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O'Mara joins local officials to celebrate arrival of new Dansville Town Highway Department machinery: State funding instrumental in purchase of new gravel-making equipment for local shared services

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Dansville, N.Y., June 25—State Senator Tom O'Mara (R,C,I-Big Flats) today joined Town of Dansville Highway Superintendent Ray Acomb, highway department employees, and other area officials to celebrate the arrival of the town's new gravel-making equipment.

The ceremony was held on Tuesday at the town gravel pit on Eisman Road.

O'Mara, after being contacted by Acomb, secured \$500,000 in state grant funding to help the town purchase a KPI-JCI Pioneer Impact Crusher.

Acomb said the new machinery would allow Dansville, and the municipalities of Arkport, Cohocton, and Wayland to strengthen local shared services efforts, and enhance the maintenance and improvement of local roads, bridges, culverts, and other infrastructure. He added that the program has been very successful for the local towns and saved taxpayers literally hundreds of thousands of dollars since its inception. The municipalities save more than \$200,000 annually by crushing their material instead of purchasing it.

O'Mara, who has worked closely over the past decade with local highway officials regionally and statewide to strengthen New York State's commitment to local transportation infrastructure, said, "These are critical additions to the operation of county and town highway departments across the Southern Tier and Finger Lakes regions. I have been proud of our efforts over the past decade to champion the incredible work these departments do to maintain and upgrade our local roads, bridges, culverts, and other infrastructure. I look forward to continue doing everything possible to encourage New York State government to make a more substantial investment to rebuild, repair, and revitalize our local transportation infrastructure and support our local highway departments. I recognize and understand the fundamentally important work of our county and town highway departments, and I appreciate these opportunities to support and strengthen their ability to get the job done for the sake of the local economy, local property taxpayers, and all motorists."

Superintendent Acomb said, "The Town of Dansville is extremely grateful to Senator O'Mara for this assistance in purchasing critical new equipment that will be an enormous benefit to our highway departments and to area road projects. It's a great benefit to help us do our work as effectively and cost efficiently as possible, and it achieves this goal without burdening local property taxpayers."