Brookhaven Town Highway Department Completes Two New Salt Storage Facilities, Increases Capabilities
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Farmingville, NY – On the heels of back-to-back winter seasons that saw a combined 119 inches of accumulated snowfall and the potential for the first snow storm of 2016, the Brookhaven Highway Department today announced the completion of two new salt storage facilities in the southeast and southwest quadrants of the Town. The construction of these facilities will better equip Town crews during bad weather events and ensure the safe treatment of all 3,350 lane miles of town roadways.

Located on Buckley Road in Holtsville and Papermill Road in Manorville, these two new salt storage facilities will provide the Town with approximately 2,000 additional tons of salt storage capacity.

“These two new facilities have increased the Town’s available road-salt material by 10 percent,” said Daniel P. Losquadro, Superintendent of Highways. “Increasing our salt capacity on the ground will make Brookhaven more self-sufficient and rely less on our supplier's availability to deliver this critical winter resource.”

Throughout the winter of 2015, which battered Long Island with weekly snowstorms, many towns fell short of much-needed road-salt supplies. The backlog of orders with the New York State contractor on Staten Island forced townships across Long Island to compete for any available resources.

“With the National Weather Service forecasting the potential for a significant snow event this weekend, we are confident we will have the necessary salt capacity on the ground to treat all roadways,” continued Losquadro.

In addition to the two new facilities in Holtsville and Manorville, the Highway Department completed construction of a new salt storage facility in Mt. Sinai in 2014 and has plans to construct three more salt storage facilities strategically placed throughout the Town over the next 18 months, bringing Brookhaven's on-site capacity to nearly 25,000 tons.