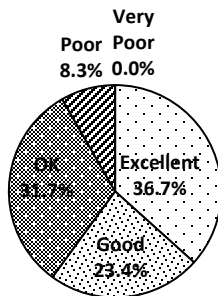


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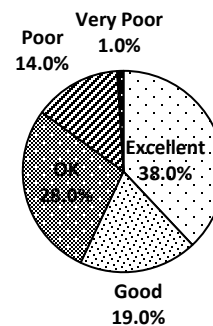
Members of the Sugar Hill Road Committee work with Doug Glover to identify places most in need of road work and make plans for surfacing and other rehabilitation projects. In recent years, maintenance efforts have concentrated on repairing damage incurred in major storms, which caused some projects to be deferred.

Pavement conditions on the town's major paved roads are documented by analyzing photographs taken at 0.1 mile increments and noting the extent of cracking, pot holes and other problems. In 2021, nearly 60% of the town's major roads were in excellent or good condition, while 14% were in poor condition and 1% were in very poor condition, as shown in these pie charts.

**Pavement Condition for Major Roads
November 2020**



**Pavement Condition for Major Roads
November 2021**



While average pavement condition declined slightly in 2021, average ride quality improved. In drive tests conducted in November 2021, people could drive comfortably at the speed limit on nearly two thirds of the paved miles on major roads in Sugar Hill compared to just over half of these roads in the prior year. In 2021, 11% of the road segments (a total of 2.3 miles compared to a total of 4.2 miles in the prior year) were judged to be rough enough that people would have to slow down in order to avoid excessive bumpiness. Only two roads had more than one segment that had poor pavement condition as well as rough ride quality: Dyke Road (three segments, 0.3 miles total) and Crane Hill Road (9 segments, 0.9 miles total). Blake, Carpenter, Center District, Pearl Lake, Peckett's Crossroad, and Streeter Pond Road each had one or two 0.1-mile segments where it was judged necessary to slow down below the 30mph speed limit.

In 2022, the committee will continue to work with the Highway Department and Select Board in setting priorities for road work and in examining long-term strategies for maintaining and improving our roads.

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