

**2016 RLA Annual Meeting  
Road Committee Report  
Chuck Reynolds – Chair**

The primary objective of the road maintenance program is to provide safe driving conditions on the Retreat roads. This includes snowplowing and grading to reduce icy patches, eroded ruts, and washboard conditions. This is especially important on the roads with steep grades, sharp curves, and dangerous drop-offs. Also culverts must be monitored and cleared to keep overflows from washing out the road.

When the road base material has washed away to the point where grading exposes large rocks, it becomes a road restoration program. It is necessary to add material to get back to a smooth surface. Recycled asphalt is a more cost effective type of material because it resists erosion better than standard road base. Grading costs are then reduced because less grading is needed.

Our 1993 GMC truck and snow plow has been replaced with a 2005 Chevy 2500 truck and a new snow plow at a cost of \$22,500. Many thanks to those who donated to the capital contribution fund to help pay for the new truck. The old truck and plow was sold for \$3,900. We have created a regular annual capital equipment replacement fund to accumulate reserves for replacing the 1993 Champion road grader in the future.

This has been a difficult year for road restoration work. The high cost of recycled asphalt mostly due to the travel delays created by CR43 reconstruction has caused us to postpone restoring the road base on 0.4 miles of lower Streamside Dr. We hope to have this finished before the end of this fiscal year.

Looking to the future, we will have a two year plan available on the RLA website. This will be updated from time to time as priorities change.