

## **FREDERICK COUNTY SANITARY DISTRICT OF SHAWNEELAND MANAGER'S REPORT – AUGUST 2025**

### **Spring Rains:**

This spring has been exceptionally busy for the Shawneeland staff. This is always the busiest time of the year to begin with, but an abundance of rain added to the workload.

During May and June, the Shawneeland office received just over 18" of rainfall. Some of the rain came down at an overwhelming rate and caused some flooding issues.

Although the drainage infrastructure in Shawneeland is very up to date and more than adequate for most rain events, there were some areas where the ditches and culverts were overwhelmed. The staff responded and did a great job taking care of all the safety issues and making the roads safe for travelling.

### **Tar & Chip Program:**

Carroll Construction was awarded the Tar & Chip Road Improvement Contract. A total 7.49 miles of trails will be treated. I anticipate this work to begin mid-August. We will post the information with a start date and trails affected at each mailhouse once the date is confirmed. This project should take no longer than 2 weeks, weather permitting.

The total cost for this project is \$257,481.00 for the 76,860 square yards.

Please keep in mind that freshly treated tar and chip roads have loose gravel, so slow down and be cautious.

### **Beach Season:**

Cherokee Lake Beach opened on May 22, 2025, this year. Outside of having 1 week with some e-coli issues, things have gone well. The abundance of rain has kept the lake level up for good swimming during the first part of the season. The level is dropping but this time last year the lake was down -73". We have received zero calls at this office with complaints regarding the beach.

### **Asphalt Patching:**

The staff has been patching the trails that are scheduled for the tar & chip project. They are repairing potholes, broken edges, and depression during this process. Once that is complete, they will begin to grader patch various trails throughout Shawneeland.

### **Mowing:**

It was very difficult at the beginning of mowing season due to all the rain. Now that the weather has somewhat stabilized, we are mowing on a regular schedule again. This also goes for mowing along the trails with the bush hog. We are now working our way through all the trails.