

FREDERICK COUNTY SANITARY DISTRICT OF SHAWNEELAND MANAGER'S REPORT – NOVEMBER 2025

Winter Weather Preparations:

As we do every year before the winter season sets in, the Shawneeland staff preps all of the snow equipment for the upcoming snow and ice events. We stock up on all of the supplies needed to take on the challenges of winter weather. At this point, all of the snow removal equipment is prepped and ready to go. All of the supplies needed are in place and ready for the first event.

Snow Emergency Parking:

Winter weather is approaching so I want to remind everyone about the emergency parking lots. We have parking at both mailhouses and at the old mailhouse at the main entrance. I also want to remind everyone that vehicles cannot be parked on the right-of-way or road during any snow event. If any vehicle is parked on the right-of-way or road, it is subject to being towed at the owner's expense.

Widening Maple Trail:

The Shawneeland staff widened Maple Trail from Inca Trail to Aspen Trail. On average, the trail was widened by 2 feet. This was done to make travel safer on this section of roadway. With the increase in building comes an increase in traffic. Maple Trail has seen a big increase in traffic over the past couple of years. The project took about 2 weeks to finish the asphalt portion of the project. The staff also upgraded a couple of culverts as well as much needed shoulder work.

Tar-Chip:

The Tar-Chip program that was supposed to take place this fall has been moved to the spring of 2026. The contractor simply ran out of time to complete the project before cool weather set in. The project will take place during May or June.

Pipe Replacement:

The staff have been replacing and upgrading drainage culverts. I currently have 270 feet scheduled to be replaced by the end of this year. I have another 200 feet scheduled for later this winter or in the spring depending on the weather.

Sickle Bar Mowing / Boom-Axe Cutting:

All of the trails have been sickle bar mowed for the fall cutting. The mowing process started very slowly this year due to all of the rain during the spring. The staff will be utilizing the boom-axe mower on several trails during the winter months.