



# TOWN OF LINCOLN

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To: Chris Bibbo, Road Committee  
Cc: Tim Higgins, Board of Selectmen, Mark Whitehead, Noah Eckhouse  
From: Conservation Commission

### **Re: 2009/2010 ROAD RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT**

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The Conservation Commission is in full support of the 2009/2010 Road Rehabilitation Project. Repair of this failing infrastructure is very important for the Town. As a parallel effort within the Road Rehabilitation Project, we strongly encourage the Road Committee to reconstruct failing roadside paths. These paths should provide a safe alternative to roadway use for pedestrians and bicyclists.

In addition, we hope that the Committee will pay special attention to the treatment of the roadway edges with respect to their drainage and stormwater-runoff characteristics. Also as part of this the Conservation Commission supports evaluating the current stormwater management infrastructure to determine if repairs or upgrades are needed. Our drainage system needs to work properly and the water quality of any discharge should be as clean as possible as required under the federal NPDES Phase II program. This is particularly relevant where discharges are directly to surface waters.

We support the appropriate maintenance and restoration of the road right-of-ways as outlined in the Roadside Character Report produced by the Lincoln Garden Club in 2008. We also encourage the Road Committee and Highway Department Staff to target specific areas for non-native invasive plant removal and restoration with native, low-maintenance plants.