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Commissioner Quarles successfully secures county funds to improve, repair Lathrup Village roads

September 8, 2020, OAKLAND COUNTY, MI. – On July 23, 2020, the Oakland County Board of Commissioners adopted a resolution sponsored by Commissioner **Nancy L. Quarles** (D-Southfield) securing \$19,414 for the City of Lathrup Village through the county's Local Road Improvement Program (LRIP). These funds will be used to help with road maintenance requirements and other road repairs. Lathrup Village plans to use the funds to help with repairs to westbound 11 Mile Road.

"I am very proud to join with our local government on this project, and I am glad this will improve travel for the citizens and visitors of Lathrup Village as they travel within the city," Quarles said.

Oakland County's LRIP provides limited financial assistance to Oakland County cities and villages for repairs and improvements on roadways under their jurisdiction. The program ensures that the county investment in roads is multiplied by requiring local municipalities to match funding from Oakland County. Launched in 2016, the LRIP has driven an estimated \$89 million investment in local roads across the county. The program is an effective means for encouraging investment in local roads, which continue to be underfunded by the State of Michigan. This lack of funding from the state and federal government has resulted in poor road conditions, which negatively impact safety, quality of life and economic development in the region.

"We are very excited because this is a great opportunity for us here in Lathrup Village to address some road repairs in our community, which is a top priority for our residents as well as the mayor and council," Sheryl Mitchell, city administrator, said. "This is a very pro-active program that the OCBOC are extending to the local communities to address critical infrastructure needs."

In 2017, the Board of Commissioners' LRIP received national recognition when it was selected for a National Association of Counties (NACo) Achievement Award in the category of Community and Economic Development.

Commissioner Quarles represents the 17th county commission district, which includes the City of Lathrup Village, as well as portions of the cities of Oak Park and Southfield. She can be reached at 248-858-0100 or via email to nancyquarles@gmail.com.

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