

# Okaloosa County News Release

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## Much Anticipated Oak Hill Road Reopens

After being closed for over two years, Oak Hill Road repairs have been completed and the road is open to the public. This road was severely damaged by storms in 2014 and patience by the citizens of north Okaloosa County was greatly appreciated, while repairs were made. Oak Hill Road serves as a connection between Old Bethel Road and Lake Silver Road areas including several residences and roadways between.

The cost for repairs on Oak Hill Road were almost half a million dollars and included not only repairs to the roadway, but mitigated the recurrence of future storm damage. FEMA approved funds provided significant assistance for the repairs and mitigation.

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*The Okaloosa County Department of Public Works is the largest department in the county. Its divisions include: Administration, Engineering, Environmental (Solid Waste, Recycling, Mosquito Control, Artificial Reefs), Parks, Traffic Operations, Roads and Stormwater, as well as Facility Maintenance and Fleet Operations. Public Works is an essential service of Okaloosa County that provides infrastructure and quality of life related services. This team of professionals are also the ones out before, during and after a storm, assessing damage in order to keep the traveling public safe. The Road Department alone, maintains 638 miles of paved roads, 230 miles of dirt road and 67 bridges. The Parks Division maintains the beaches and takes care of everything from neighborhood parks to recreational facilities to natural preserves. Each division and person is essential.*