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NewsFlash



Additional Safety Improvements Along Evergreen Mills Road & Watson Road

**Be Alert for New Traffic Signal Timings and Warning Flashing
Beacons**

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As you may know, my office has worked since 2016 to make both Evergreen Mill Road (EMR) and Watson Road, safer! That effort has resulted in numerous existing improvements, along with several short term improvements, and some still to come longer term improvements.



According to the latest [project update](#), construction crews have completed tree trimming along both roadways.

VDOT will now perform traffic signal operations and timing modifications at the following intersections. This work is anticipated for completion by the end of 2021:

- **EMR & Red Hill/Ryan Road**

- **Arcola Mills Drive* & Belmont Ridge Road/Briarfield La**

Construction crews will also be installing advance warning flashing beacons on EMR in the following general locations. This work is anticipated for completion in early 2022:

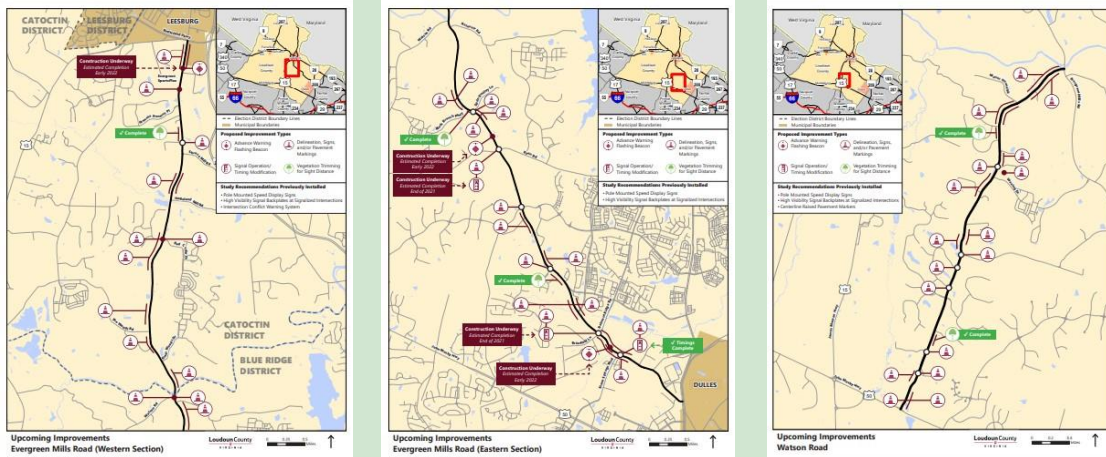
- **EMR, north of the Evergreen SportsPlex**
- **North of the intersection of EMR & Red Hill/Ryan Road**
- **Along Arcola Mills Drive* between Briarfield Lane and Stone Springs Boulevard**

Construction work will take place during daytime hours. During construction, travelers can anticipate traffic stoppages, lane closures and flagging operations with little advanced notice. Please use caution and plan ahead when traveling through this area and follow all directions from posted signs and road crews.

Stay informed of upcoming construction through the [project page on the Loudoun County website](#), [news alerts](#) and the county's [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) channels.

More information about the EMR and Watson Road short term improvements, including a link to sign up for updates can be found at loudoun.gov/evergreenmillswatson

**When the road safety audit was conducted in 2017 and 2018, Arcola Mills Drive was formerly known as Evergreen Mills Drive and a portion of the current Evergreen Mills Drive was formerly known as Shreveport Drive.*



The above graphics ([click here to enlarge](#)) depict approximate locations of various safety improvements in progress.

Now through October of 2022, construction crews are anticipated to construct numerous improvements along both roads, such as:

- **New signage**
- **Pavement markings**
- **Advance warning flashing beacons**
- **Traffic signal operations and timing improvements**
- **Delineators (above-ground retroreflective devices along the outside roadway edge, to better delineate road edges)**
- **Vegetation trimming for improved sight distances**

These safety improvements along EMR and Watson Road are at locations that have increased risk for potential crashes, and at crash "hot spots" that were identified along both corridors as part of my [2017 Board Member Initiative](#), which resulted in numerous Board approved road safety and operational improvements.

All our best!



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