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### Re: The Route 202/Lafayette/Conklin Avenue Project is Completed

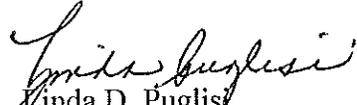
This long awaited New York State D.O.T. project is completed. Route 202, also known as Crompond Road, is a New York State highway and therefore the state paid completely for this intersection improvement. The total project cost was \$3.5 million dollars financed by New York State D.O.T.

However, the Town of Cortlandt was a monitor of this project and has been involved from the beginning of the concept/design/construction as a reverse betterment partner with the New York State D.O.T. This means that the Town had to upfront the payments to the company that was awarded the bid, oversaw the construction work with the D.O.T. and then was completely reimbursed by the State.

This needed improvement included two new traffic signals at Lafayette Avenue and Conklin Avenue where they intersect with Route 202 and a new exit from the Hudson Valley Hospital Center to enter onto Route 202. Turning lanes, paving, striping of the lanes, landscape and drainage improvements were all a part of the plan to make these intersections safer and more efficient for our community. Sensitive wetlands along this corridor were protected and utility poles had to be relocated to make way for the wider road and turning lanes.

"We are all very pleased that this long awaited road betterment project is completed and I thank the Town's staff that put in many hours and years into making this project become a reality. Thanks to our Town Engineer, Ed Vergano, and to our Town Attorney, Tom Wood, in particular, and to our Town Board who supported this project from the beginning.

Also, we worked closely with the Hudson Valley Hospital Center and their officials, including President John Federspiel to make this improvement not only the best for the Town, but for the Hospital, as well."

  
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