

## NEWS RELEASE

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

**May 23, 2019, Pontiac, Mich.** – Today, the Oakland County Board of Commissioners adopted a resolution sponsored by Commissioner Nancy L. Quarles securing \$13,603 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. The City of Lathrup Village plans to use the funds to resurface westbound 11 Mile Road.

“I think this program will be a great help to the citizens as they travel within the city and I am very proud to join with the city on this project,” said Commissioner Quarles.

“We are very excited, this is a tremendous opportunity for us here in Lathrup Village to address some surface improvements in our community, which is a top priority for our residents as well as the mayor and council,” said City Administrator Sheryl Mitchell. “This is a very pro-active program that the Oakland County Board of Commissioners are extending to the local communities to address critical infrastructure needs, specifically our streets.”

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, it has driven an estimated \$70 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.

"Oakland County is stepping up, partnering with local cities and villages to help fix and maintain our local roads," said Chairman David T. Woodward. "We started this local road funding program to be part of the solution, it's now time the Michigan legislature do their job and fix the damn roads!"

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](mailto:nancyquarles@gmail.com).

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