

Ingenuity Saves Village Tax Dollars – Amberley Village

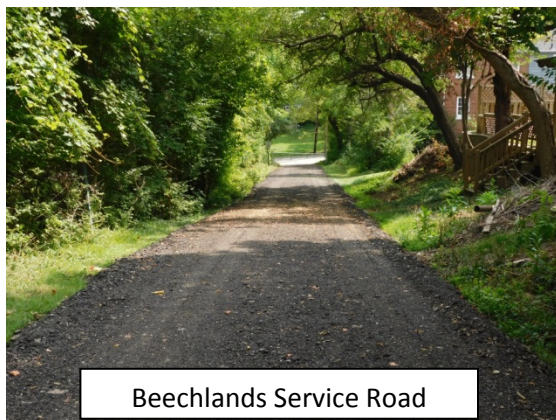
Grinding down a road to prepare it for new pavement is accomplished through a process referred to as milling. The road can be milled to different levels including full depth removal. The old road is removed, ground up and becomes an aggregate to generate new pavement.

The Village’s Maintenance Department reclaimed the road grindings from the recent milling of Aracoma as it was prepared for total pavement replacement this summer. The Department applied truckloads of the grindings to its service drives on Fair Oaks and Beechlands.

The utilization of the old Aracoma road grindings on these one lane access drives gives the Village’s emergency response vehicles a more dependable surface for the fire trucks and police vehicles to use when responding to an emergency. While the grinded material will not perform exactly like an application of new pavement intended for high volume vehicle traffic, it will serve in good form on the service drives which are kept closed by a gate and meant for emergency access situations.



Fair Oaks Service Road



Beechlands Service Road

The ingenuity of the Maintenance Department to identify this opportunity saves significant dollars for each time the Village would have purchased gravel for the drives which was the previous method over the years to maintain these and other areas. The reclaimed material on the service drives is the first application of this method by the Maintenance Department and will become another cost-effective tool in the Village’s approach to continuously seek cost savings and bring strategic changes to its operations for highly effective services for our community’s tax dollars.