dear Commissioner Geary,

This afternoon, I had the opportunity to tour Taylor Hollow Road, Quaker Road, and Bagdad Road in the Town of Collins. I was invited by a taxpayer that witnessed a School Bus cross the center line to avoid potholes, which barely missed a pick-up truck coming in the other direction. These County roads have fallen into disrepair, and much like my previous road tours, have created a public safety hazard for all who drive on them.

Buses from the Gowanda Central School District are avoiding the sides of the roads, which is especially hazardous around certain corners. Potholes and shoulders had water pooling in them, indicating that the drainage around the roads is inadequate. Where there were ditches, debris clogged them and negated their effectiveness. In other areas, the shoulders around the road were significantly higher than the road itself. Poor drainage will create further problems.

As you can see from the attached photos, debris in ditches that is under the authority and responsibility of Erie County include air conditioners, tires and trees. These roads are in dire need of our attention, before they get worse. The ditches need to be cleaned out to give water a place to drain away from the road. Quaker Road is also crumbling, creating a six feet wide hole at one point.

Thank you for your consideration and attention into this matter. As I always have done in the past, I will continue to communicate directly with you if and when the conditions of County roads are called to my attention.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Stefan I. Mychajliw", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

STEFAN I. MYCHAJLIW
Erie County Comptroller





