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## TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD

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Dear Mr. Muller:

This letter is to confirm our discussion at the Highlands Council Staff meeting of April 4, 2005 regarding improved shoulders on County roads in West Milford. As I stated at the meeting, West Milford has requested assistance on this matter in the past from the County, but has not experienced any success or consideration from the County. As discussed by the Highlands Staff members, the Highlands Legislation promotes trails, bicycle, jogging and walking paths throughout the community. Our issue regarding improved County road shoulders includes this but goes even further in importance, safety. We are very concerned that in many cases the safety of our residents and especially our children is severely compromised by the lack of attention paid to maintenance or even the existence of shoulders along the County roads in West Milford. As you are aware, the Planning Board has been successful in our Bike Path and has worked in conjunction with our Engineering Department to address road shoulder improvements on our local roads as they are resurfaced. We are also in the process of reviewing our trails and additional paths to create a network of interconnectivity throughout the Township. Because we are such a large community, in many cases the only access from one neighborhood to the next or to the playground areas are the County roads. With this in mind, the cooperation of the County regarding the County owned roads is vital.

As you agreed to at the meeting, we would like to have the opportunity to address these needs. At our next Planning Board meeting we will establish a map with specific areas of concern that should be addressed. This map will be forwarded to you with comments to begin this initiative.

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I would like to thank you in advance for your assistance in addressing this important quality of life issue in West Milford.

Very truly yours,

Michael Tfank  
Chairman  
West Milford Planning Board

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