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PRESS RELEASE

FERRY STREET ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS
NOTICE OF ROAD CLOSING

As a result of road work taking place, Ferry Street (from Emerald Place to the Manhan Rail Trail crossing) will be closed to vehicular traffic beginning April 1, 2020. The road is anticipated to be closed for approximately six months. A detour will be in place to redirect regular traffic and along with a separate truck route.

Motorists will be advised to expect delays, occasional lane closures on Lovefield, and to avoid the intersection of Pleasant Street, O’Neill Street, and Ferry Street. The contractor will begin placing detours signs at specific intersections over the next few weeks.

The attached Ferry Street Detour Map shows both the passenger car detour routes and the truck detour routes. Motorists will be advised to seek alternate routes.

The work is funded by a $3.5 million MassWorks grant to improve public infrastructure in support of the redevelopment of the Ferry Street Mills. The improvements include the construction of a mini roundabout at the intersection of Lovefield, Pleasant and Ferry Streets, moving overhead wires underground on Ferry Street along Lower Mill Pond, the construction of a pedestrian walkway on Ferry Street along Lower Mill Pond, sidewalk and water, sewer and drainage improvements, upgraded Manhan Rail Trail crossing, new pavement and new traffic control measures.

The Manhan Rail Trail will remain open during construction activities. Users of the rail trail are reminded to obey traffic signs, stop at all intersections and use caution when crossing Ferry Street. Millside Park will remain open with access from Ferry Street maintained during the road closure and construction.
For more information on the project, to submit comments/complaints, and construction updates, please go to [www.easthamptonma.gov/ferrystreet](http://www.easthamptonma.gov/ferrystreet) or contact Traffic Commander Lieutenant Bill Kelly at wkelly@easthamptonma.gov