## County begins large paving project off Ernest Pipkins Road Release Date: Oct. 7 2013

George County road crews will begin paving two miles of new roads off Ernest Pipkins Road in District 4 on Wednesday, Oct. 9. The chip-seal paving will begin on Sandford Road proceeding to the new Nelson & Long Road and Doe Ridge Road.

"We are basically taking two miles of old narrow hunting trails and turning them into legitimate two lane County roads," District 4 Supervisor Larry Havard explained. "This type of improvement project makes a tremendous difference for current resident's convenience, increased property values, and driving safety."



The paving work is expected to take a week to complete, weather permitting. Residents will only experience intermittent closures. All drivers are asked to use caution around the construction site and should pay special attention to road workers and heavy equipment.

Major preparation work began this summer with County crews clearing easements and widening roadways. The next step was moving utility poles and packing down more than 500 loads of red clay.

"It took almost two straight weeks of hauling clay by both District 1 and District 4 crews to form the road's foundation, but it will be worth it in the end. These roadways will serve residents for years to come," Havard said.

The chip-seal paving process involves spraying hot liquid tar evenly across a roadbed and then covering and packing the sealant with crushed gravel. The entire project will cost \$100,000 in District 4 road funds.

For additional information, call District 4 Supervisor Havard at 601-947-7506.