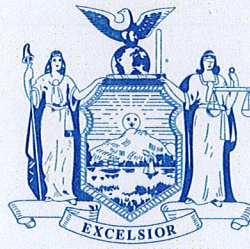


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CHRISTOPHER L. JACOBS
SENATOR, 60TH DISTRICT

March 16, 2018

Mr. Mark W. Thomas
Western District Director
New York State Office of Parks,
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PO Box 1132
Niagara Falls, New York 14303

Dear Mr. Thomas:

I was recently provided the attached data on the number of car accidents over the last five years on West River Parkway and West River Road. The data states that West River Road had three times the number of accidents as West River Parkway even though it has three times less traffic than the Parkway (18 accidents/5 accidents, 500 cars per day/ 1,500 per day).

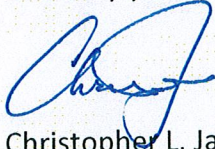
I am aware of State Park's assessment that any traffic concerns due to the closure of West River Parkway are unwarranted because both roads are far under capacity. However, these five-year statistics would lead one to conclude that increased traffic on the West River Road, as a result of the closing of West River Parkway, would lead to more accidents on West River Road.

I would appreciate a response on why this logic is not founded or what actions will be taken to mitigate the potential increase of car accidents and dangerous car related incidents for drivers and residents on West River Road, if and when the Parkway is closed.

I know you agree that our first priority is the safety of our people. I would appreciate any data or rationale that would assuage my concerns. Thank you.



Sincerely yours,



Christopher L. Jacobs

cc: Hon. Nate McMurray, Supervisor, Town of Grand Island
Hon. Beverly Kinney, Council, Town of Grand Island
Hon. Mike Madigan, Council, Town of Grand Island
Hon. Peter Marston, Jr. Council, Town of Grand Island
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Attachments: Accident Data

TRACS Search for Accidents by Street or Intersection

West River & Busch
 to 1/16 Nov
 Bicycle

total accidents for selected Agencies and CTVs

644

26 (4%) accidents found out of

Street Name Searched: West River

1/1/2011 - 9/6/2016: 5 yrs 251 days (2,076 days)

CTV	Agency	Date	CHARMS Complaint	TRACS Case #	Accident Location Description	Lat. and Long.	X	&	Y
T/Grand Island	ECS	03/17/11	11-118049	R1EX18000064	3175 Staley Road	[Latitude]	[Longitude]	[X-coord]	[Y-coord]
T/Grand Island	ECS	05/12/11	11-131493	R1EX18000070	West River Parkway	[Latitude]	[Longitude]	[X-coord]	[Y-coord]
T/Grand Island	ECS	07/14/11	11-147902	R1EX18000081	Staley Rd	[Latitude]	[Longitude]	[X-coord]	[Y-coord]
T/Grand Island	ECS	07/16/11	11-148589	R1EX18000083	Bedell Road	[Latitude]	[Longitude]	[X-coord]	[Y-coord]
T/Grand Island	ECS	08/07/11	11-154314	R1EX19000038	847 West River Rd.	[Latitude]	[Longitude]	[X-coord]	[Y-coord]
T/Grand Island	ECS	08/22/11	CL#11-158007	R1ECG4000074	West River Road	[Latitude]	[Longitude]	[X-coord]	[Y-coord]
T/Grand Island	ECS	10/03/11	CL#11-168425	R1ECG3000047	West River Road	[Latitude]	[Longitude]	[X-coord]	[Y-coord]
T/Grand Island	ECS	11/25/11	11-180937	R1ESS6000081	West River Rd	[Latitude]	[Longitude]	[X-coord]	[Y-coord]
T/Grand Island	ECS	11/08/12	CL # 12-07661E	R1EX19000109	West River Rd.	[Latitude]	[Longitude]	[X-coord]	[Y-coord]
T/Grand Island	ECS	12/02/12	12-082193	R1EX34000206	2737 Fix Rd	[Latitude]	[Longitude]	[X-coord]	[Y-coord]
T/Grand Island	ECS	02/08/13	13-009391	R1EX97000154	West River Road	[Latitude]	[Longitude]	[X-coord]	[Y-coord]
T/Grand Island	ECS	07/28/13	13-051552	R1EZ17000024	Bedell Rd	[Latitude]	[Longitude]	[X-coord]	[Y-coord]
T/Grand Island	ECS	08/25/13	13-058629	R1EZ1724CRV6	Love Rd	[Latitude]	[Longitude]	[X-coord]	[Y-coord]
T/Grand Island	ECS	09/08/13	13-061566	R1ECT125ZRVF	West River	[Latitude]	[Longitude]	[X-coord]	[Y-coord]
T/Grand Island	ECS	09/20/13	13-064613	R1EC95271C4N	West River Road	[Latitude]	[Longitude]	[X-coord]	[Y-coord]
T/Grand Island	ECS	10/01/13	13-067478	R1ECT128B5BT	Fix Rd	[Latitude]	[Longitude]	[X-coord]	[Y-coord]
T/Grand Island	ECS	12/15/13	13-084841	R1EX122J62R4	Bedell Road	[Latitude]	[Longitude]	[X-coord]	[Y-coord]
T/Grand Island	ECS	12/19/13	13-085968	R1EC952JND2G	West River Rd	[Latitude]	[Longitude]	[X-coord]	[Y-coord]
T/Grand Island	ECS	01/23/14	14-005141	R1ESS62NCP1R	3159 Staley Rd	[Latitude]	[Longitude]	[X-coord]	[Y-coord]
T/Grand Island	ECS	02/02/14	14-007385	R1ESS62PD9ZT	West River Rd	[Latitude]	[Longitude]	[X-coord]	[Y-coord]
T/Grand Island	ECS	05/26/14	14-034990	R1EX1233FDRC	Whitehaven Rd	[Latitude]	[Longitude]	[X-coord]	[Y-coord]
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T/Grand Island	ECS	04/12/15	15-024039	R1EZ1747RMVL	West River Pkwy.	[Latitude]	[Longitude]	[X-coord]	[Y-coord]
T/Grand Island	ECS	11/05/15	15-070449	R1EC164ZTDJN	West River Rd	[Latitude]	[Longitude]	[X-coord]	[Y-coord]
T/Grand Island	ECS	04/12/16	16-025838	R1EC155JRO2X	West River Pkwy	[Latitude]	[Longitude]	[X-coord]	[Y-coord]
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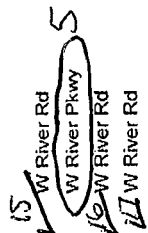
TRACS Search for Accidents by Street or Intersection

accidents found out of total accidents for selected Agencies and CTVs

Street Name Searched : W River

1/1/2011 - 9/6/2016: 5 yrs 251 days (2076 days)

CTV	Agency	Date	CHARMS Complaint	TRACS Case #	Accident Location Description	Lat. and Long.	X	Y
T/Grand Island	ECS	03/31/14	14-020895	R1EX122WJ997	5 feet North of 1635 W River Rd	42.989929	-79.013073	172828 4767515
T/Grand Island	ECS	05/22/14	14-034027	R1EZ17331GBF	at intersection of Long Rd	43.047309	-79.001291	174092 4773842
T/Grand Island	ECS	07/27/15	15-051089	R1EC154M21VL	.5 miles South of Legion Rd	[Latitude]	[Longitude]	[X-coord] [Y-coord]
T/Grand Island	ECS	07/06/16	16-050044	R1EC155TTGWR	at intersection of Bedell Rd	43.035568	-79.006995	173566 4772561



TRACS Search for Accidents by Street or Intersection

accidents found out of total accidents for selected Agencies and CTVs

Street Name Searched : **Bush**

1/1/2016 - 9/6/2016: 250 days

CTV	Agency	Date	CHARMS Complaint	TRACS Case #	Accident Location Description	Lat. and Long.	X	Y
T/Grand Island	ECS	07/16/16	16-052981	R1ESS45VX0XH	18 at intersection of E Oakfield Rd	42.974948 -78.975953	175776	4766707

Confirmed
 Service Road
 Not Parkway
 (originally had this listed as Pkwy)

Whitehaven Road

Year	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	Total
2013-12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2013-13	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
2013-14	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
2013-15	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
2013-16	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Total	6	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8

* Impacted section: Whitehaven starting at Baseline to West River Road

Impacted section total accidents Dec-Mar	18
Un-impacted section total accidents Dec-Mar	10
Impacted section total accidents/year	36

Conclusion: Accident rate on impacted section doubled during 4 month Parkway limited or no use period while the accident rate on the remainder of the road showed no increase and in fact was substantially lower than the other 8 months.

* The observed increase in accident rate occurred in July and August and is likely due to increased summer traffic for 6 mile marina and the Whitehaven campground

Staley Road

Year	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	Total
2013-12	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
2013-13	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
2013-14	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
2013-15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2013-16	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3

* Impacted section: Staley starting at Baseline to West River Road

Impacted section total accidents Dec-Mar	12
Un-impacted section total accidents Dec-Mar	5
Impacted section total accidents/year	24

Conclusion: Accident rate on impacted section doubled during 4 month Parkway limited or no use period while the accident rate on the remainder of the road remained essentially the same in both time periods

Impacted section total accidents Aug-Nov and April	12
Un-impacted section total accidents Aug-Nov and April	11
Un-impacted section accidents/year	16