

FREDERICK COUNTY SANITARY DISTRICT OF SHAWNEELAND MANAGER'S REPORT – NOVEMBER 2023

Cherokee Lake Sinkholes:

The repairs of the two sinkholes at Cherokee Lake were completed on October 11, 2023. The repairs were completed in 8 days by Frederick Counties on-call contractor, General Excavation, Inc. (G.E.I.).

Most of the material used to fill and stabilize the sinkholes was onsite material. The access road was built from using material purchased from the quarry.

The total cost for this project was \$28,429.94. The funds for this project were taken from the line item 16-8108-3010-000-000-Other Contractual Services of the current FY23/24 budget.

Sickle Bar Mowing:

The final mowing for the year is almost complete. Once again, the 1991 Case tractor broke down for a long period of time this summer. The tractor was transported to a shop for repairs and the total cost was \$4,758.03 to fix the issues. This has been an ongoing problem for the last few years with this older piece of equipment.

Tree Removal:

The tree contractor removed 8 more dead or dying trees from the right of way for the Sanitary District. This will be an ongoing task as trees continue to die.

The staff will begin cutting dead or dying trees this month. All the wood from these trees will be left in safe spots on the right of way for the residents to collect for their use. Citizens may call the Shawneeland office for locations to collect this wood.

Inclement Weather Preparation:

The staff has all the snow removal equipment ready for the first snowfall. We have stocked all the materials needed to treat the roads during these events.

As always, we will be staffed during all winter weather events. Please keep all vehicles out of the way of snow removal operations. If myself or my staff encounter any vehicles that hinder our emergency operations, the vehicle will be towed at the owner's expense. We have emergency parking at both mailhouses and at the small parking lot on the northside of the old mailhouse at the Rosenberger Lane entrance of Shawneeland.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation during the inclement weather events.

Mailhouse Light Poles:

The light poles at both mailhouses have been repaired and upgraded to LED lighting. This will admit more light while costing less and the lights will last longer.

Drainage Culverts:

The staff will be replacing deteriorated and damaged drainage culverts throughout the winter months, weather permitting.

As always, we will evaluate each culvert replacement for the most effective drainage possible. This could include replacing existing culverts with a larger diameter and/or length for maximum flow.