

Ludlowville (Crooked Hill/Snake Hill) Sequence of Events:

December 11, 1970: Road closed by Tompkins County Commissioner of public works, Howard Stevenson Jr, deemed as unsafe.

January 8, 1971: Town board presented with petition from 84 persons with concerns of CR (County Road) #159 closure, Town Board felt road is essential to the Town, requesting Tompkins County reconsider closure of the road.

October 8, 1971: Request from Lansing Central School District to open road for school bus traffic, Town board recommended continued restrictions as per resolution on 10/9/73 for continued observation.

February 28, 1972: Tompkins County engineer discussed finding ground water, over steepened slopes causing two areas of road to move downward on the hillside. Cost of repairs estimated, \$70,000.

April 11, 1972: County exchanges Crooked Hill Road for Brickyard Road, road to remain closed until repairs are made.

May 9, 1972: Record of opposition regarding road becoming one-way traffic.

September 12, 1972: Supervisor Howell, suggested road be opened one way out, should costs/budgets permit.

December 12, 1972: Jerry Stockton, Lansing Fire Co, on record, opposition to one-way traffic.

June 12, 1973: Levi Wood, Almeda-Lansing Rescue and Fire co., letter to board concerning opening of Crooked Hill due to poor condition of Brickyard. Tentative date for starting repairs of Crooked Hill, August 1st.

October 9, 1973: Highway Superintendent, recommended road be opened to traffic but restricted to use of passenger cars and not to exceed two and a half ton and emergency vehicles. Approximate road opening date of October 27, 1973.

August 12, 1975: Concerns from residents regarding conditions of Crooked Hill and who's responsible for correcting the problems.

January 12, 1978: Report from Councilman Naegely that Crooked Hill was in near state of collapse and found it urgent to restrict traffic.

February 14, 1978: Concern of road condition, opposed to permanent closure.

October 14, 1980: Retaining wall installation discussed.

June 16,1993: Received two engineer reports regarding land slide on Crooked Hill Road. Highway Superintendent, Mr. Larson, felt they should be discussed at a public meeting to discuss options. Looking into price for a walkway with a 4' high chain link fence.

October 20,1993: Concerned resident about status of road and future plans. Highway Superintendent, Mr. Larson, received two quotes, one was half million, another 1.5 million.

November 17, 1993: Town Engineer, Mr. Herrick, met with the Soil Conservation Dept; the agency did not want to take on this task but would help with design work if needed. Mr. Larson, felt next steps for the Town should be to hire Mr. Herrick for an engineering study and that the Town should contact local contractors for input.

December 15, 1993: Mr. Larson applied for a grant but needs to figure out the project cost.

January 19, 1994: Authorized Town engineer, Dave Herrick, to compile "quick fix" solution in opening of road.

April 06, 1994: Grant for \$209,898 received to be used toward project. The goal was to have the road open in the Fall.

April 20, 1994: Town Board authorized Mr. Herrick to prepare the request for proposals for a design build.

May 18, 1994: Mr. Herrick presented a draft contract agreement. Town needed to get with adjoining landowners to get temporary right-of-way easements. November 15,1994 was set as a date to re-open the road.

July 06,1994: Town solicited bids for design and construction. Only one bid was returned from Orchard Construction Company, \$209,000. Town accepted bid.

July 20, 1994: Mr. Herrick authorized by board to get permission from outside landowners.

August 17, 1994: Received preliminary drawings for road repairs. Work is set to start the week after Labor Day.

September 21, 1994: Equipment brough in, guide rail hope to be installed soon.

October 19, 1994: Mr. Larson will need about \$10,180 for guide rails. Permitted to spend up to \$11,000.

November 16, 1994: Orchard had 2 days left of cleanup. Guide Rails set to be placed December 12, 1994, road would reopen following installation.

December 21, 1994: Crooked Hill now open. Grading and paving will take place at a later date.

May 17, 1995: Road now paved.

September 9, 2006: Town accepts gift from Vestal Asphalt to pave Crooked Hill by school.

January 20, 2021: Road Closed

September 21, 2022: No new update from Stopen Engineering

May 17, 2023: 3 Options to re-open road suggested.

September 20, 2023: Ludlowville residents expressed concerns (Brickyard not available in winter)

October 18, 2023: Orchard Park backed out of helping. Stopen Engineering and T.G. Miller worked together.