

Petition for reduced speed limit and other safety measures on Ellis Hollow Road

We are working to improve safety on Ellis Hollow Road as we've seen an ever-growing number of bicyclists, running groups and families using the road for recreation. We've simultaneously noticed an increase in speeding, and larger vehicles using it as a thruway and alternative to route 79. When you combine these factors of vehicular and recreational expansion, we have a recipe for calamity. We all know stories of pets and even small children walking into the road; lucky thus far to have avoided the worst. This was not the case for one of our community members who was killed riding his bike on Turkey Hill Road in January 2019.

There has been a particular increase in recreation in the section of Ellis Hollow Road between Dodge Road and Turkey Hill Road, in which the shoulder is used by bicyclists, runners, and walkers aiming to access Dodge Road and the newly opened Dryden Rail Trail. Below are a series of steps that we are asking to be considered in order to improve the safety of our neighbors while respecting the needs of motorists and town planners.

Speed Limit Reduction: First, we would like to request a 10mph decrease in the speed limit. It's a general understanding that people will drive up to 10 miles faster than a posted speed limit. That means cars will drive at least 55 MPH on a residential neighborhood road. That's highway speed, not residential community speed.

Signage & Shoulder Safety: We have taken to creating and posting our own signs to motorists about the young children, pets and bicyclists on our shoulders. We ask that the town post appropriate signage to this effect. Examples: No Trucks, Children at Play, Bicyclists, Slow for Children and flashing radar/speed reminders.

Passing Lanes: Remove all passing lanes from Ellis Hollow Road; this is not necessary on a residential road and very dangerous. For example, the passing lane near 1172 Ellis Hollow is at this heavily trafficked area for bikers, walkers and families accessing Dodge Road. Cars pass at extremely high speed in this section and it creates one of the most clear and dangerous opportunities for an avoidable accident.

Limits on Trucks: Outside of the necessary truck deliveries on Ellis Hollow Road, 18-wheelers, dump trucks and wide load vehicles should be banned from Ellis Hollow and moved to route 79. We've tracked the use of dump trucks going to and from Quarry Road for spoils and stone as well as Brooktondale for stone/cement. The number of dump trucks have been on a significant rise over the past several years and this is one of the most significant concerns in our neighborhood. Given the number of walkers and cyclists, the space these larger vehicles take up and the risk they pose is too high for a residential community. Wider roads like 79 are designed to handle these larger vehicles and should be the only place for their use. These larger vehicles are also contributing to a faster wear and tear of the newly paved roads - adding an unnecessary financial burden to the Town.







Recipient: Dryden Town Board, NYS Department of Transportation, Tompkins County
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Signatures

Name	Location	Date
Rachel Ash	Ithaca, NY	2021-05-14
Michelle Nair	Ithaca, NY	2021-05-17
Peter Katzenstein	1189 Ellis Hollow Rd, Ithaca, NY	2021-05-17
Angela Cornell	Ithaca, NY	2021-05-17
Kenneth Roberts	Ithaca, NY	2021-05-17
Beverly and James West	Ithaca, GA	2021-05-17
Gwen Elizabeth Bullock	Ithaca, NY	2021-05-17
Norma Goldberg	Ithaca, NY	2021-05-17
Larry Heller	Ithaca, NY	2021-05-17
Karen Baum	Ithaca, NY	2021-05-17
Ed Thomas	Ithaca, NY	2021-05-17
Anthony Scrimenti	Guilderland, US	2021-05-17
Joshua Standiford	Lake Zurich, US	2021-05-17
Adam Kaluba	Burleson, TX	2021-05-17
Barbara Milner	Richmond, US	2021-05-17
Robin Schwartz	Ithaca, NY	2021-05-17
Elizabeth Mellin	Ithaca, NY	2021-05-17
Jon Dash	New York, NY	2021-05-17
Rebecca Robb	Ithaca, NY	2021-05-17
Bronwyn Butcher	Ithaca, NY	2021-05-17

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Olivia H	New York	2021-05-17
Robert Marraro	Corpus Christi, US	2021-05-17
Susan Ulloa	Crestline, US	2021-05-17
Debra Walsh	Freeville, NY	2021-05-17
Rich Bennett	Ithaca, NY	2021-05-17
Sarah Wagner	Ithaca, NY	2021-05-17
Patrick O'Grady	Ithaca, NY	2021-05-17
Stephen Jesch	Ithaca, NY	2021-05-17
Jesse Townsley	Ithaca, NY	2021-05-17
Elizabeth Jesch	Ithaca, NY	2021-05-17
Janis Graham	Ithaca, NY	2021-05-17
Joslyn Brenton	Ithaca, NY	2021-05-17
Robin Tilling	Ithaca, NY	2021-05-17
Jeanette Knapp	Ithaca, NY	2021-05-17
Nancy Skipper	Ithaca, NY	2021-05-17
Jill Kellner	Ithaca, NY	2021-05-17
Tonya VanCamp	Ithaca, NY	2021-05-17
Ann Bianchi	Ithaca, NY	2021-05-17
Samantha Lushtak	Ithaca, NY	2021-05-17
Lauren Loiacono	Ithaca, NY	2021-05-17
Nancy Kleinrock	Ithaca, NY	2021-05-17
Bruce Howlett	Ithaca, NY	2021-05-17

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Larri Richmond	Ithaca, NY	2021-05-17
Vivek Mathew	Ithaca, NY	2021-05-17
Adam Engst	Ithaca, NY	2021-05-17
Steve Shaum	Ithaca, NY	2021-05-17
Joseph Wilson	Ithaca (Town of Dryden), NY	2021-05-17
Gary evans	Cambridge, MA	2021-05-17
Rosemary Rukavena	Ithaca, NY	2021-05-17
Lesley Williamson	Ithaca, NY	2021-05-17
Claudia Wheatley	Ithaca, NY	2021-05-17
Melissa Wallace	Ithaca, NY	2021-05-17
Susan Kendrick	Ithaca, NY	2021-05-18
Sue Funicelli	Ithaca, NY	2021-05-18
C.T. Jasper	Ithaca, NY	2021-05-18
Barbara Platek	Ithaca, NY	2021-05-18
Danielle Maguire	Dryden, NY	2021-05-18
Christopher Cameron	Ithaca, NY	2021-05-18
Jacqueline Bouchard	Ithaca, NY	2021-05-18
Cara Nichols	Ithaca, NY	2021-05-18
Gwen Aquadro	Ithaca, NY	2021-05-18
Tracie Parker Quigley	Ithaca, NY	2021-05-18
John Quigley	Ithaca, NY	2021-05-18
Ellen Cramer	Ithaca, NY	2021-05-18

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Merrie Wilent	Ithaca, NY	2021-05-18
Maura Weathers	Ithaca, NY	2021-05-18
Michael Forster	Ithaca, NY	2021-05-18
Robert Armstrong	Ithaca, NY	2021-05-18
David Hiner	Dryden, NY	2021-05-18
Michael Rider	Ithaca, NY	2021-05-18
Ved Gund	Ithaca, NY	2021-05-18
Wayne Gottlieb	Ithaca, NY	2021-05-18
Chris Wheatley	Ithaca, NY	2021-05-18
Robyn Bem	Ithaca, NY	2021-05-18
Rachel Neugarten	Arlington, DC	2021-05-18
Amanda King	Ithaca, NY	2021-05-18
Peter Davies	Ithaca, NY	2021-05-18
Sarah Schneider	Ithaca, NY	2021-05-18
jennifer bombay	Newport News, US	2021-05-18
Jeanne Coffin-Schmitt	Ithaca, NY	2021-05-18
Angela Cypret	Rockford, US	2021-05-18
Joan Slatoff	Ithaca, NY	2021-05-18
Michael Roman	Ithaca, NY	2021-05-18
Janie Risley	Sallisaw, US	2021-05-18
Tom Hohn	Ithaca, NY	2021-05-18
Rose marie Cacioppo	Ithaca, NY	2021-05-18

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Gregory Kadlecik	Ithaca, NY	2021-05-18
Poppy Singer	Ithaca, NY	2021-05-18
Janelle Alvstad-Mattson	Ithaca, NY	2021-05-18
Terri Lawrence	San Francisco, US	2021-05-18
Tyler Hauswirth	Hancock, US	2021-05-18
Alexander Shonjani	US	2021-05-18
Amy Hastings	Ithaca, NY	2021-05-18
Gabriel Cole	St. Louis, US	2021-05-18
Soledad Almeida	Ithaca, NY	2021-05-18
Maria Gandolfo-Nixon	Ithaca, NY	2021-05-18
Marcy Schaeffer	Ithaca, NY	2021-05-18
Linda Uhl	Ithaca, NY	2021-05-18
John Goodrow	Ithaca, NY	2021-05-18
Jonathan Williams	Ithaca, NY	2021-05-18
Rhian Ellis	Ithaca, NY	2021-05-18
Liz Corbett	Ithaca, NY	2021-05-18
Sarah Feldt	Ithaca, NY	2021-05-18
Amy Reading	Ithaca, NY	2021-05-18
Larry Honigbaum	Ithaca, NY	2021-05-18
Lynn Garman	Ithaca, NY	2021-05-18
Sarah Felver	Ithaca, NY	2021-05-18
Keith Feldt	Ithaca, NY	2021-05-18

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Marne Honigbaum	Ithaca, NY	2021-05-18
tony cacioppo	ithaca, NY	2021-05-18
John McMurry	Ithaca, NY	2021-05-18
Allison Kootsikas	Ithaca, NY	2021-05-18
Marie Payne	Brooktondale, NY	2021-05-18
Carl Pucci	Rapla, Estonia	2021-05-18
Amy Maltzan	Freeville, NY	2021-05-18
John Golay	Ithaca, NY	2021-05-18
Christopher Morgan-Knapp	Ithaca, NY	2021-05-18
Aaron King	Ithaca, NY	2021-05-18
Sara Watrous	Ithaca, NY	2021-05-18
Treva Levine	Ithaca, NY	2021-05-18
Nona Poyer	Ithaca, NY	2021-05-18
Patricia Dubin	Ithaca, NY	2021-05-18
Chantal Thomas	Ithaca, NY	2021-05-18
Kenneth Burkhart	Ithaca, NY	2021-05-18
Lyza Maron	Ithaca, NY	2021-05-18
Julia Aquadro	Ithaca, NY	2021-05-18
Enid Littman	Ithaca, NY	2021-05-18
Jan Estes	Ithaca, NY	2021-05-18
Suzanne Jablonski	Ithaca, NY	2021-05-18
Bhuvan Singla	Ithaca, NY	2021-05-18

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Rylyn Sabina	Elkton, US	2021-05-18
Maggie M	US	2021-05-18
john hartman	Bristol, US	2021-05-18
Nicholas Cross	Loma Linda, US	2021-05-18
Dick and Sharon Turecek Turecek	Ithaca, NY	2021-05-18
Rebecca Lee	Ithaca, NY	2021-05-18
Erica Steinhagen	Ithaca, NY	2021-05-18
Janice Bretscher	Ithaca, NY	2021-05-18
Katherine Holmes	Newfield, NY	2021-05-18
Alison Somogy	Ithaca, NY	2021-05-18
Taliet Gerretsen	Ithaca, NY	2021-05-18
Beth Lyons	Ithaca, NY	2021-05-18
Sharon Barrie	Ithaca, NY	2021-05-18
Kimberly Lounsberry	Ithaca, NY	2021-05-19
Sheila A Dean	Ithaca, NY	2021-05-19
Jessica McArt	Ithaca, NY	2021-05-19
Matthew McCarty	Ithaca, NY	2021-05-19
Christa Downey	Ithaca, NY	2021-05-19
Marc Garland	Ithaca, NY	2021-05-19
Gregory Thomson	Ithaca, NY	2021-05-19
John Betts	Ithaca, NY	2021-05-19

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Sean Denbrosky	Ithaca, NY	2021-05-19
Aaron Young	Ithaca, NY	2021-05-19
Cameron Meza	Kissimmee, US	2021-05-19
Brannigan Harter	Ridgeland, US	2021-05-19
collin wolff	chico, CA	2021-05-19
Jeremy Braddock	Ithaca, NY	2021-05-19
Sara Catterall	Ithaca, NY	2021-05-19
Carol Barra	Ithaca, NY	2021-05-19
Nina T	Ithaca, NY	2021-05-19
Sasha Kellner	ithaca, NY	2021-05-19
jennifer colon	Reading, US	2021-05-19
Jack Johnson	Jacksonville, US	2021-05-19
Taylor Farnsworth	Layton, US	2021-05-19
Julie Martin	Frederic, US	2021-05-19
Glen Becker	Mount Vernon, US	2021-05-19
Javier Lastra	Hoover, US	2021-05-19
Maddie Fay	Avon, US	2021-05-19
Katherine Kruser	Ithaca, NY	2021-05-19
Andrea Beukema	Ithaca, NY	2021-05-19
Heidi Lovette	Ithaca, NY	2021-05-20
Christine Becraft	Ithaca, NY	2021-05-20
Sylvia Taylor	Ithaca, NY	2021-05-20

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Maria Miranda	Brooklyn, US	2021-05-20
Patricia Booth Taylor	Boynton Beach, FL	2021-05-20
Nicholas Taylor	Ithaca, NY	2021-05-20



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Jon Dash	New York, NY	2021-05-17	"Cars regularly exceed the speed limit on this road, making it extremely unsafe for the residents and people using Elis Hollow Road for recreation."
Elizabeth Mellin	Brooktondale, NY	2021-05-17	"I have lived on Ellis Hollow Road for 4 years and regularly witness cars traveling at a much higher rate of speed than the already high speed limit for a residential area (with may kids and pets), vehicles passing others in front of my house (which is not a designated passing area and, again, at really high rates of speed), and cars sliding and swerving (often visibly texting) onto the side of the road and my lawn (leaving tire marks) barely missing my 10 year old son and I as we wait for the bus. Over time this area has had a substantial increase in families with young children and pets and, without intervention, it is very likely that someone will be severely injured or even killed in the coming years."
Olivia H	New York	2021-05-17	"The speed of traffic is one major reason we have seriously considered moving. I'm very worried for my young children, and I wish I could feel safer walking or biking along Ellis Hollow Rd."
Sarah Wagner	Ithaca, NY	2021-05-17	"We bike, run, and walk Ellis Hollow Road to Genung, Dodge, Turkey Hill and Quarry with our young children and we would LOVE for it to feel more safe."
Jesse Townsley	Ithaca, NY	2021-05-17	"As someone who occasionally bikes on Ellis Hollow Road, I support this initiative."
Joslyn Brenton	Ithaca, NY	2021-05-17	"I live on Ellis Hollow Rd. We walk our dogs and ride our bikes on this road and it would be much safer to have a lower speed limit."
Jill Kellner	Ithaca, NY	2021-05-17	"I love on Ellis Hollow Road and people in vehicles are traveling way too fast on the road. I'd love to see the speed limit reduced."
Claudia Wheatley	Ithaca, NY	2021-05-17	"I've used this road for 11 years now and the traffic is only getting heavier and faster. We need to send a message that this is NOT where the country begins and anything goes. Along with a lower speed limit, we will want surprise enforcement efforts every couple of months as a reminder."
Rachel Neugarten	Ithaca, NY	2021-05-18	"I often drive on Ellis Hollow Rd and see people walking, jogging, or cycling there. There is not enough of a shoulder and it feels very unsafe. I also have a friend who lives on the road with a toddler and a dog. I worry about her child or dog accidentally running into the road and getting hit. I think the speed limits should be lower."
Poppy Singer	Ithaca, NY	2021-05-18	"I am signing because I live on Ellis Hollow Road. I hate how fast cars go past my house and when I am walking along the road. I have been thinking of asking neighbors if they were interested in signing a petition to lower the speed limit to 30mph, so this is a welcome invitation to sign! I also have noticed an increase in large trucks and find this unpleasant in a residential neighborhood."

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Gregory Kadlecik	Ithaca, NY	2021-05-18	"I have two school-aged kids who have to wait for their bus less than 10 feet from large trucks barreling through at completely unreasonable rates of speed, completely apathetic to the kids and families who they are endangering. I agree completely that much of the work force from out of town are using Ellis Hollow Road as an alternative highway to get to East Hill and other points nearby. I also strongly support surprise police speed traps to send a message that there is an actual speed limit here! I don't think I've seen a single police cruiser drive between Dodge and Turkey Hill Rds in the past 4+ months."
Chantal Thomas	Ithaca, NY	2021-05-18	"I live in Ellis Hollow (Genung Road), and frequently drive on Ellis Hollow Road, probably multiple times a day. My family and I have remarked for years that the combination is very concerning of fast driving speeds on that road together with common recreational / non-vehicular use. In an ideal world we could get a walking/biking trail to go alongside the road (I think this would be a great infrastructural investment and would boost all the qualities that Ithaca already promotes) - but certainly these measures are all welcome. Thanks for organizing this!"
Kenneth Burkhart	Ithaca, NY	2021-05-18	"It would be a good thing to reduce the speed limit along this route...many, many driveways & intersections. I would not enjoy pulling out on this road at the 45 mph speed!"
Erica Steinhagen	Ithaca, NY	2021-05-18	"This has been such an ongoing worry for me for many years, and with so many bikers, walkers, pets and children this is an imperative change. Slower speed, large truck ban, flashing speed limit signs, doing away with all passing...a very important step towards a much safer neighborhood. This is not a highway and it has increasingly and frighteningly been feeling like one. Thank you!"
Olivia H	New York	2021-05-19	"I would LOVE a walking/biking trail. I've often thought about purchasing an ebike to reduce my car usage, but as things are, I can't imagine riding daily along EHR, especially with my kids in the back. I've always envied the Warren/Hanshaw area for the sidewalks they got a few years ago."
Nina Thompson	Ithaca, NY	2021-05-19	"Please, please support these initiatives! As someone who grew up in this area, left for more than 15 years, then returned and recently purchased property on Ellis Hollow Road, I have been shocked at the traffic! I walk this stretch of the road at least once, if not twice a day with my dog, despite the fact that it always feels unsafe because of how fast vehicles are traveling. There are certainly those who slow down and/or move over when they see us on the shoulder, but it is not the majority of those we encounter. Myself and my dog have been nearly hit on multiple occasions. I have had snow, slush, rain, dirt and rocks hurled at me due to the force of the speeding traffic. These proposed measures are common sense for a residential neighborhood populated by families of all types. Please help improve the safety of Ellis Hollow Rd so we don't end up facing a tragedy. Thank you to the organizers of this petition and please keep us updated about when this goes before the Dryden Town Board."