

# TOWN OF VERNON

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## Work to Resume on Dart Hill Road Bridge

### ***Final Stage of Reconstruction Work Will Require Bridge Closure and Detour***

**(VERNON, Connecticut)** – Work related to the reconstruction of the Dart Hill Road bridge is scheduled to resume on Monday, March 20.

Crews from project contractor Neri Construction have a variety of tasks, including installation of subsurface drainage, grading work, pouring of concrete sidewalks and pedestrian ramps, setting of granite curbing and construction of the permanent roadway that passes over the bridge.

The work will require lane restrictions during the work day and beginning Monday, April 10 a closure of the bridge and resumption of the detour to Windsorville Road.

The pace of the work is weather-dependent. The projected completion date for the work and the end of the detour is May 8.

“When this project is completed in May, Vernon residents and all people who travel Dart Hill Road will drive, walk or bike over a state-of-the-art bridge that is going to enhance safety and serve our community into the next century,” Vernon Mayor Dan Champagne said.

Bridge work will also require a partial detour on Thrall Road during work hours, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., from April 10 to 14. Residents of Watson Road and Thrall Road north of Worcester Road will travel south, against the one-way traffic pattern, and exit their neighborhood via Worcester Road. Vernon Police and certified flaggers and additional signage will guide motorists and ensure public safety.

“We understand and appreciate the inconvenience this is causing for residents and motorists, but it is necessary to ensure the safety of workers and the public, and to allow work to progress in the most efficient manner possible,” Town Engineer David Smith said. “We greatly appreciate the patience and understanding of all affected by this necessary detour.”

**About the Town of Vernon**

The Town of Vernon is a celebrated place to live, work and visit. From its beautiful parks and lakes, to its vast trails and historic homes and buildings, Vernon is a resilient and thriving community that promotes the health and wellbeing of its residents and values the natural environment. With a resident population of approximately 30,000 and occupying 18.03 square miles, Vernon combines a balanced appreciation of history, and a strong economic base for growth, both residential and commercial. Located 15 minutes east of the Connecticut capital of Hartford, and 25 miles from the City of Springfield, Massachusetts, the Town of Vernon is strategically located in “New England's Knowledge Corridor” with close proximity to some of the top colleges and universities in the country.

Designated a certified Sustainable Community, the Town of Vernon offers a wide range of benefits and services to its residents. The Town of Vernon is a full-service municipality that practices a management philosophy of continuous quality improvement. To learn more about the Town of Vernon, please call (860) 870- 3670 or visit [www.vernon-ct.gov](http://www.vernon-ct.gov).

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