

Town of Cortlandt Section 189 Road Information

This informational brochure was printed to assist residents in understanding the 3 different types of residential roads in the Town.

1. Public: Built to Town Standards.
2. Public: Section 189
3. Private

Roads with an adopted Section 189 status will receive snow plowing and sanitation services from the Town only for the adopted length of the road in the Town Board Resolution.



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What are Section 189 Roads?

There are 3 types of residential roads in the Town of Cortlandt:

1. Public: Built to Town & NYS Standards.
2. Public: Section 189
3. Private

What is Section 189?

In the 1800's the New York State Legislature established a provision in the Highway Law which has been carried forward and is now contained in Section 189 of the New York State Highway Law, "Roads by Use", which allows the municipality to accept private roads, which have been used by the public as if they were public roads, subject to various exceptions.

As of July 2011, all roads that fit this category have been identified and finalized by the Town Board.

Is my Road a 189 Road?

There is a full list of all dedicated and Section 189 Roads available on our website at www.townofcortlandt.com

Will my road be maintained by the Town if it is a 189 road?

If your road has been adopted by the Town Board as a 189 road, the road will receive **basic maintenance to the road surface only.** Any drainage, trees, or other maintenance work will STILL be the responsibility of the residents who live on the road.

Will my road continue to receive snow plowing services & sanitation services from the Town?

YES. When your road is adopted as a Section 189 Road it is added to a list of roads which the Town's DES/Highway division will plow and which the Town'

DES/Sanitation Division will provide curbside refuse collection in accordance with our Recycling Brochure.

Are there any public roads that the Town does NOT maintain?

Yes, the Town does NOT maintain Routes 202, 6, 9, 9A, 129 and the Bear Mountain Parkway. (The State of New York DOT does). The Town does NOT maintain any road within the Villages of Buchanan and Croton-on-Hudson. (The Villages take care of these roads).

Who can I speak to if I have questions? Please contact our Department of Environmental Services at (914) 737-0100 or email highway@townofcortlandt.com

How do I know if my road is a 189 Road? You can look it up on our website at www.townofcortlandt.com or contact Department of Environmental Services (914) 737-0100 or DOTS Code Enforcement Division at (914) 734-1010.

