

**Stevens County Department of Public Works
Administration Office
185 E. Hawthorne
Colville, WA 99114**

Spring 2016

James J. Whitbread, P.E. County Engineer/Public Works Director

Dear Mr. Whitbread

This letter is in regards to the condition and regular maintenance of our county roads in the Shore Acres Estates Sub Division at Loon Lake WA.

On a yearly basis, various members have been contacting you about storm water runoff onto the roads and cleaning the culverts along with re sweeping the street. Each spring, your department will come by and sweep the roads and usually perform no other maintenance until requested by members of the association. When you receive that other request, we have been told due the busy county schedule, we will have to wait until late fall before such work can be addressed.

Our association has worked hard on pride of ownership and beautiful common areas. We feel the need for proper road maintenance is crucial for the safety of citizens and water quality of Loon Lake.

Could you give us feedback on the following requests?

1. Proper grading of swales and cleaning of existing culverts along Robert Rd.
2. Visual inspection and function ability of county swale pond at the beach restricted access road. See photo.
3. Chip seal schedule of Robert road.
4. Solutions to erosion of county roads perpendicular to Robert Rd.
5. Changing current practice of sweeping winter sanding gravel into the swales which erodes back into the street.

Currently, the storm water runoff, coupled with swale pond failure, after any snow melt or rain event, has caused us extreme erosion to the beach and unsafe roads sometimes filled with up to 6 inches of gravel in large swaths.

Our lake, as you know, is a fragile lake and on a watershed. Storm water runoff is considered by the Department of Ecology as the #1 reason for pollution of Loon Lake.

Respectfully,

Homeowner
Shore Acres Estates, Inc.

This photo shows the failure of the swale to retain and process runoff water .

