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**PRESS RELEASE**

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April 30, 2025

**CONSTRUCTION TO BEGIN ON DOGWOOD AVE**

On Monday, May 12, 2025, Dogwood Avenue will be closed to thru traffic from 295<sup>th</sup> Street north to the existing pavement. This project will continue the re-grading of the above mentioned stretch of roadway that began in 2024. The work, at this time, will involve placing fill material along the alignment for the new grade, which will provide a new at grade crossing over the railroad tracks, as well as raising the elevation of Dogwood Avenue. The contractor anticipates completion of the project before October 31, 2025, weather permitting.

In July Of 2024, the contract for this project was awarded to Cornerstone Excavating, Inc of Washington, IA for \$888,108.25. This work is being done as a part of Washington County's Five-Year Road Improvement Plan, which is available at [www.washingtonroads.org](http://www.washingtonroads.org). County Engineer Jacob Thorius said, "This project is the next phase in completing a long term project to provide another paved road corridor over the Skunk River, which will improve travel in the southwest part of the county."

Questions pertaining to the project should be directed to the County Engineer's Office at (319) 653-7731. As a reminder, when the public is traveling around this area, they are urged to use extra caution.

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