



Mr. Bob Olson  
112 E Second St  
Dixon, IL 61021

Dear Mr. Olson:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit three of our funding proposals to the County's ARPA Committee for their consideration. We have prioritized our requests, with this proposal - a request for \$755,503 for the repaving of the roads of Lowell Park (2114 Lowell Park Road, Dixon) - being our top priority.

This project is our number one priority due to Lowell Park being used by so many residents of Lee County, not to mention the volume of visitors from Illinois and other parts of the United States. We are very grateful for the increase in the use of the park and the road improvements will greatly benefit our patrons. The grant will allow us to complete this project and keep Lowell Park a top destination for years to come.

The usage of Lowell Park has increased in the last three years due to the addition of disc golf, a new zip-line playground and the corn hole game. Covid-19 is also a huge factor in the considerable increase of people visiting this park. The community and visitors are wanting to get out and enjoy outdoor activities. Lowell Park is used by visitors from all over Lee county along with Dixon residents and out of town visitors.

The repaving of Lowell Park roads is in dire need to be completed. The base of the roads are satisfactory at this time, but as time goes on the base will start to break down, meaning two times the cost to repair the damage to the roads. All the other amenities are in great shape at Lowell Park. The restrooms, shelters, boat ramps, playgrounds, Woodcote Cottage, disc golf, cornhole game, security cameras, and the Ruth Edwards Nature Center are welcoming to park users. The Dixon Park District has applied for a \$80,000 grant for a canoe launch to add to the amenities Lowell Park has to offer.

The cost breakdown for this road improvement project is as follows;

Main Gate Area:	\$53,000
North Loop Road:	\$209,475
Pinetum Loop:	\$61,866
Hairpin Road:	\$187,845
Lower River Road:	\$152,817
Woodcote:	\$30,000
Lions Parking Area:	\$10,000
Engineering:	\$50,000

*Over 1100 acres of recreational space and natural area  
28 sites including historic Lowell Park where President Reagan served as a lifeguard for seven summers*



The engineering and all bidding will be completed by Willett & Hofman and Associates to keep the tax dollars local. A series of photos showing the deterioration of these roads in Lowell Park are included as exhibits to this proposal. If you would like to schedule a time when we can visit the Park together, I will make myself available for such a meeting.

In recognition of this grant, provided funding is awarded, we will install a permanent sign at the entrance of Lowell Park to inform people that Lee County granted the funds to repave all the roads at Lowell Park. Examples of this signage has been included in this packet of information.

Thank you for your consideration of our request. The total cost estimate for this project is \$755,503. Meanwhile, should you have any questions, please feel free to contact myself, at (815)284-3306 or send me an email at: [director@dixonparkdistrict.com](mailto:director@dixonparkdistrict.com).

Sincerely,

Duane Long  
Dixon Park District, Executive Director

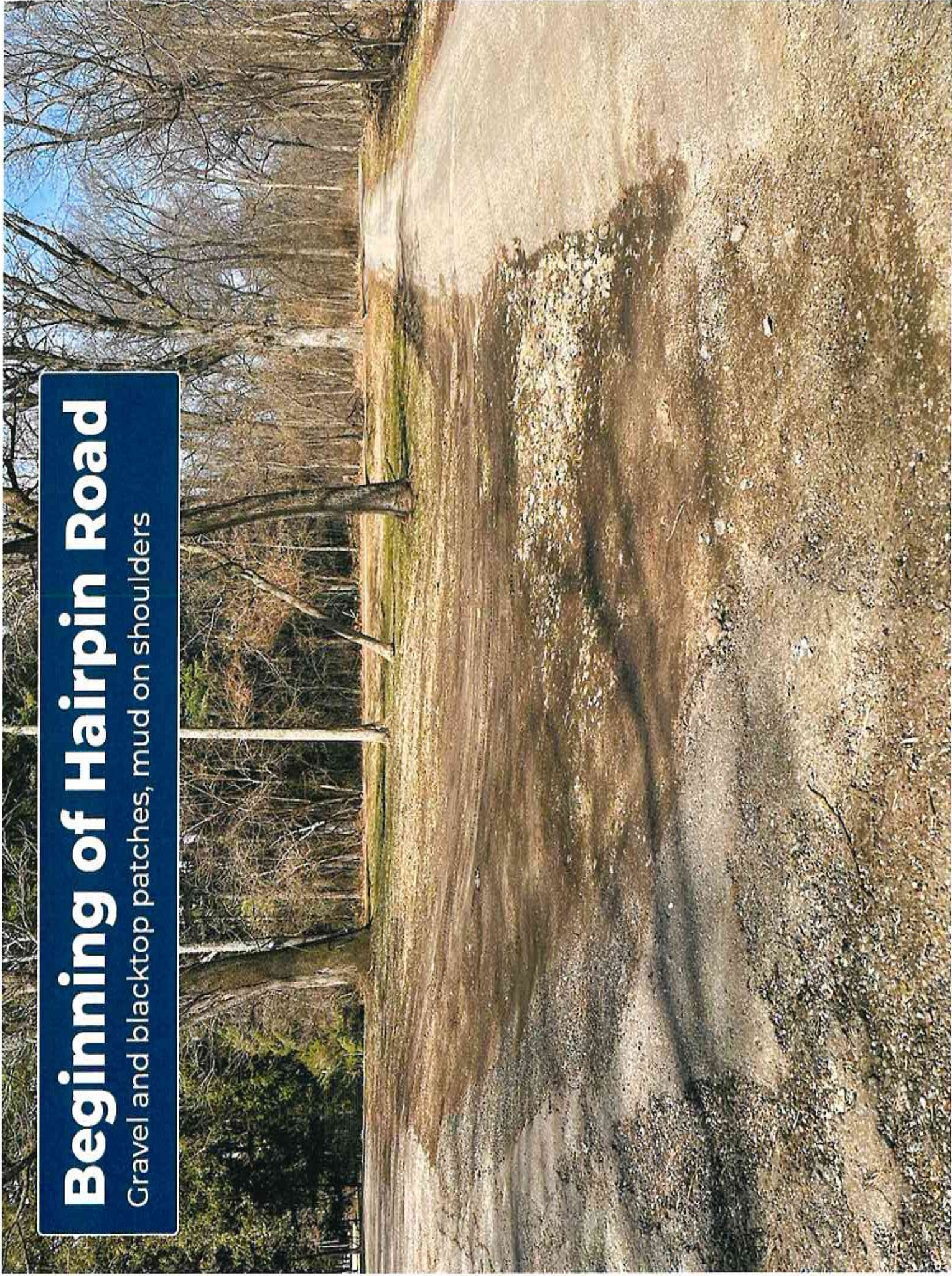
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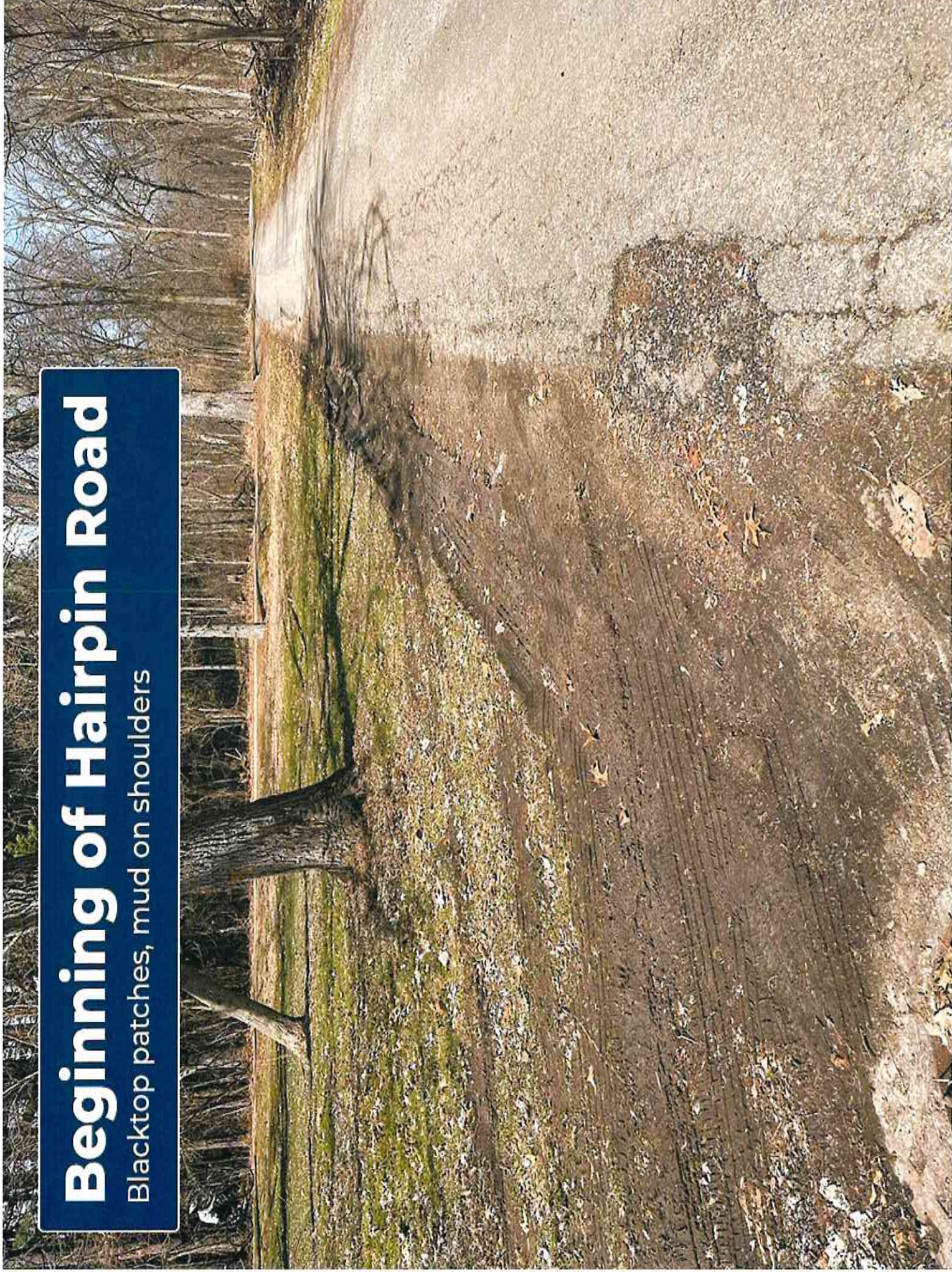
Gravel and blacktop patches, mud on shoulders





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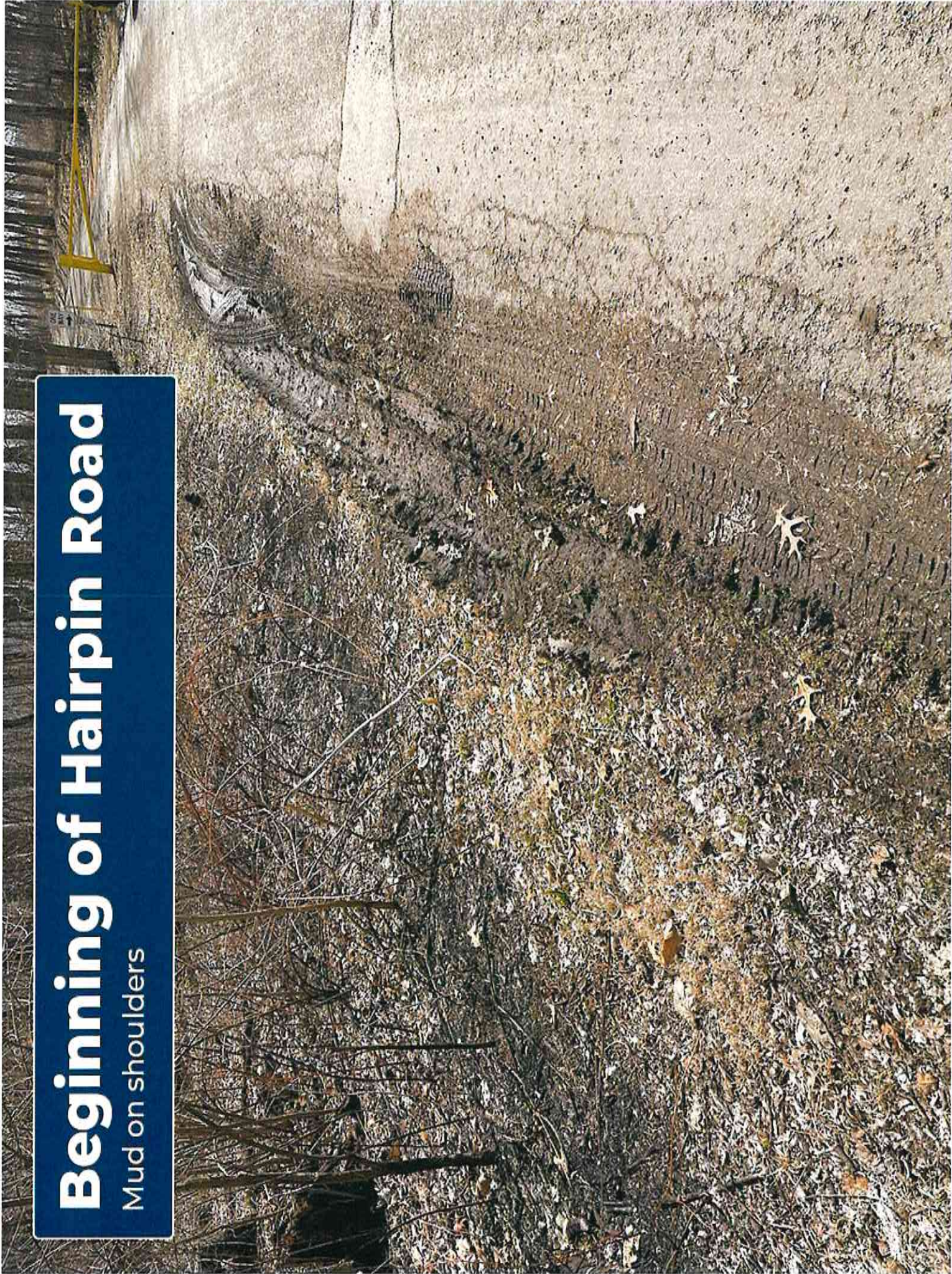
Blacktop patches, mud on shoulders





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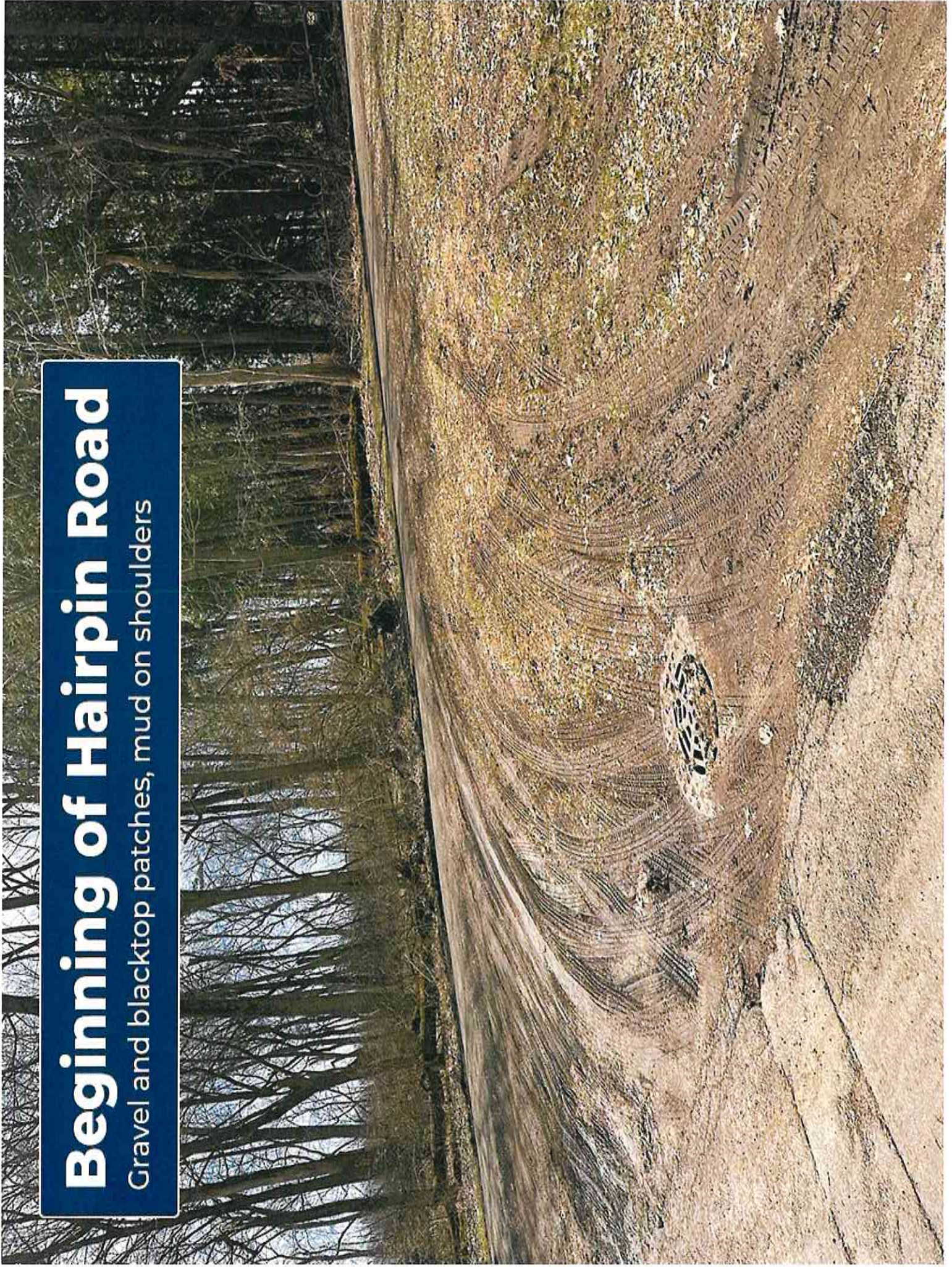
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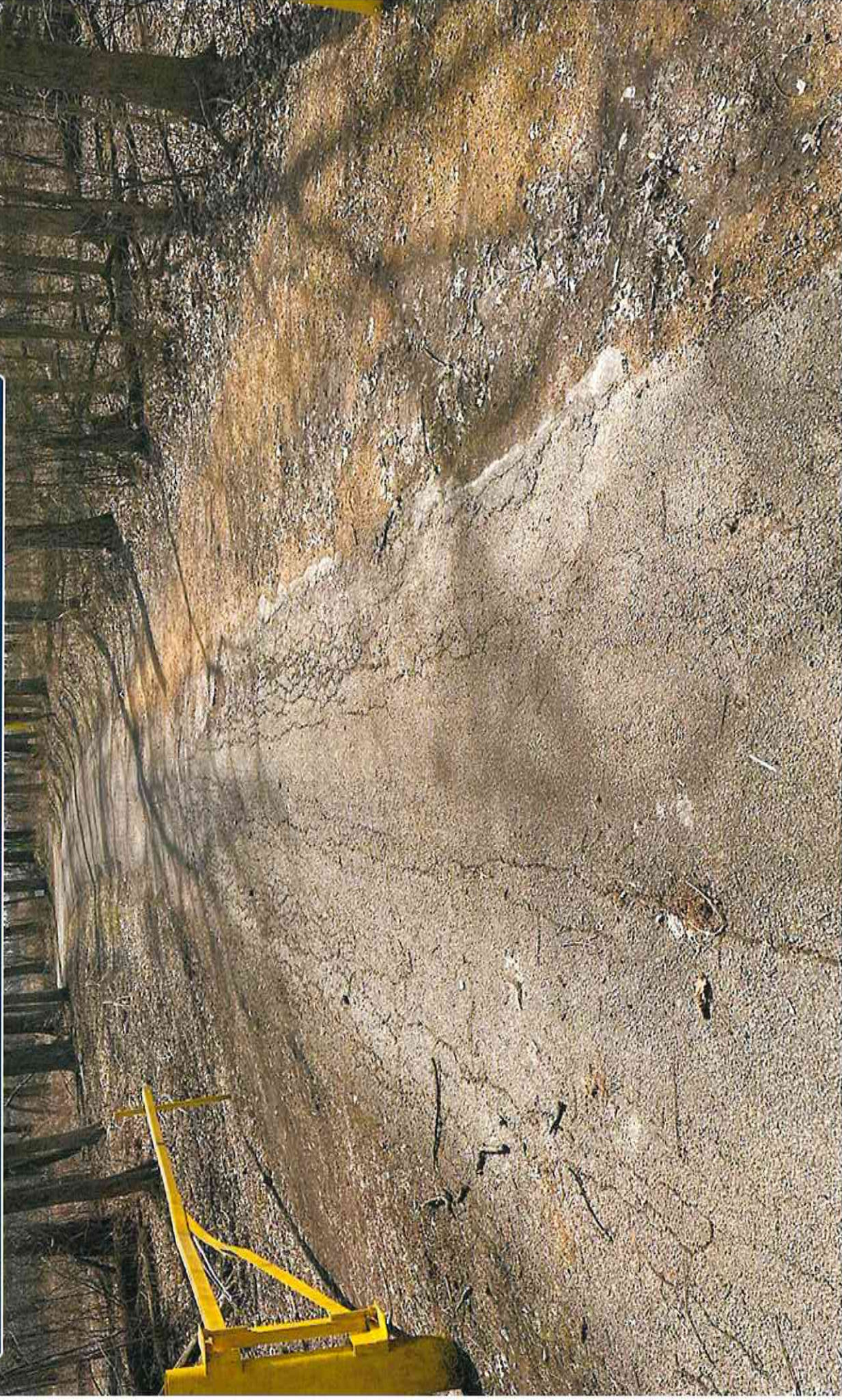
Area to be improved with pavement, mud on shoulders





# Beginning of Hairpin Road

Surface failure, gravel area to be improved with pavement





# Beginning of Hairpin Road

Surface failure, blacktop and gravel patches





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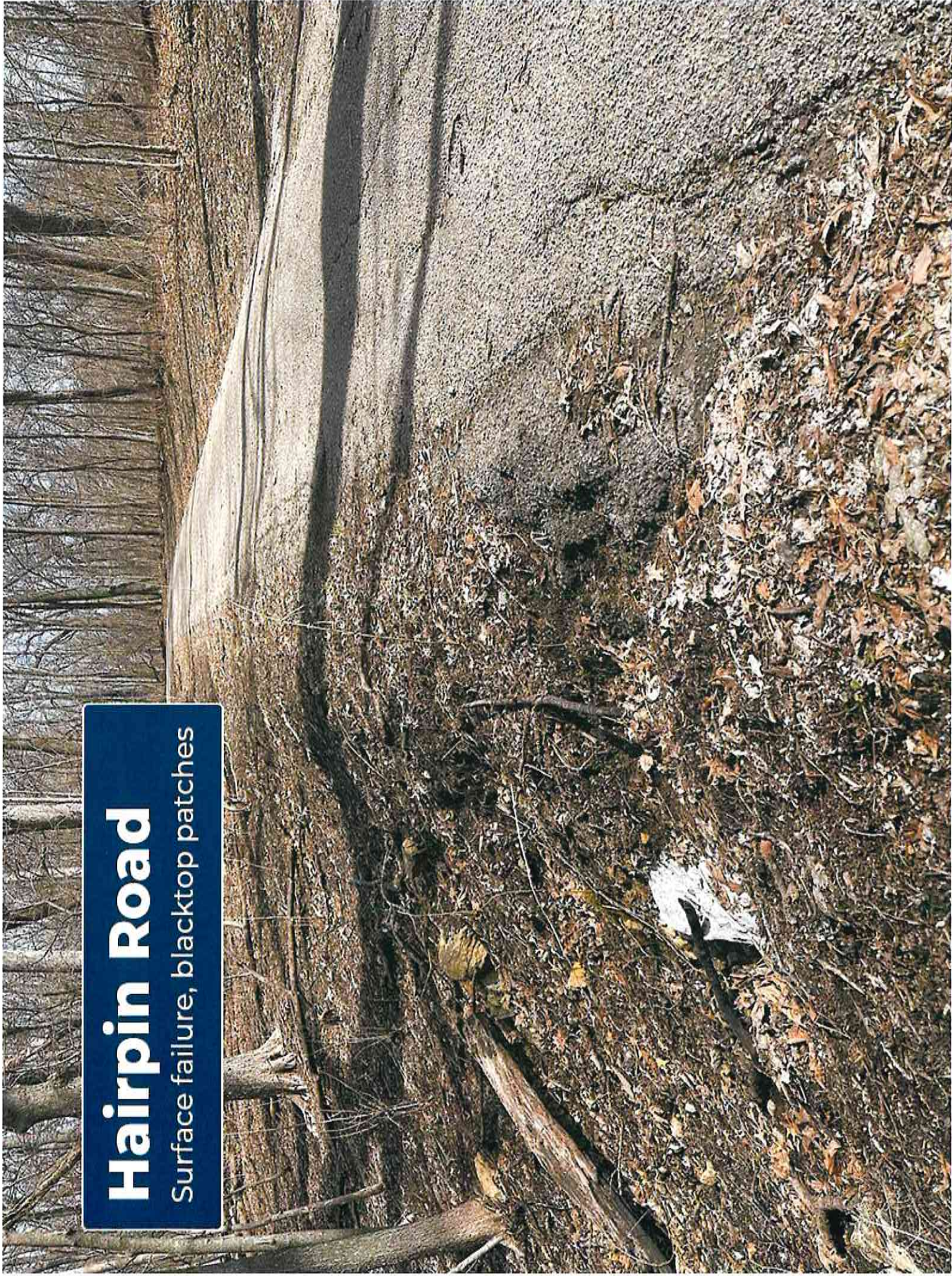
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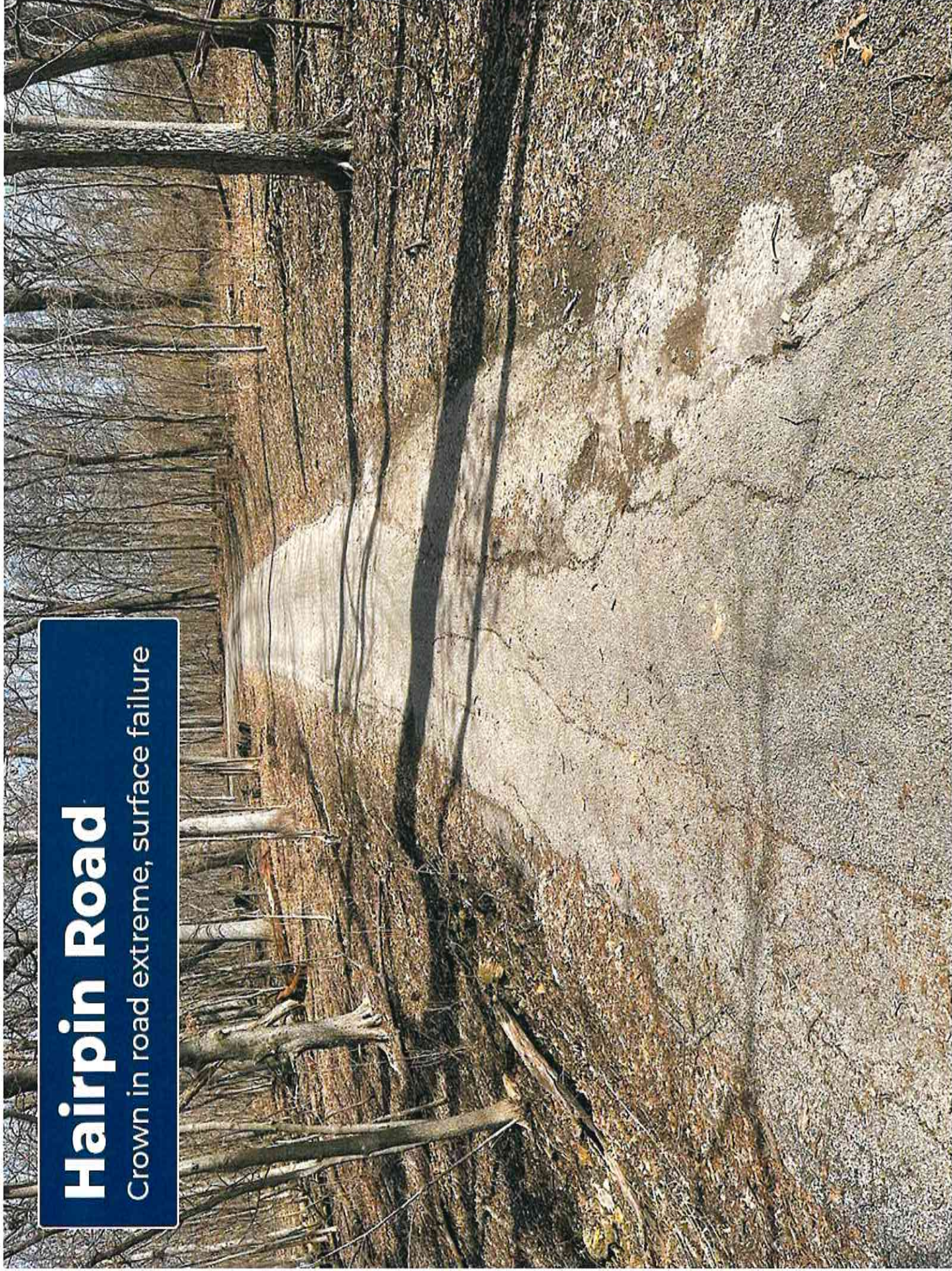
Surface failure, blacktop patches





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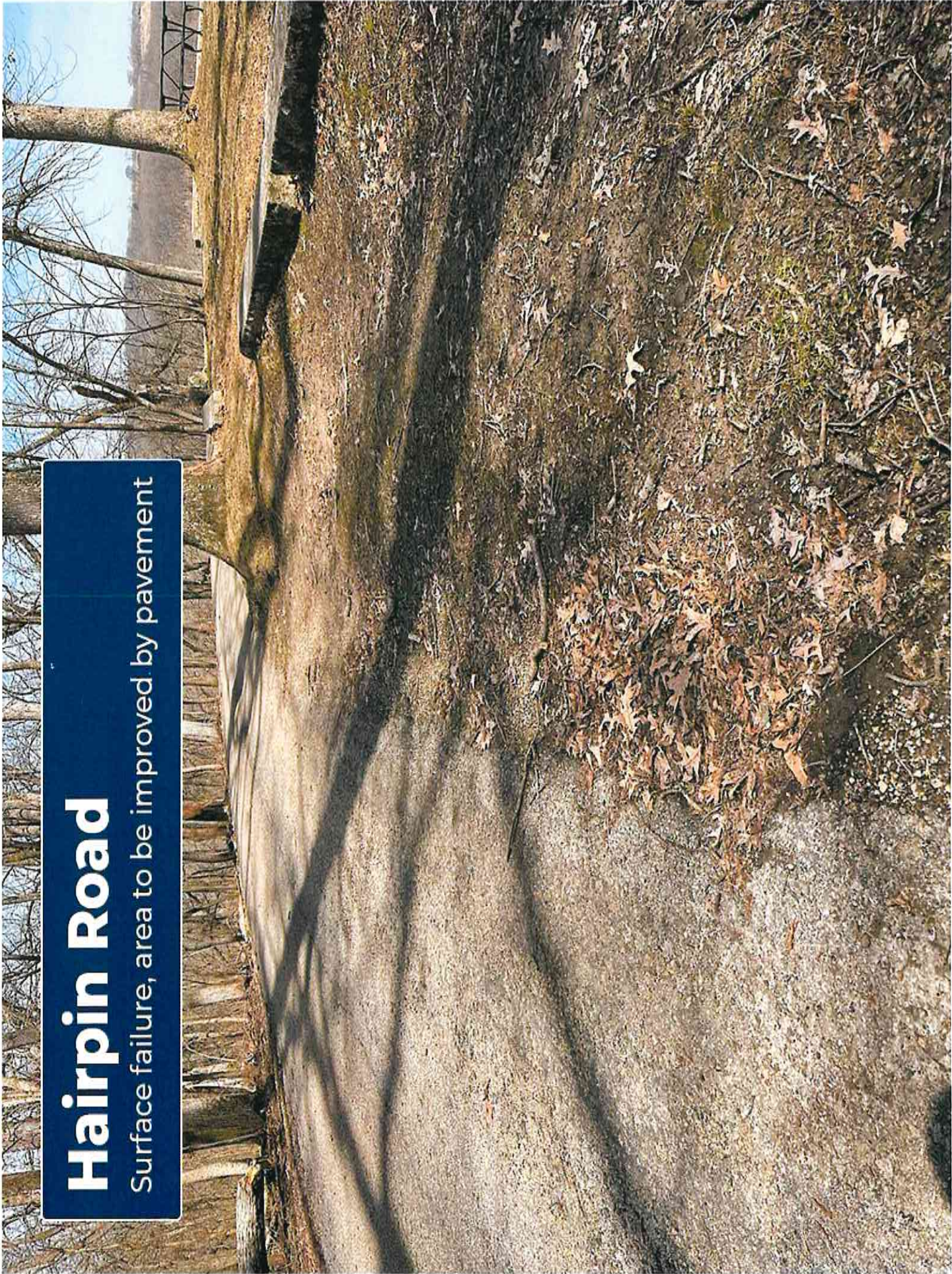
Crown in road extreme, surface failure





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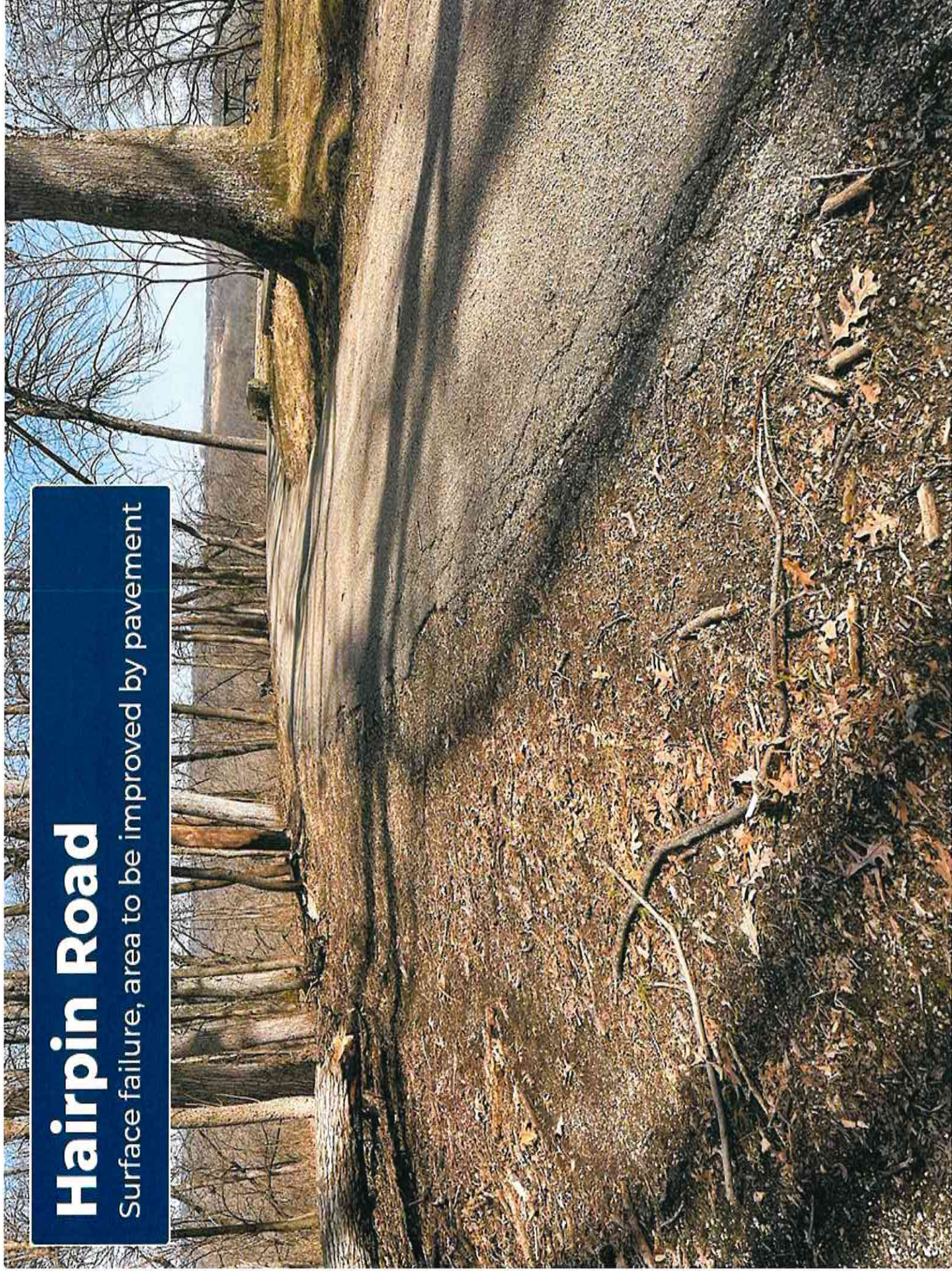
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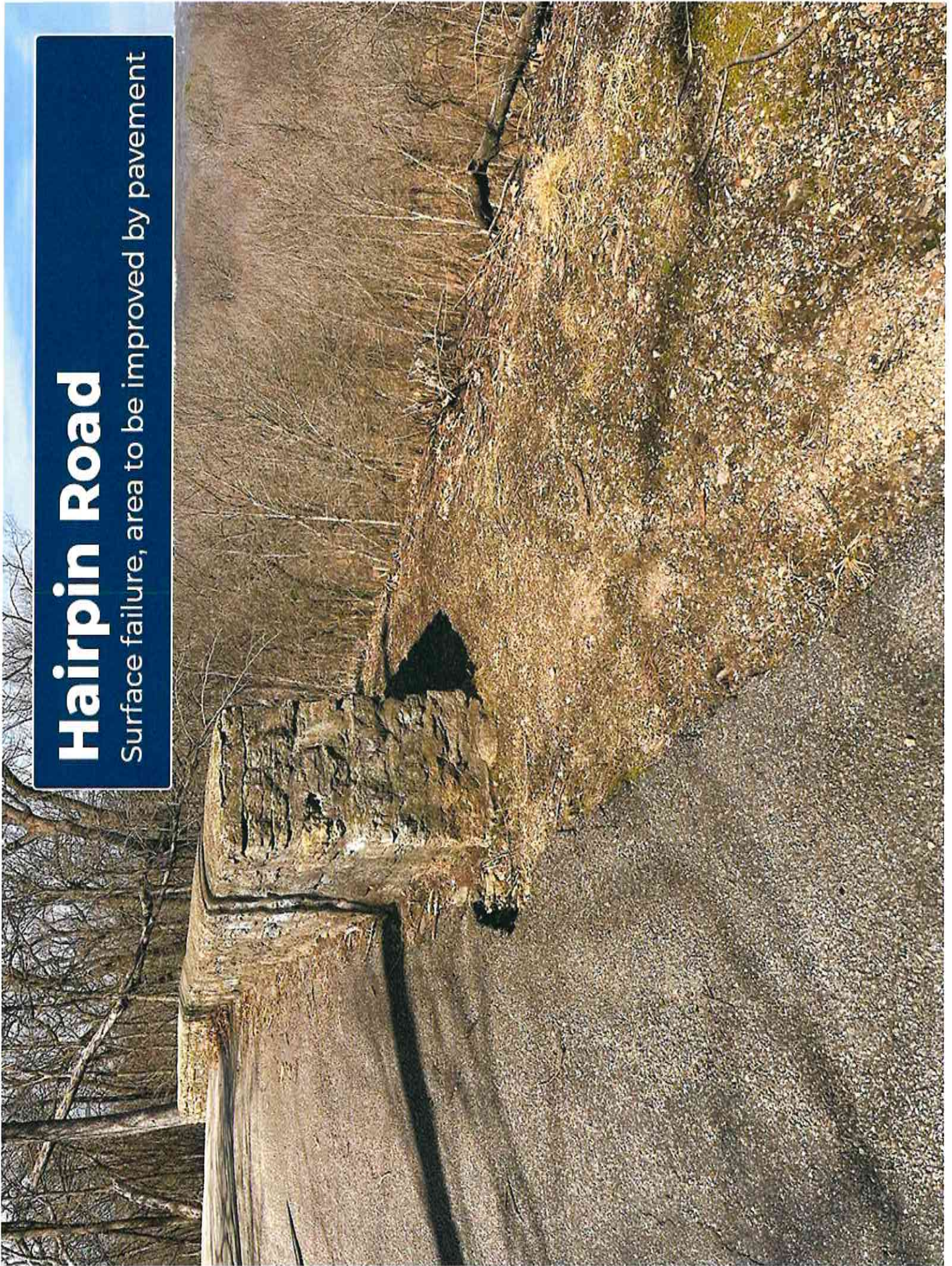
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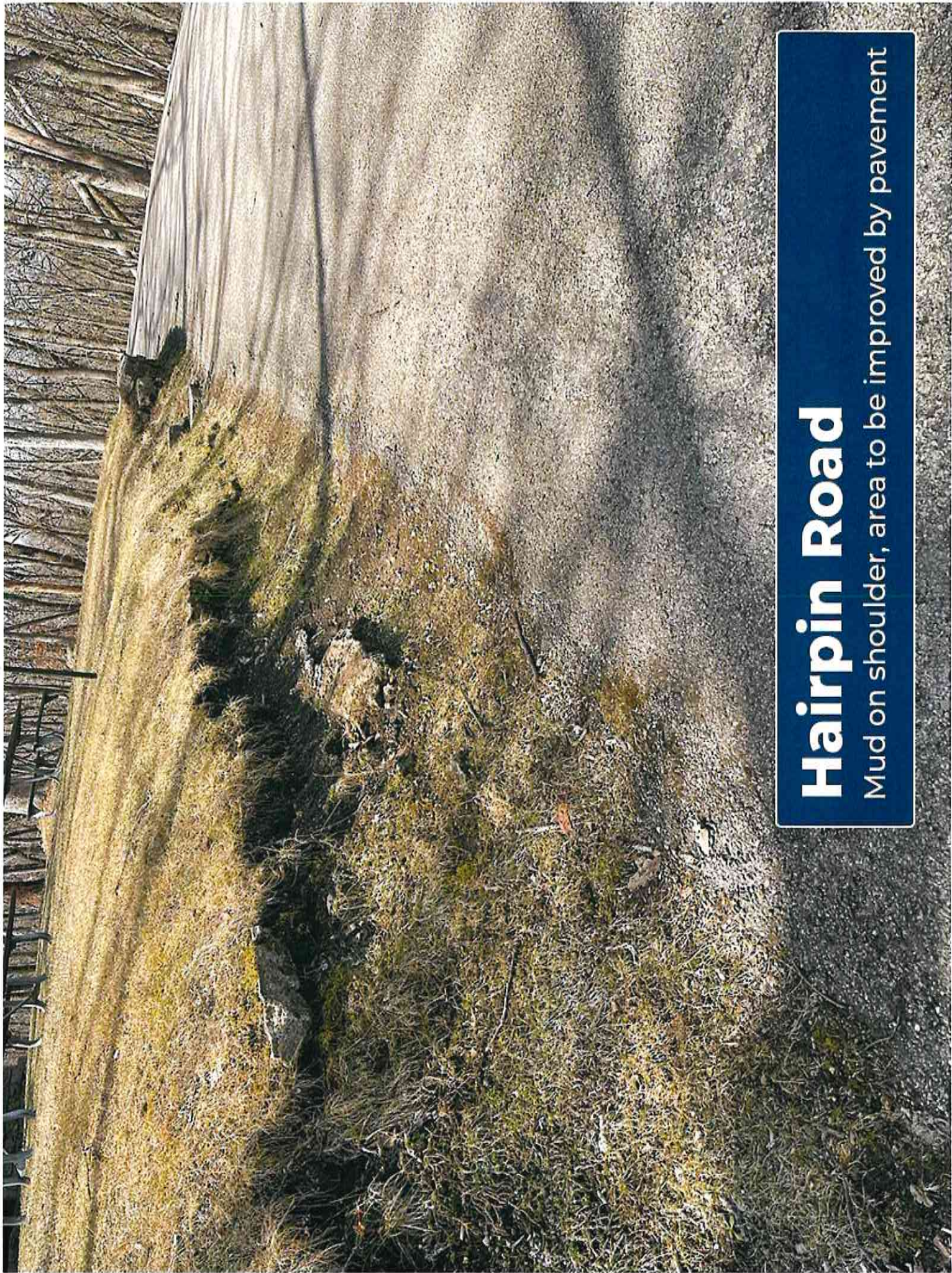


# Hairpin Road

Surface failure, area to be improved by pavement







# Hairpin Road

Mud on shoulder, area to be improved by pavement



# Hairpin Road

Surface failure, area to be improved by pavement





A photograph of a road surface showing a hairpin turn failure, gravel, and blacktop patches. The road is a two-lane asphalt road with a visible center line. The surface is heavily cracked and shows signs of wear. A large, irregular patch of gravel and loose material is visible on the left side of the road, near the edge. The road curves sharply to the left, forming a hairpin turn. The surrounding area is wooded with bare trees, suggesting a late autumn or winter setting. A blue text box is overlaid on the right side of the image.

**Hairpin Road**  
Surface failure, gravel and blacktop patches



# Hairpin Road

Surface failure, area to be improved by pavement





A photograph of a road surface, likely a hairpin turn, showing significant surface failure and blacktop patches. The road is composed of dark asphalt, with large areas of lighter-colored gravel and loose material exposed, indicating a failure of the top layer. The surrounding area is covered in dry leaves and twigs, suggesting an autumn or winter setting. The road curves sharply to the left, and the background shows a dense forest of bare trees.

# Hairpin Road

Surface failure, blacktop patches





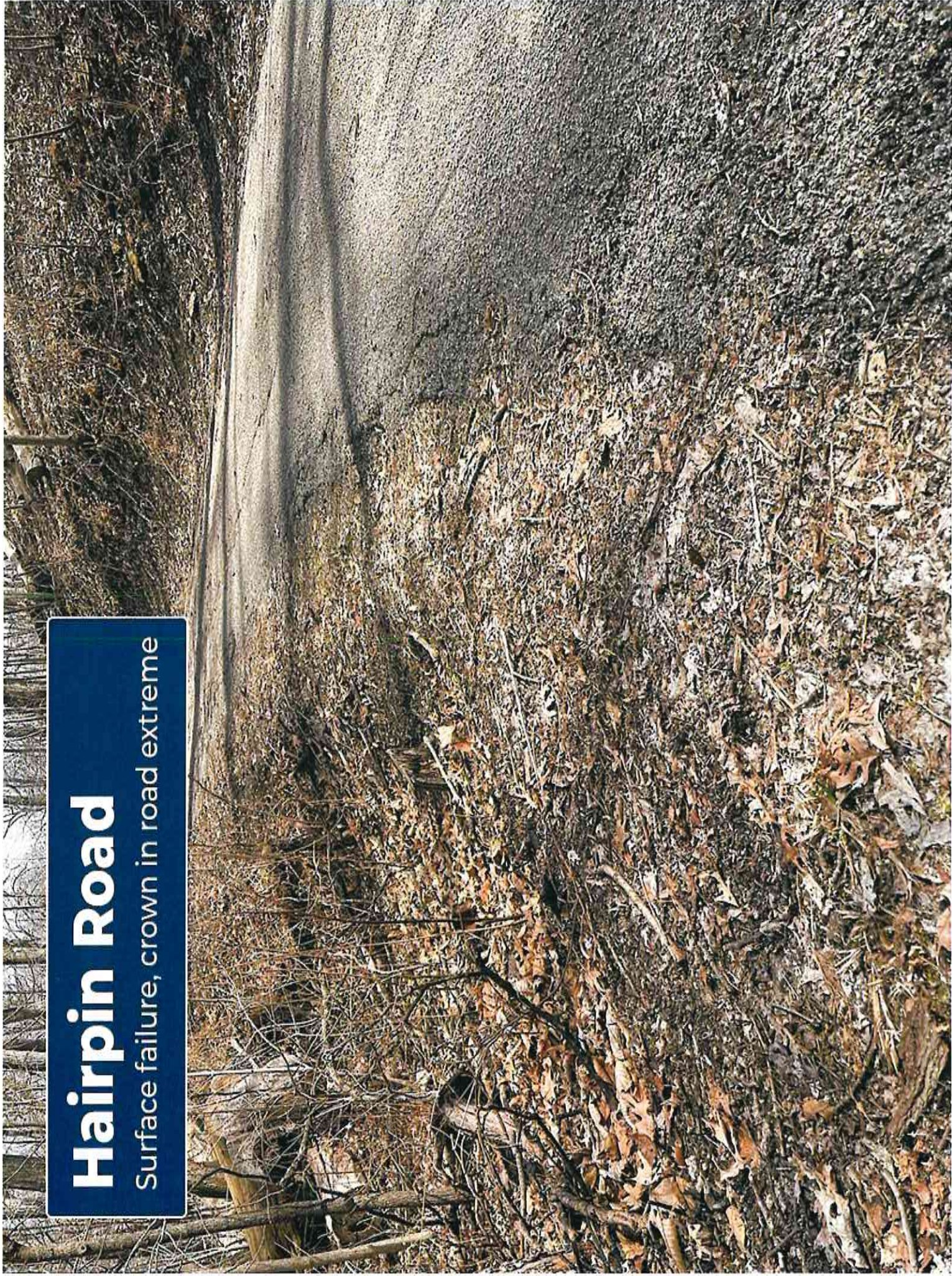
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Surface failure, crown in road extreme



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# Hairpin Road

Surface failure, gravel and blacktop patches





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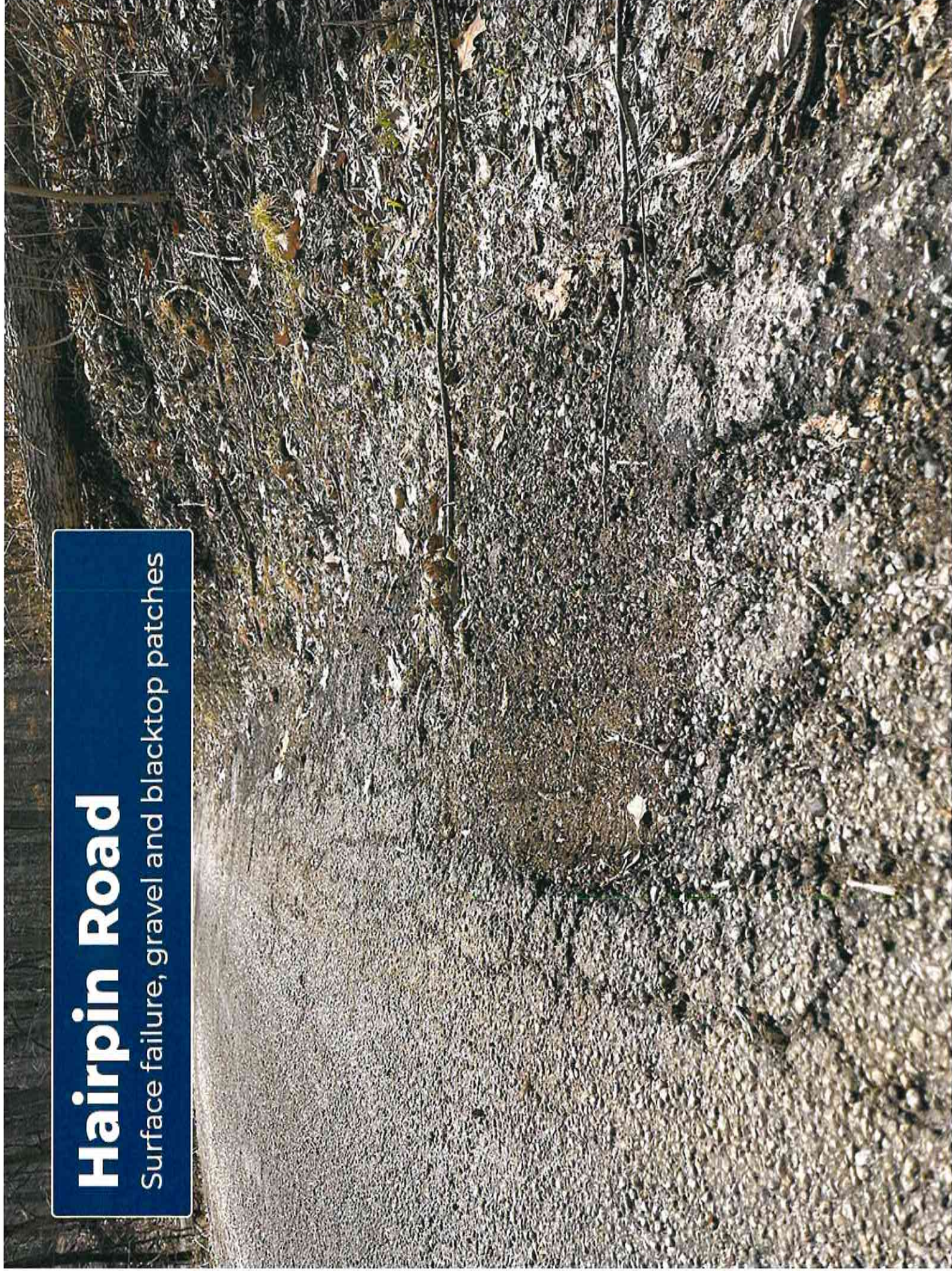
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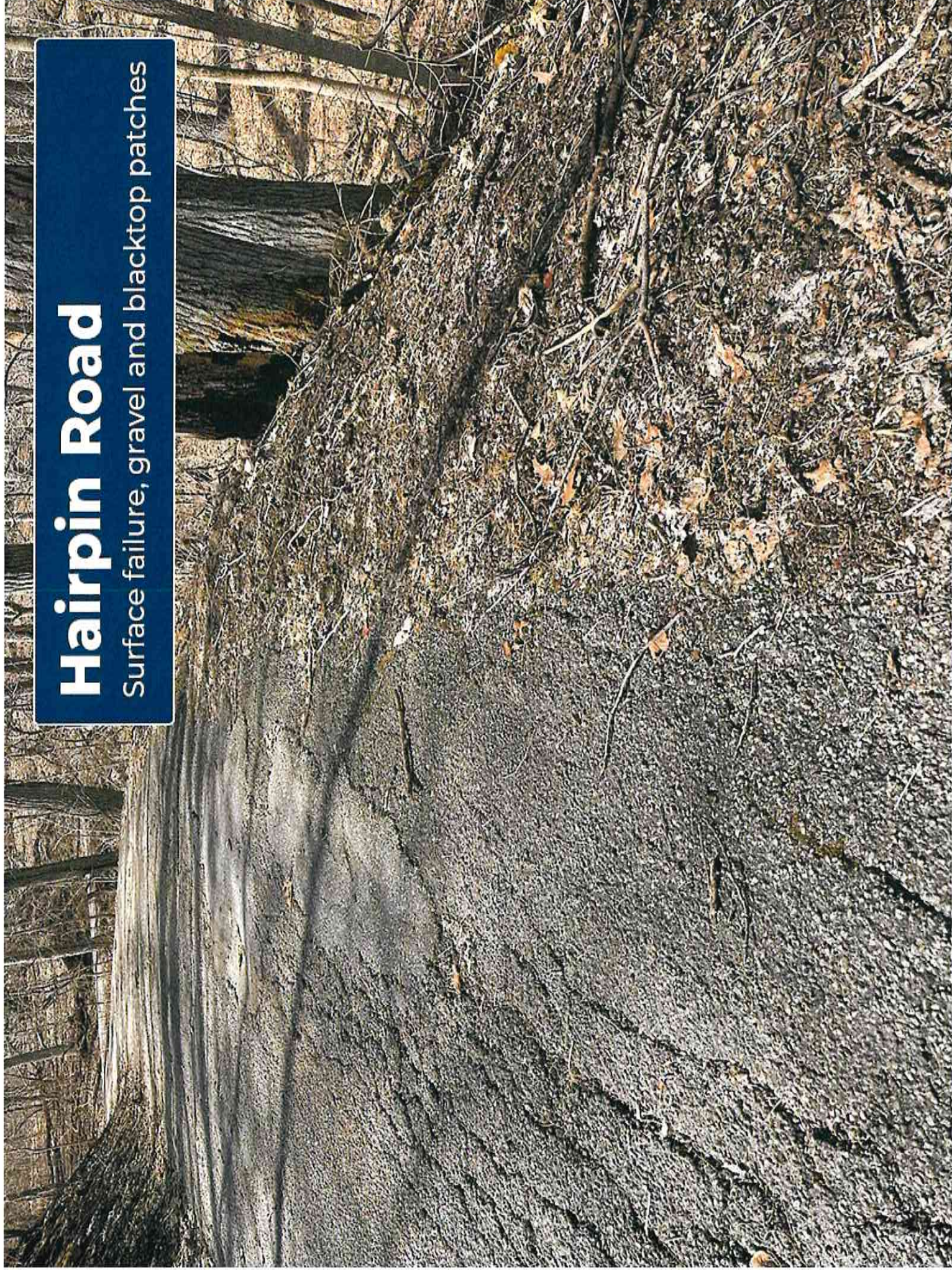
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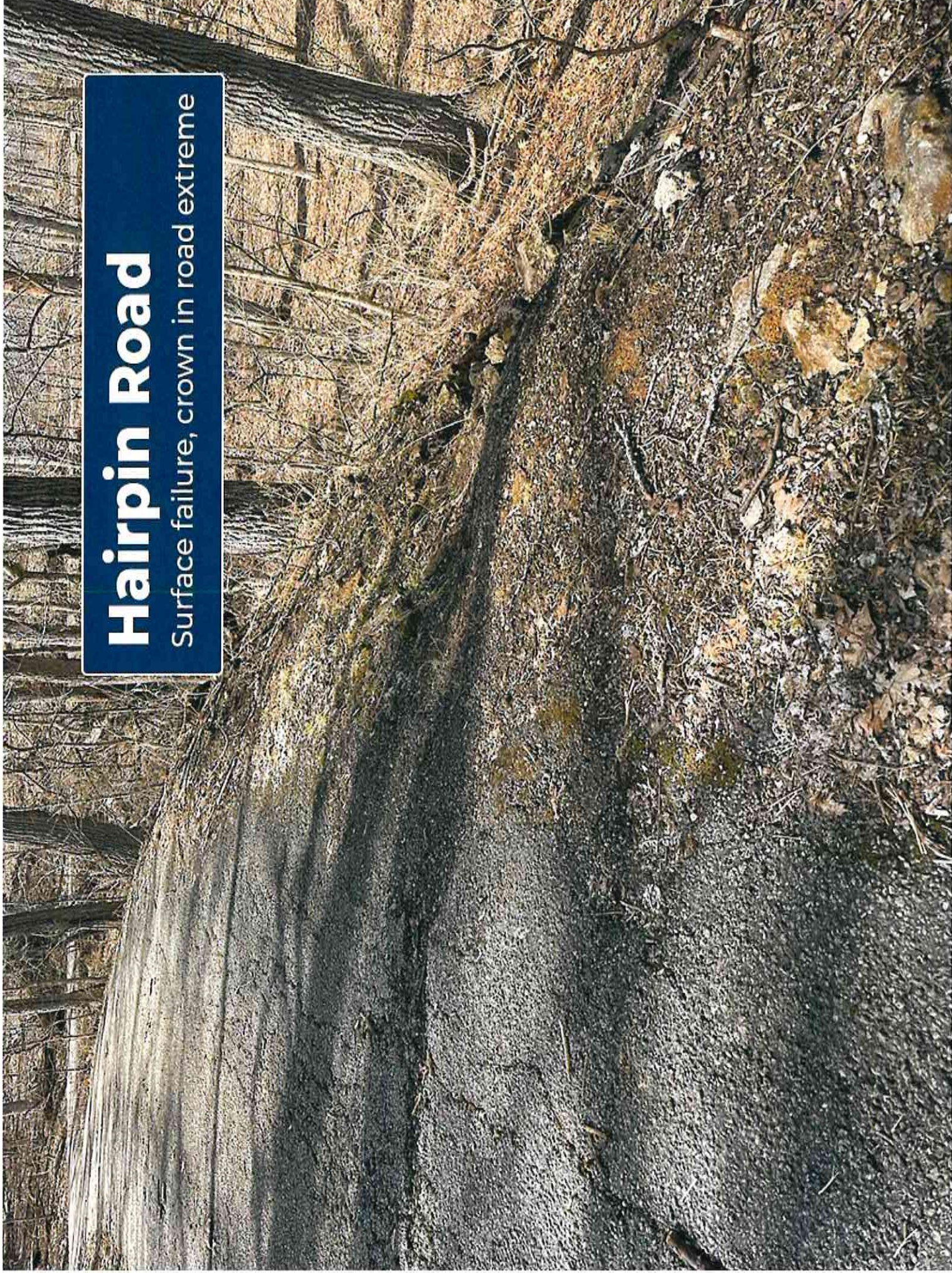
Surface failure, gravel and blacktop patches





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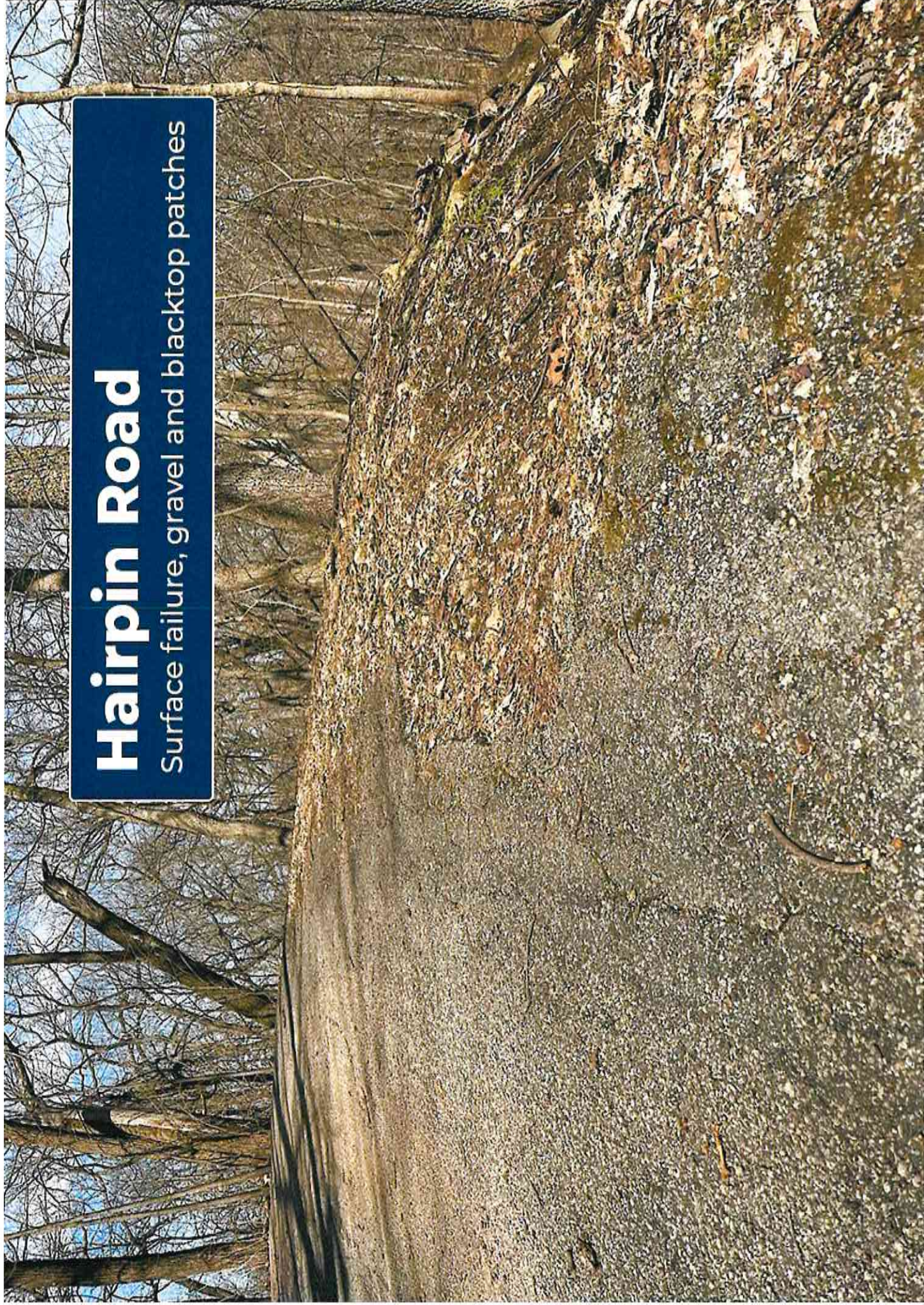
Surface failure, crown in road extreme





# Hairpin Road

Surface failure, gravel and blacktop patches





# Hairpin Road

Surface failure, gravel and blacktop patches





# Hairpin Road

Surface failure, erosion onto roadway, gravel and blacktop patches





# Hairpin Road

Surface failure, erosion onto roadway, gravel and blacktop patches





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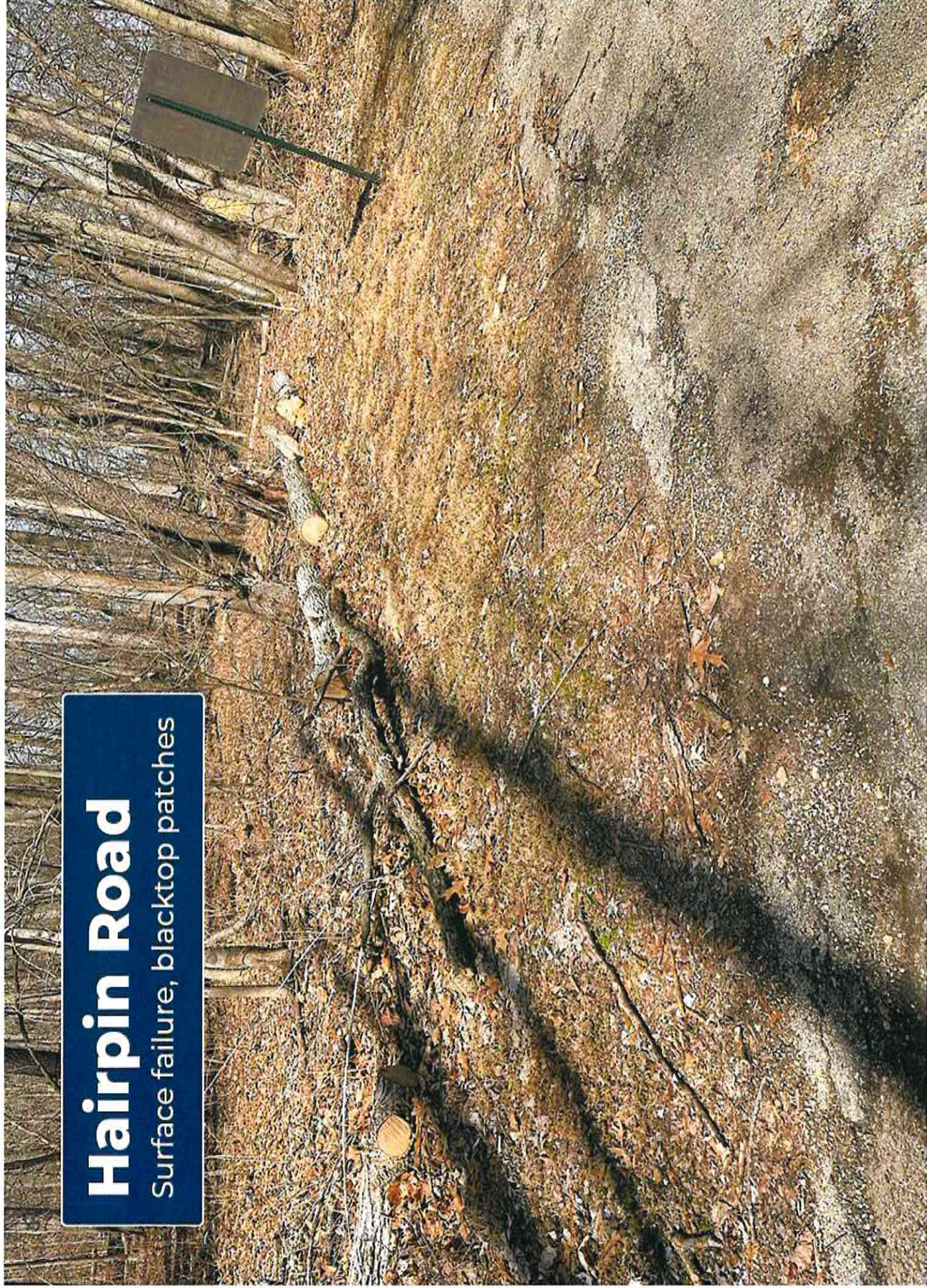
Surface failure, crown in road extreme, mud on road shoulder





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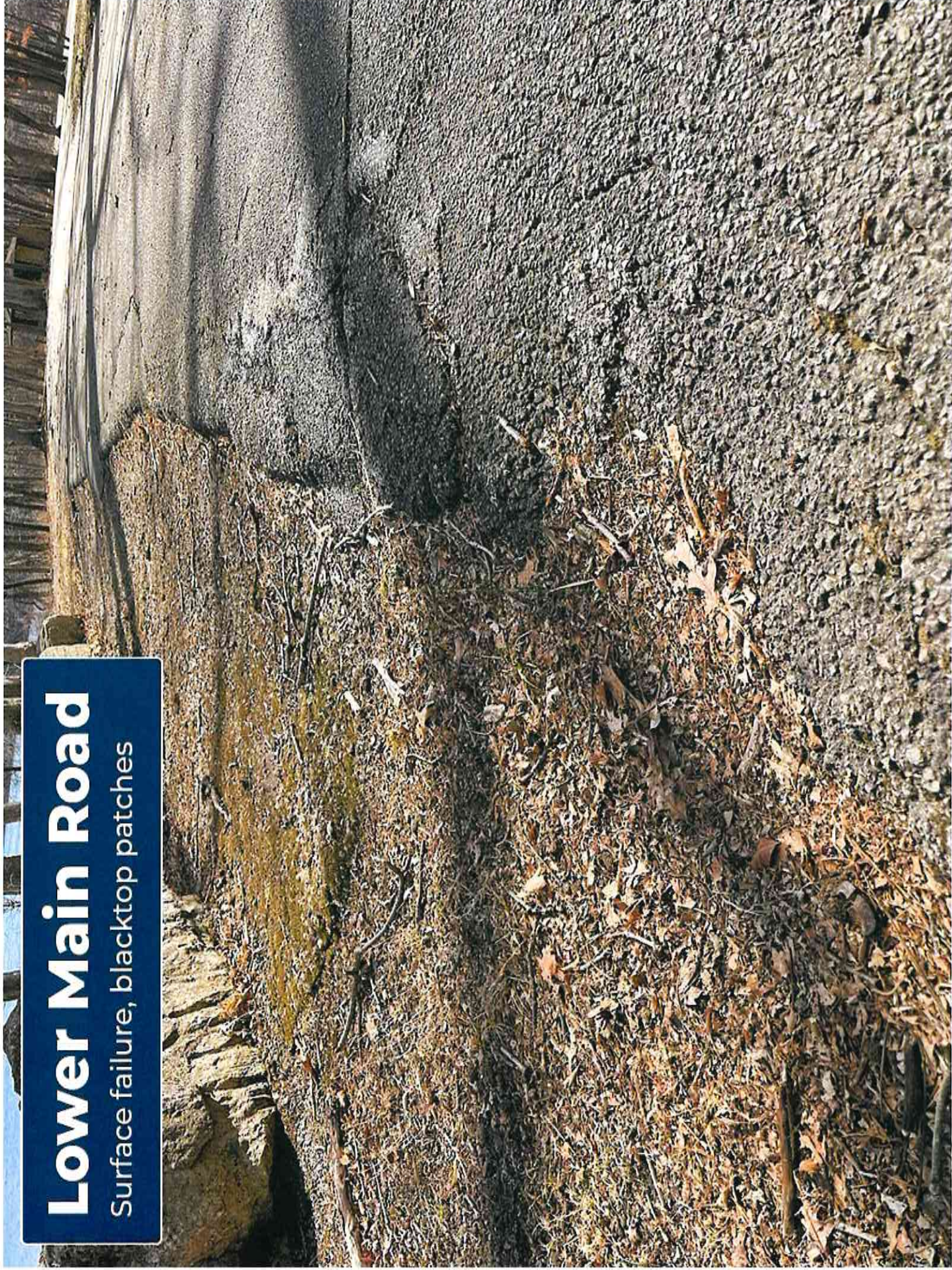
Surface failure, blacktop patches





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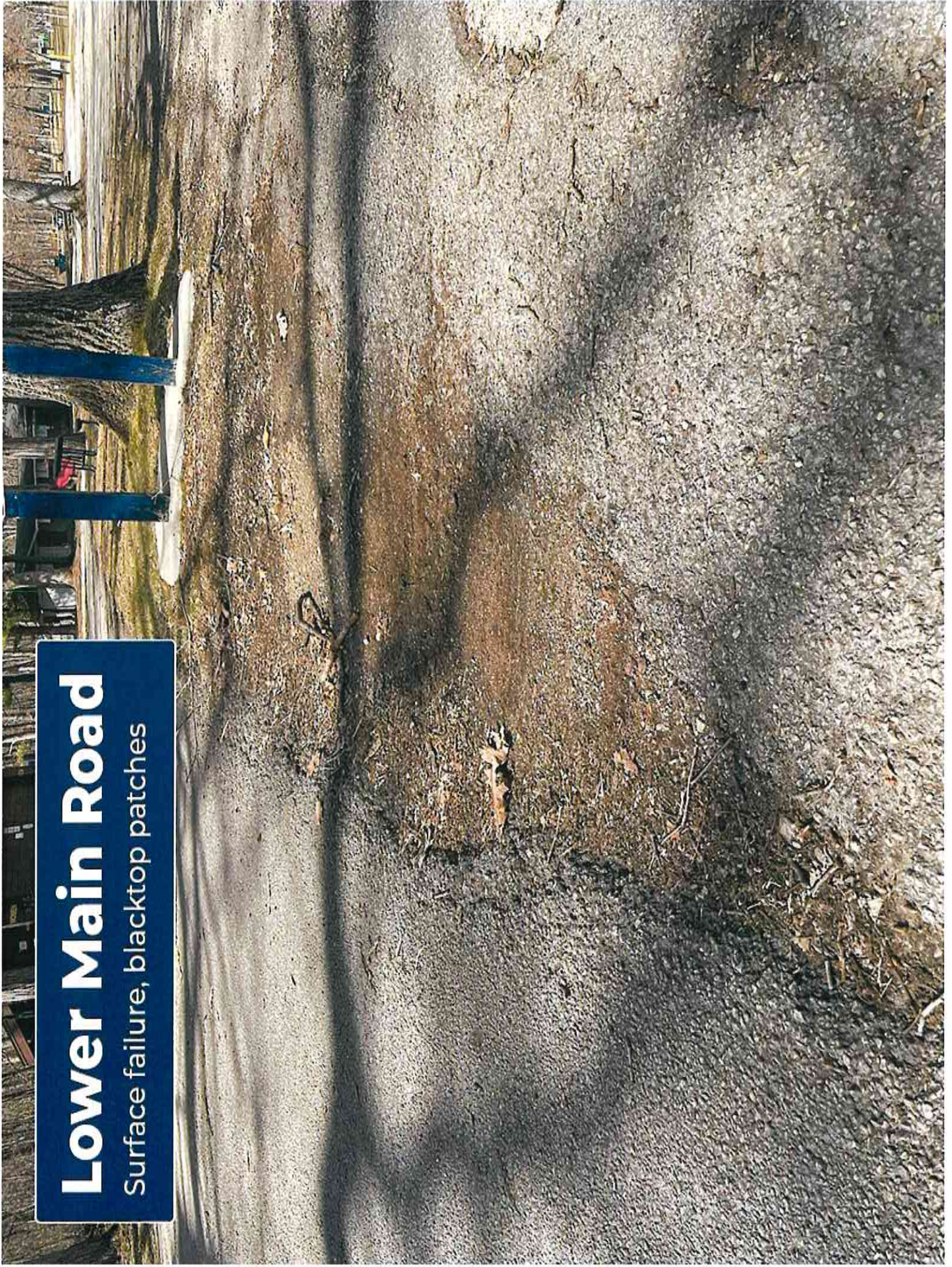
Surface failure, blacktop patches





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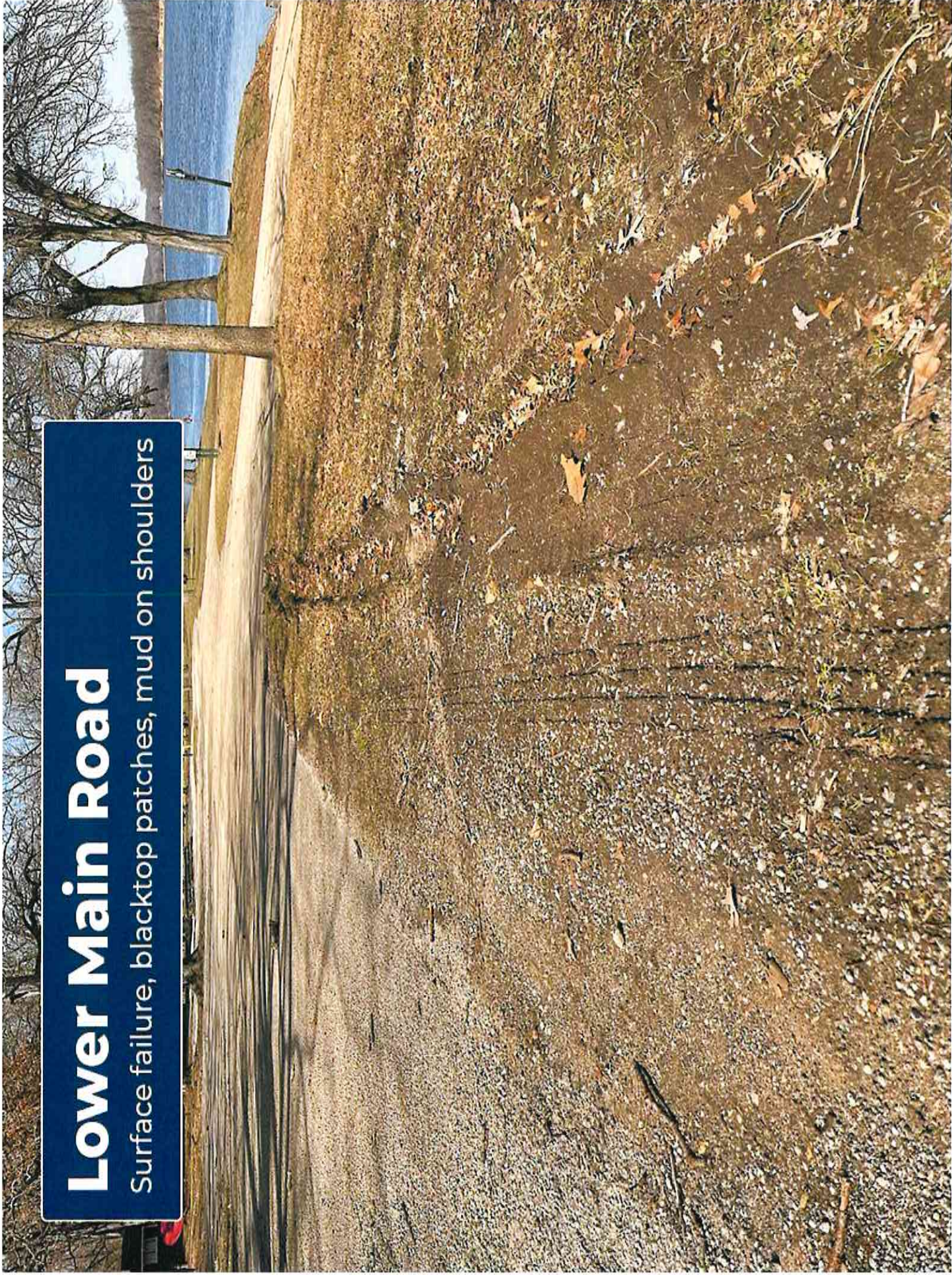
Surface failure, blacktop patches





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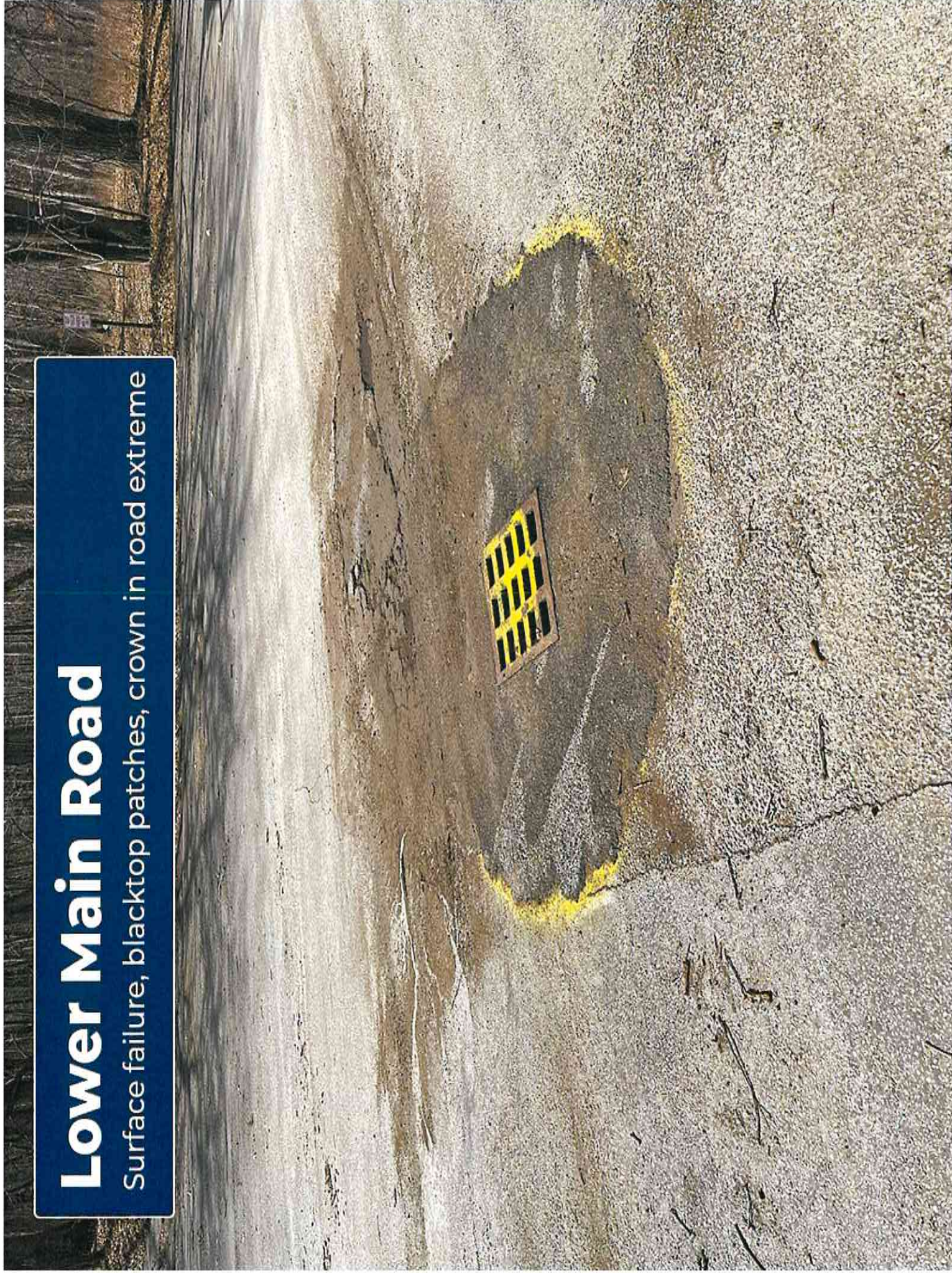
Surface failure, blacktop patches, mud on shoulders





# Lower Main Road

Surface failure, blacktop patches, crown in road extreme





A photograph of a gravel parking area at Lions Shelter. The foreground is a large, light-colored gravel lot. In the background, there is a building with a brown roof and a sign that reads "LIONS SHELTER". There are several trees, some with bare branches and some with green leaves. A small green sign is visible in the distance. The sky is blue with some clouds.

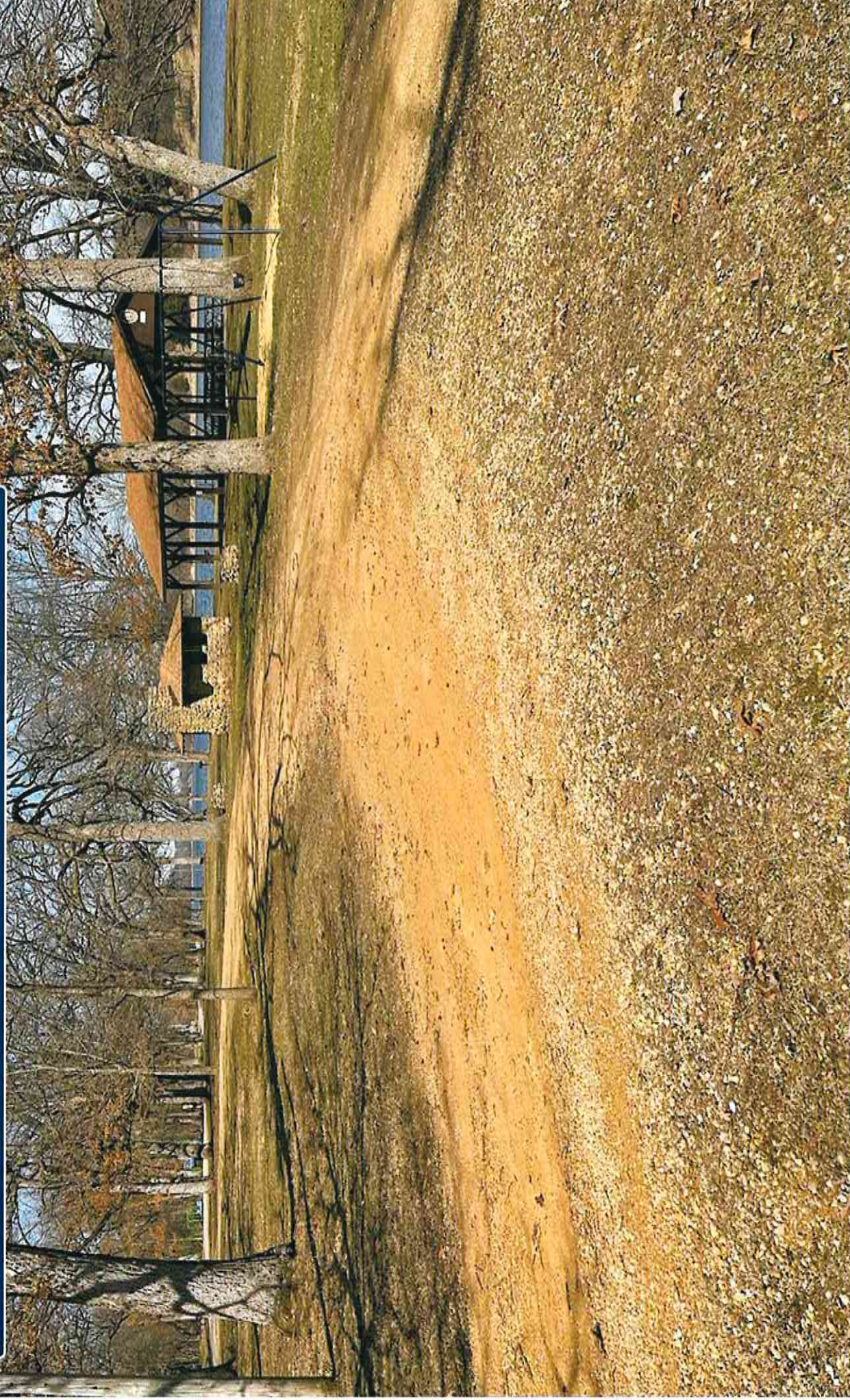
# Parking at Lions Shelter

Gravel area to be improved with pavement



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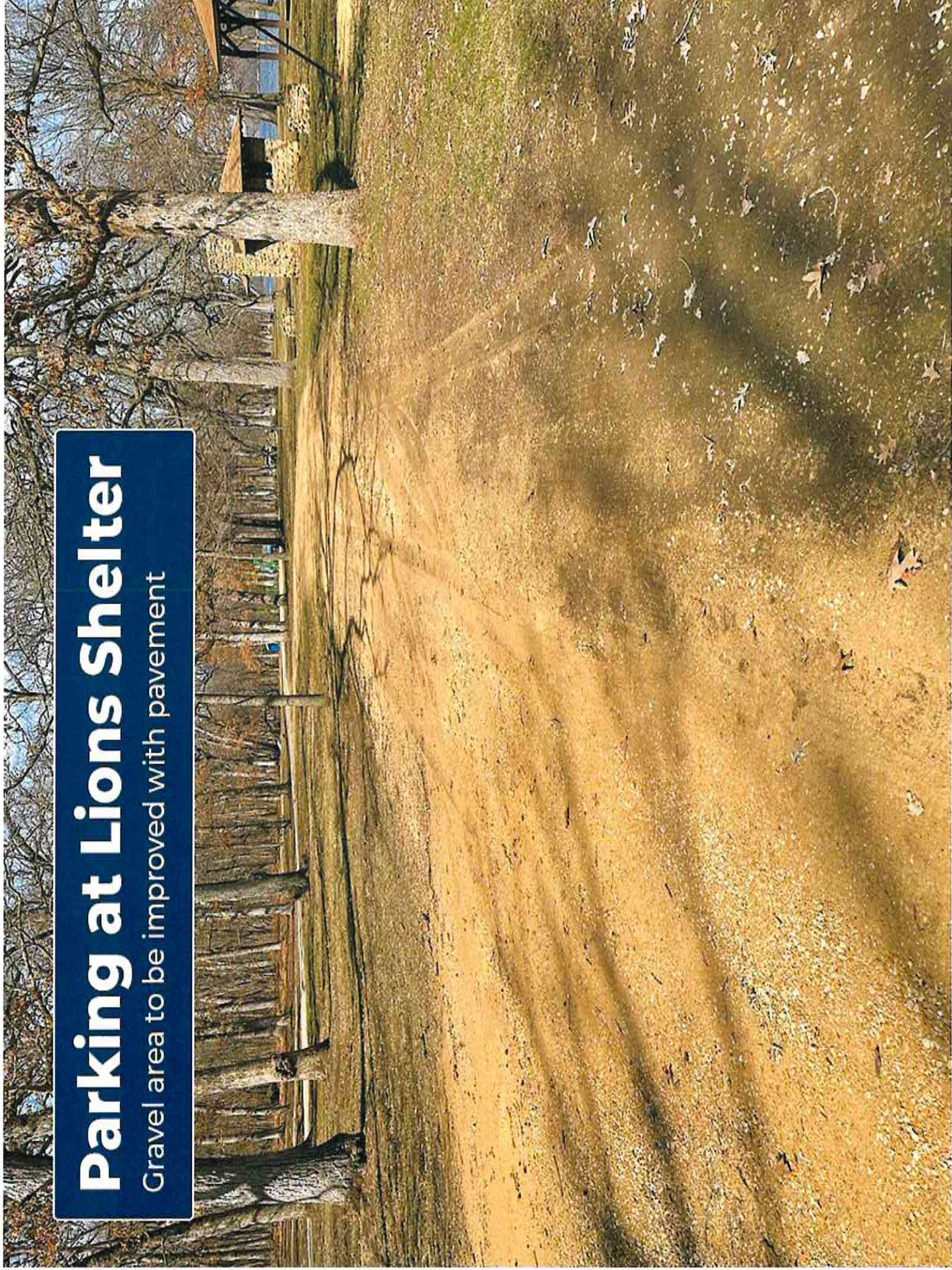
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# Parking at Lions Shelter

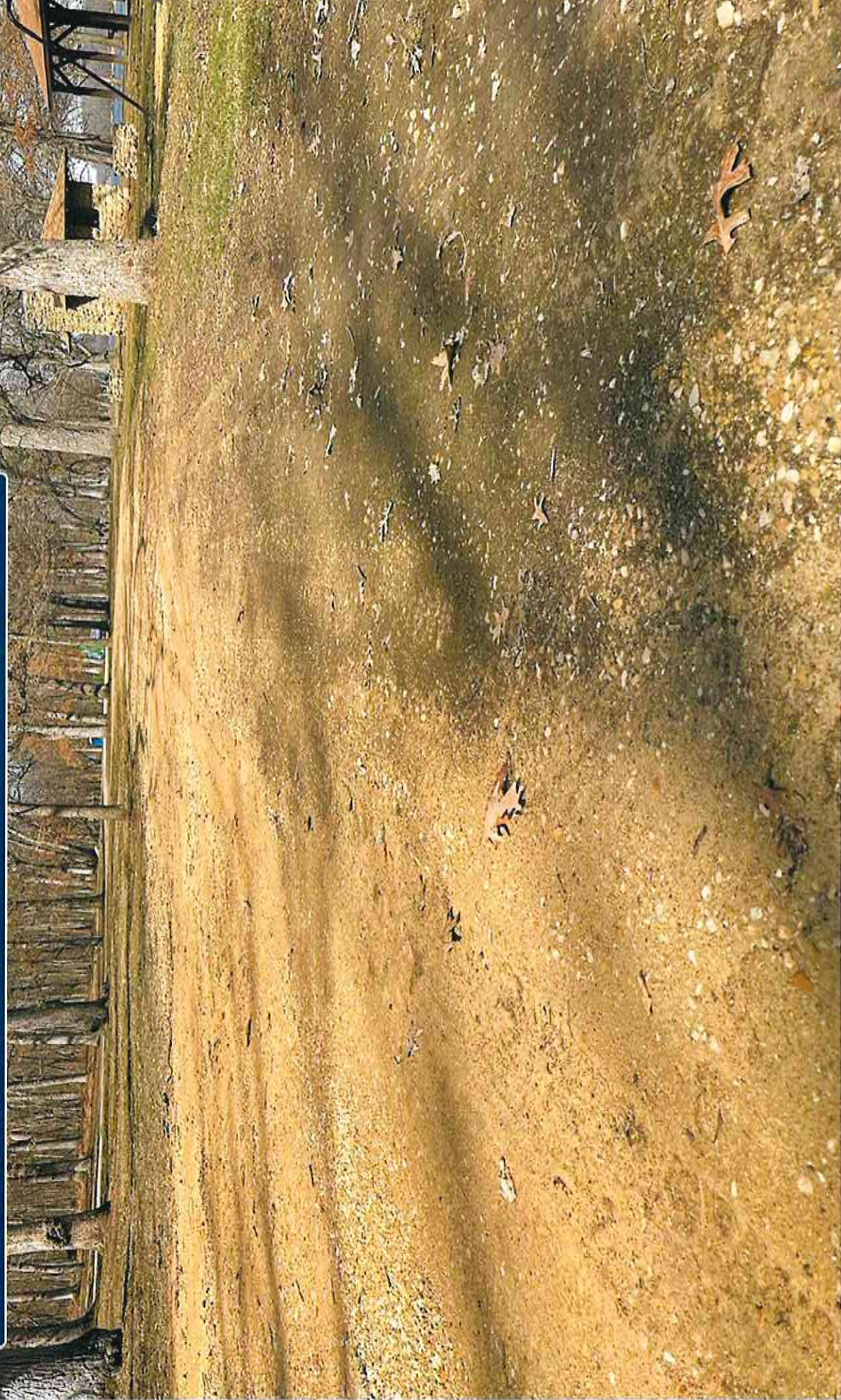
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# Parking at Lions Shelter

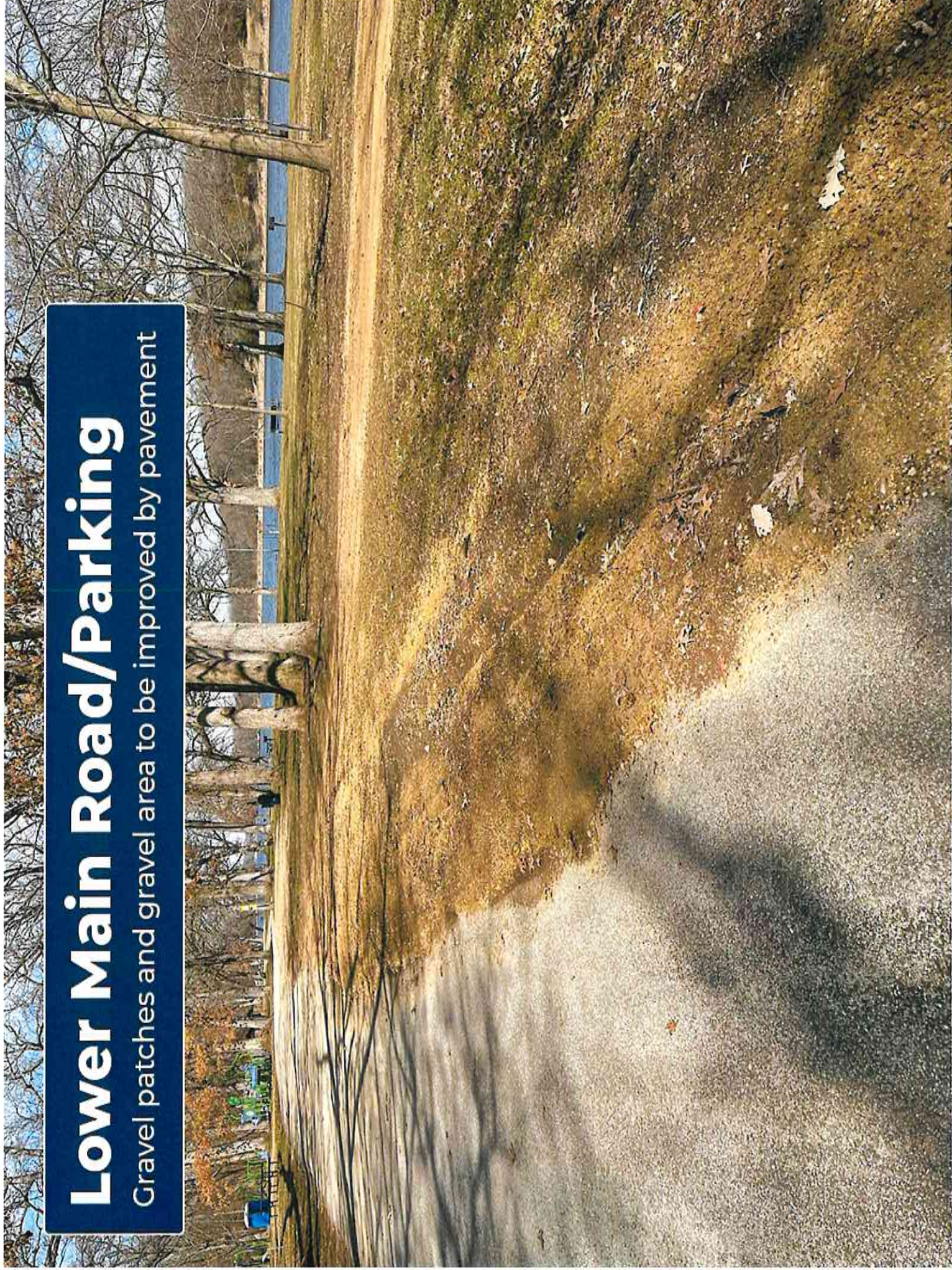
Gravel area to be improved with pavement





# Lower Main Road/Parking

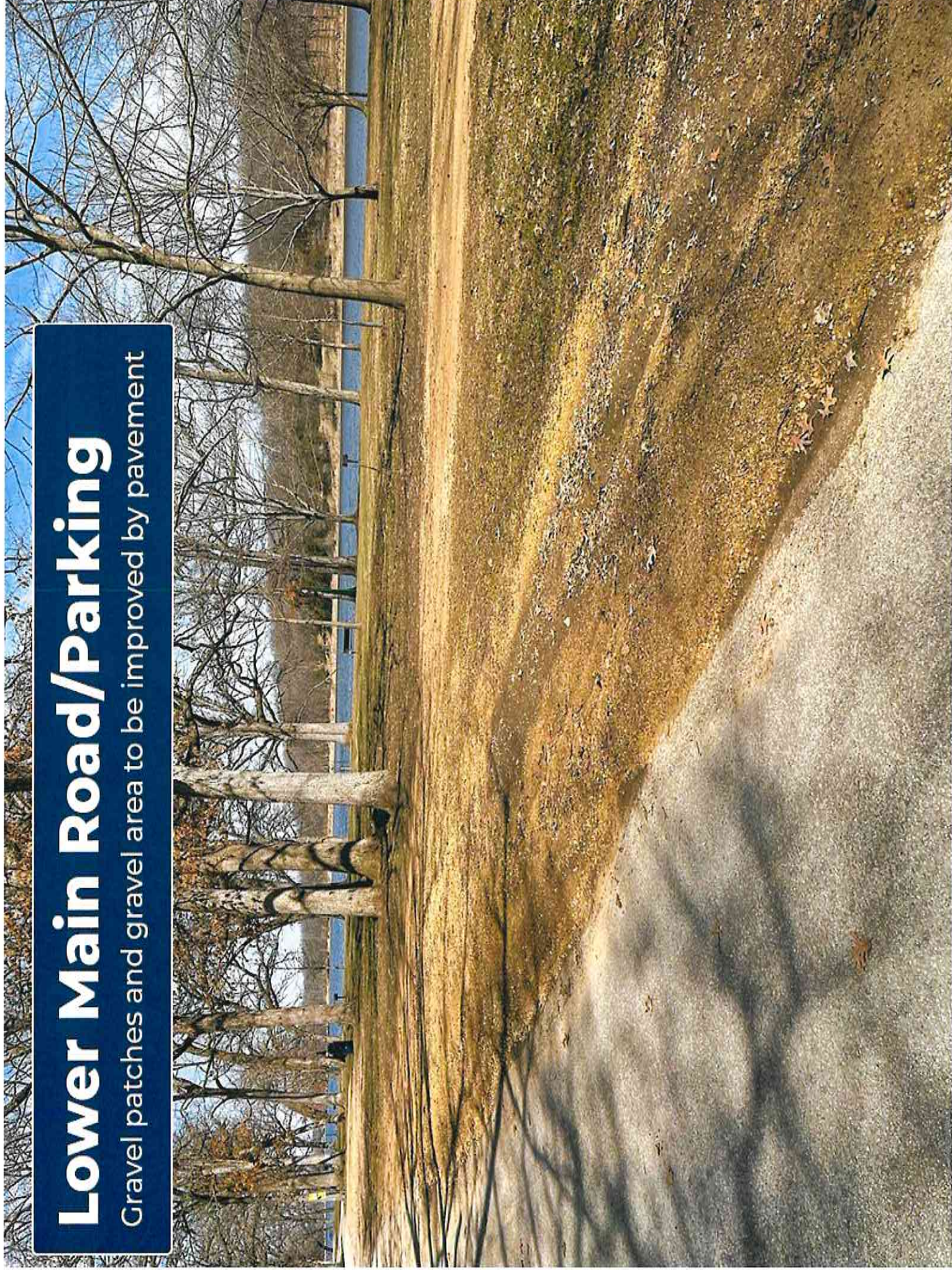
Gravel patches and gravel area to be improved by pavement





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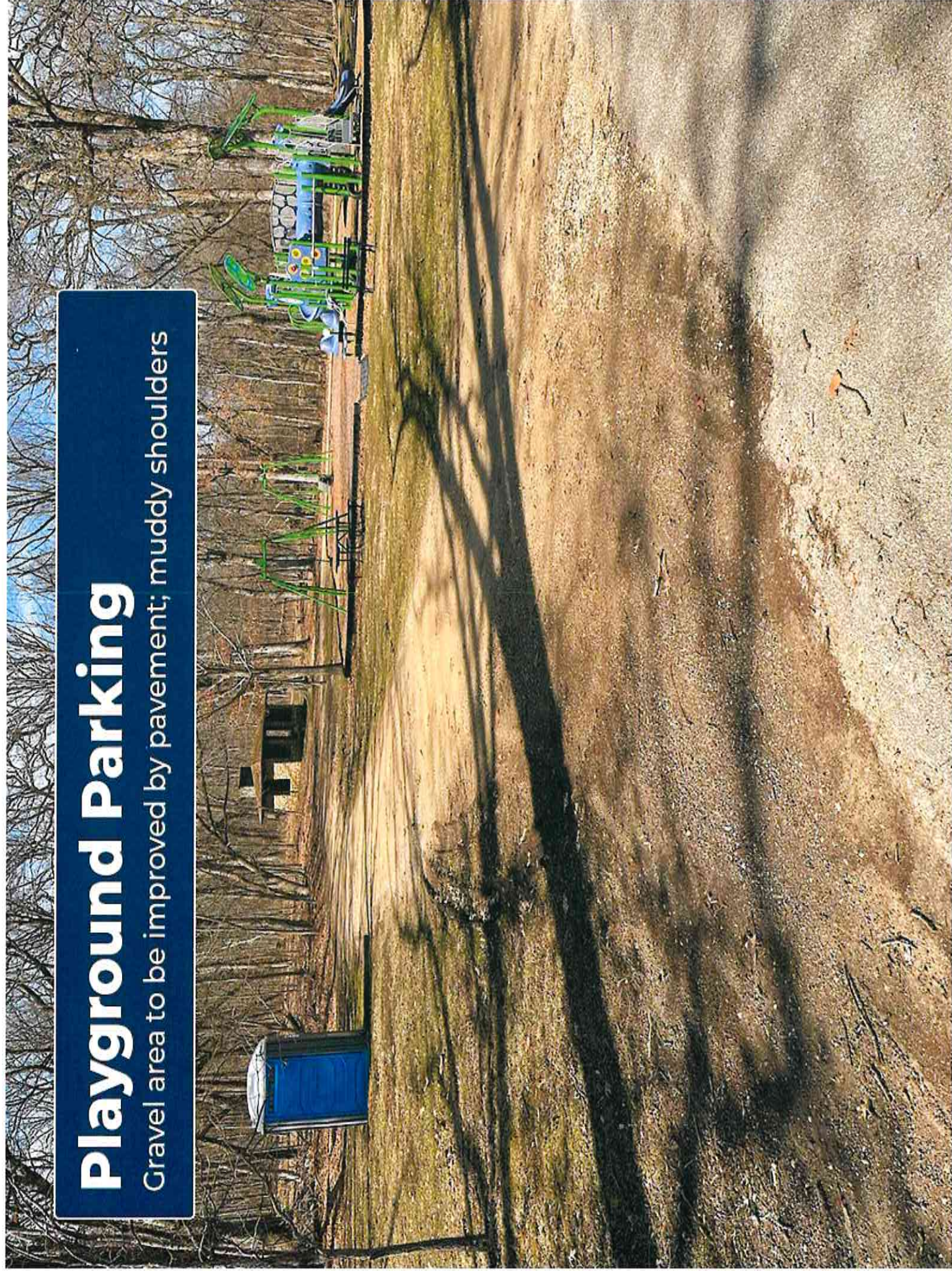
Gravel patches and gravel area to be improved by pavement





# Playground Parking

Gravel area to be improved by pavement; muddy shoulders





# Playground Parking

Ruts from parking in grass in need of paved parking area







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Ruts parking in grass in need of a paved parking area



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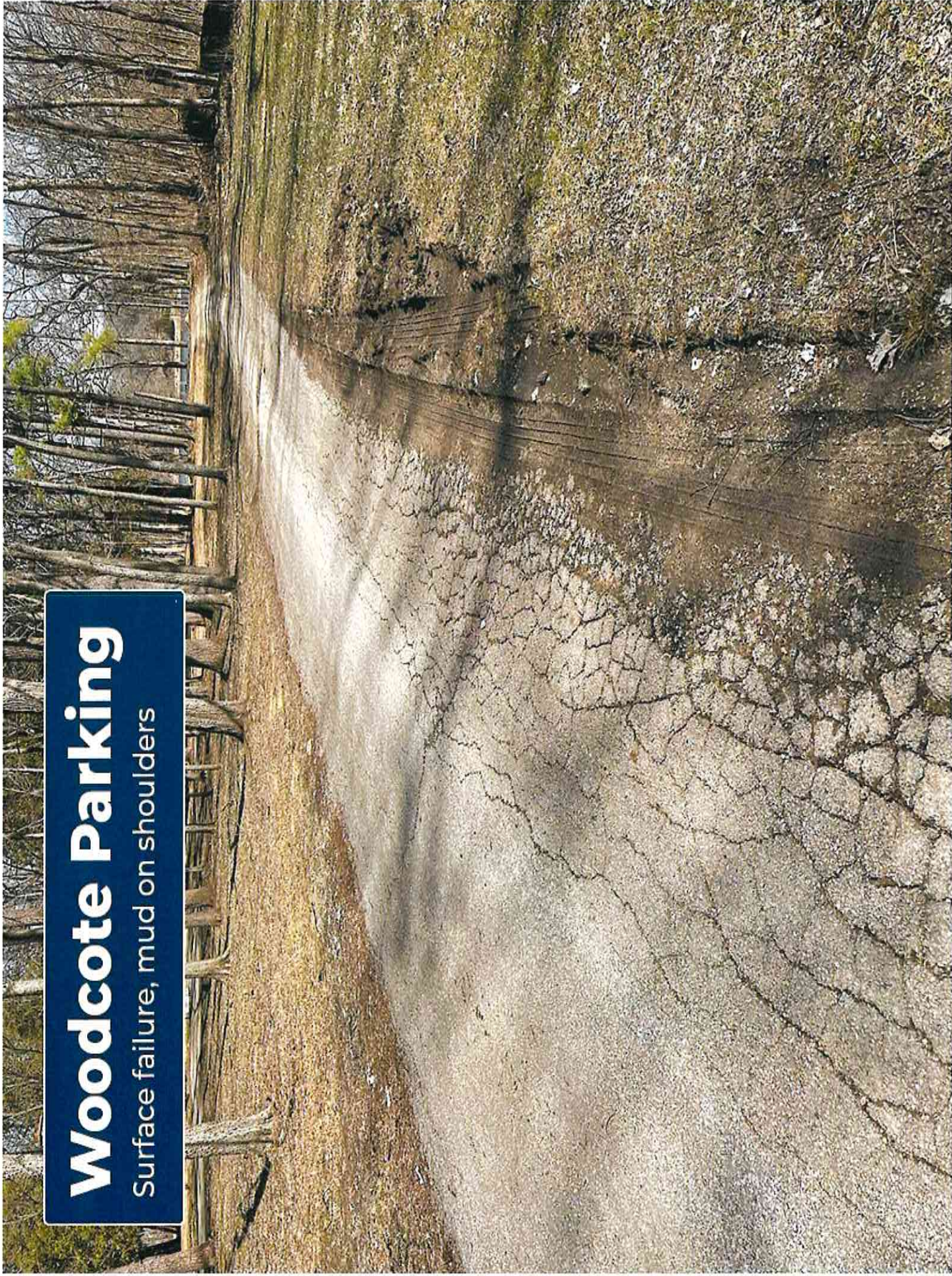
Ruts from parking in grass in area in need of paved parking area





# Woodcote Parking

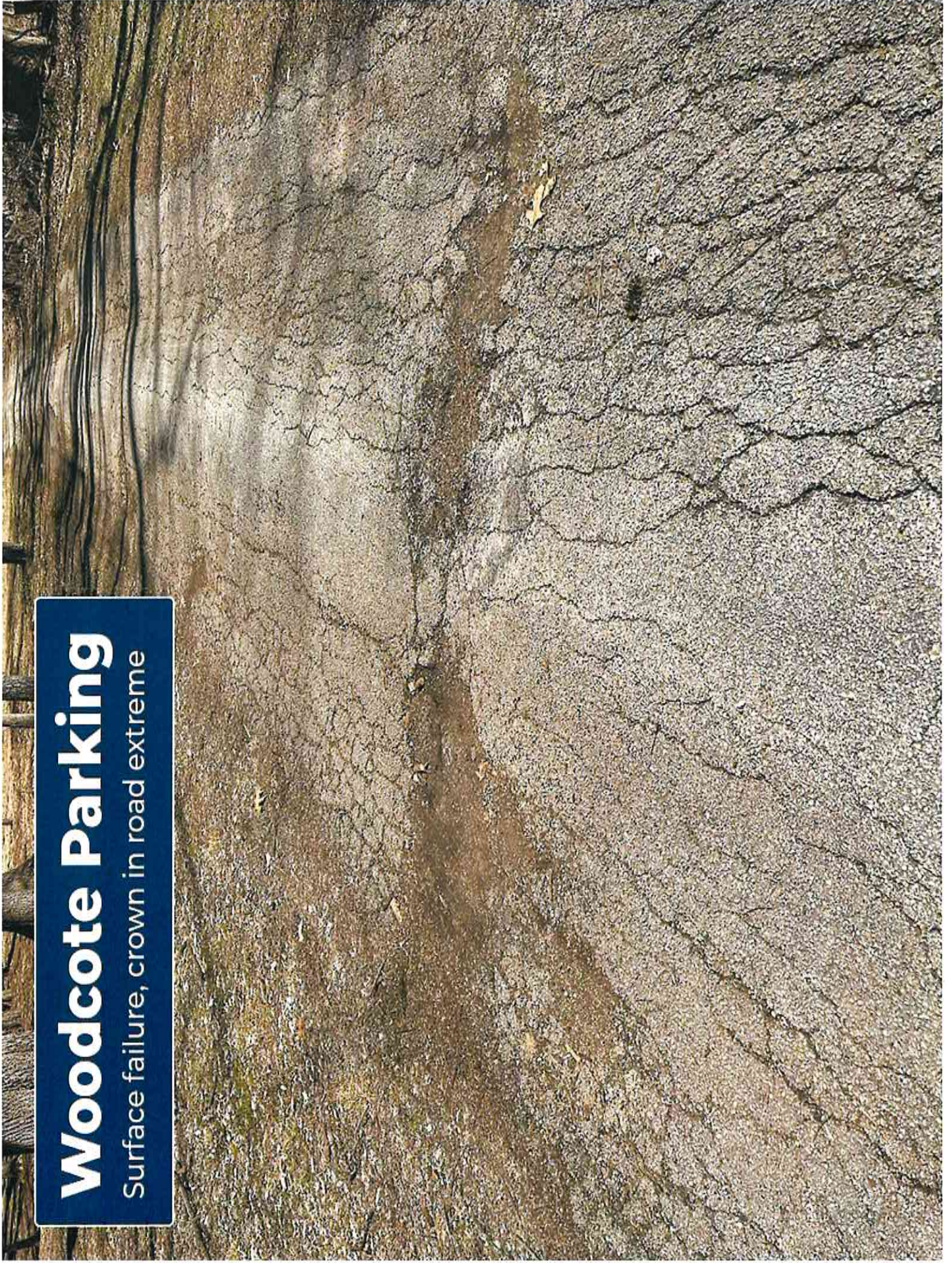
Surface failure, mud on shoulders





# Woodcote Parking

Surface failure, crown in road extreme





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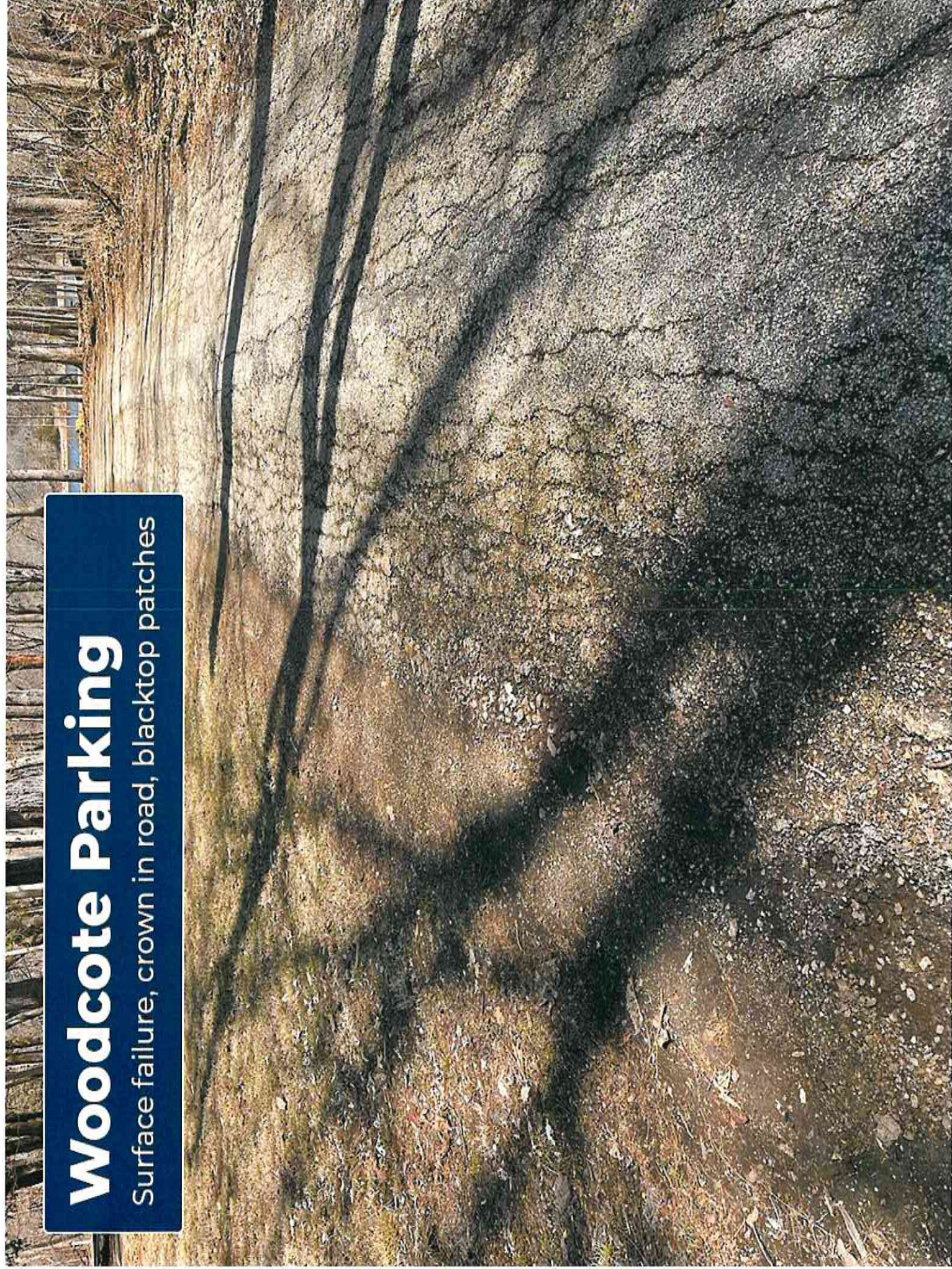
Surface failure, crown in road, blacktop patches





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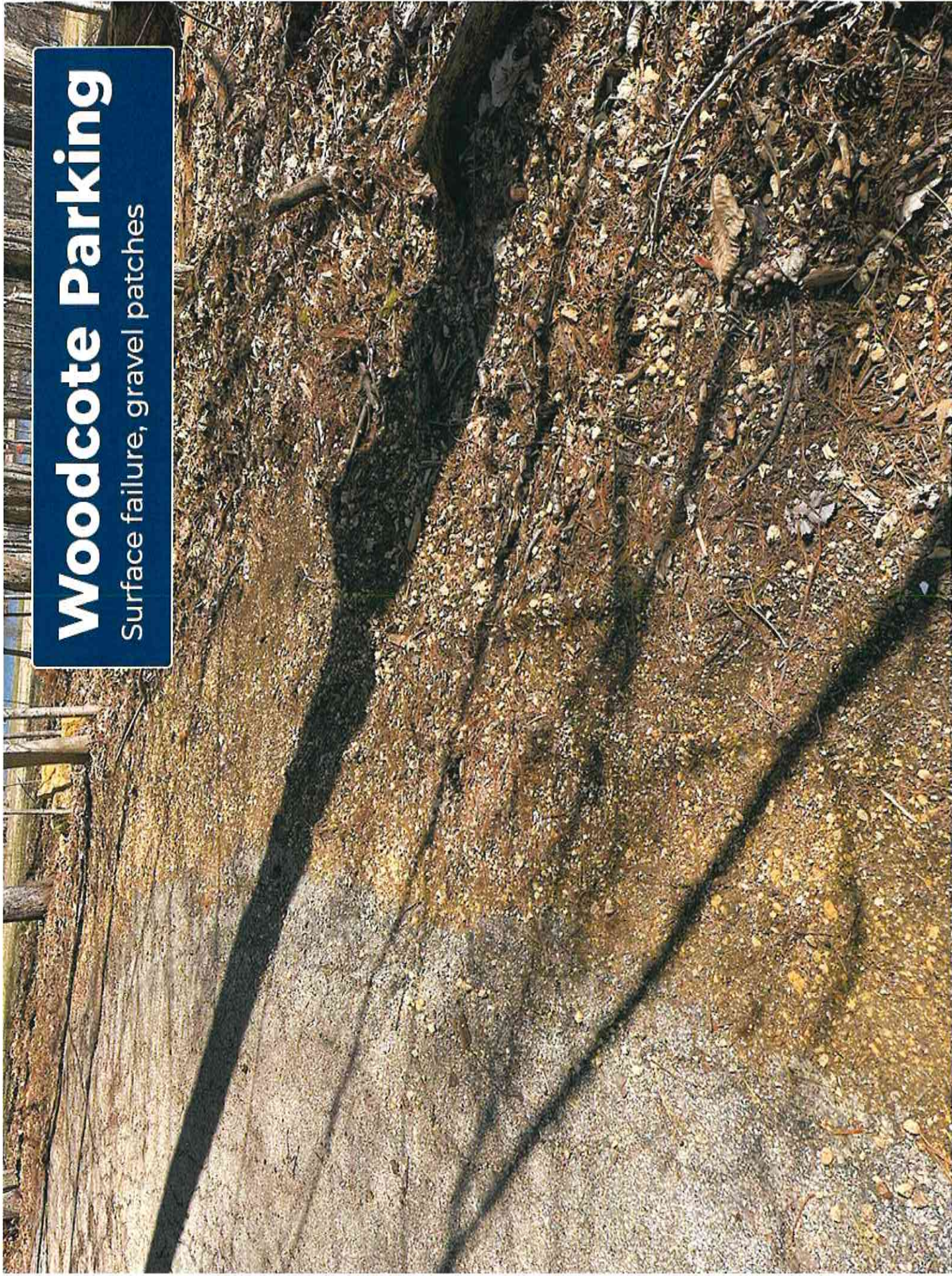
Surface failure, crown in road, blacktop patches





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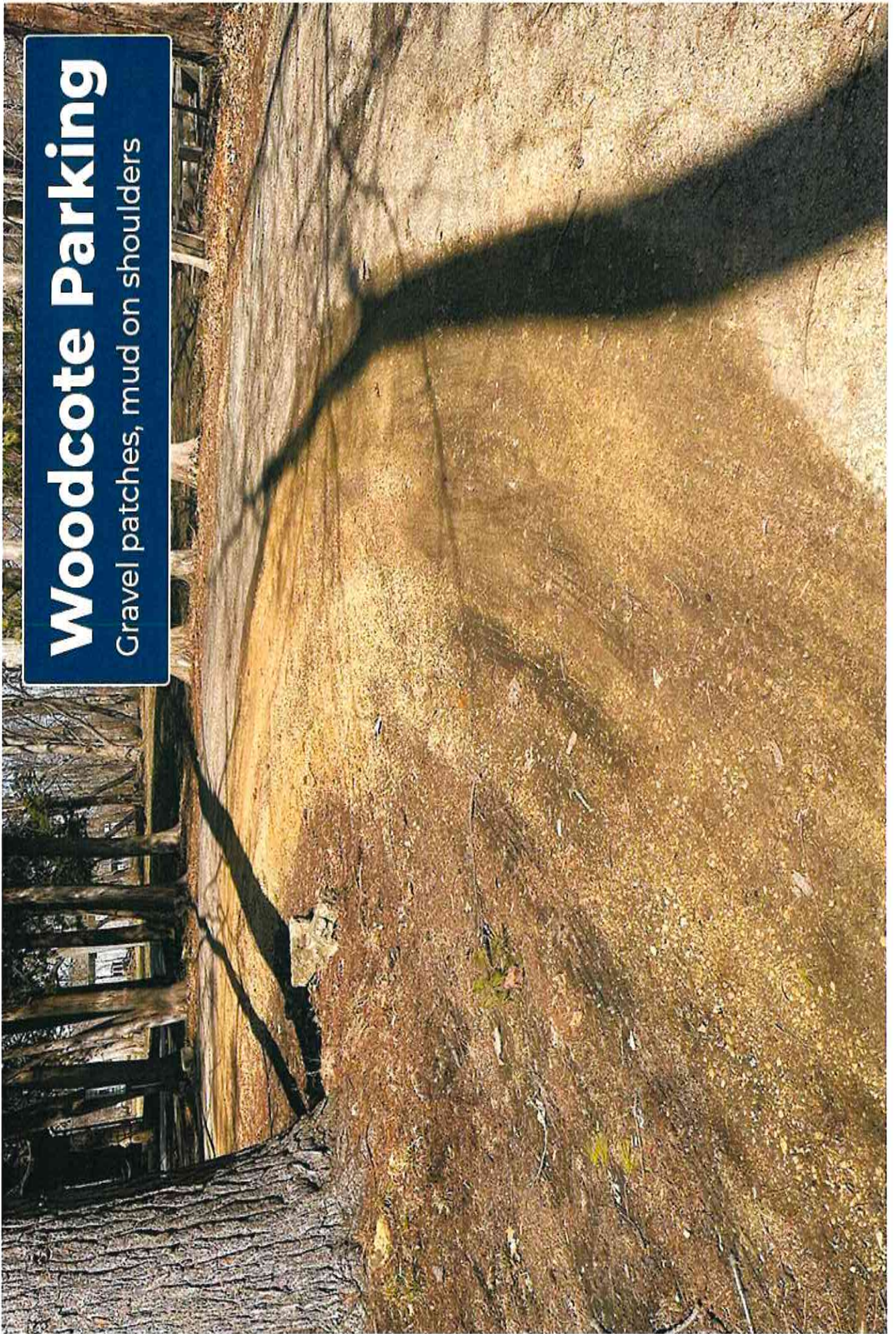
Surface failure, gravel patches





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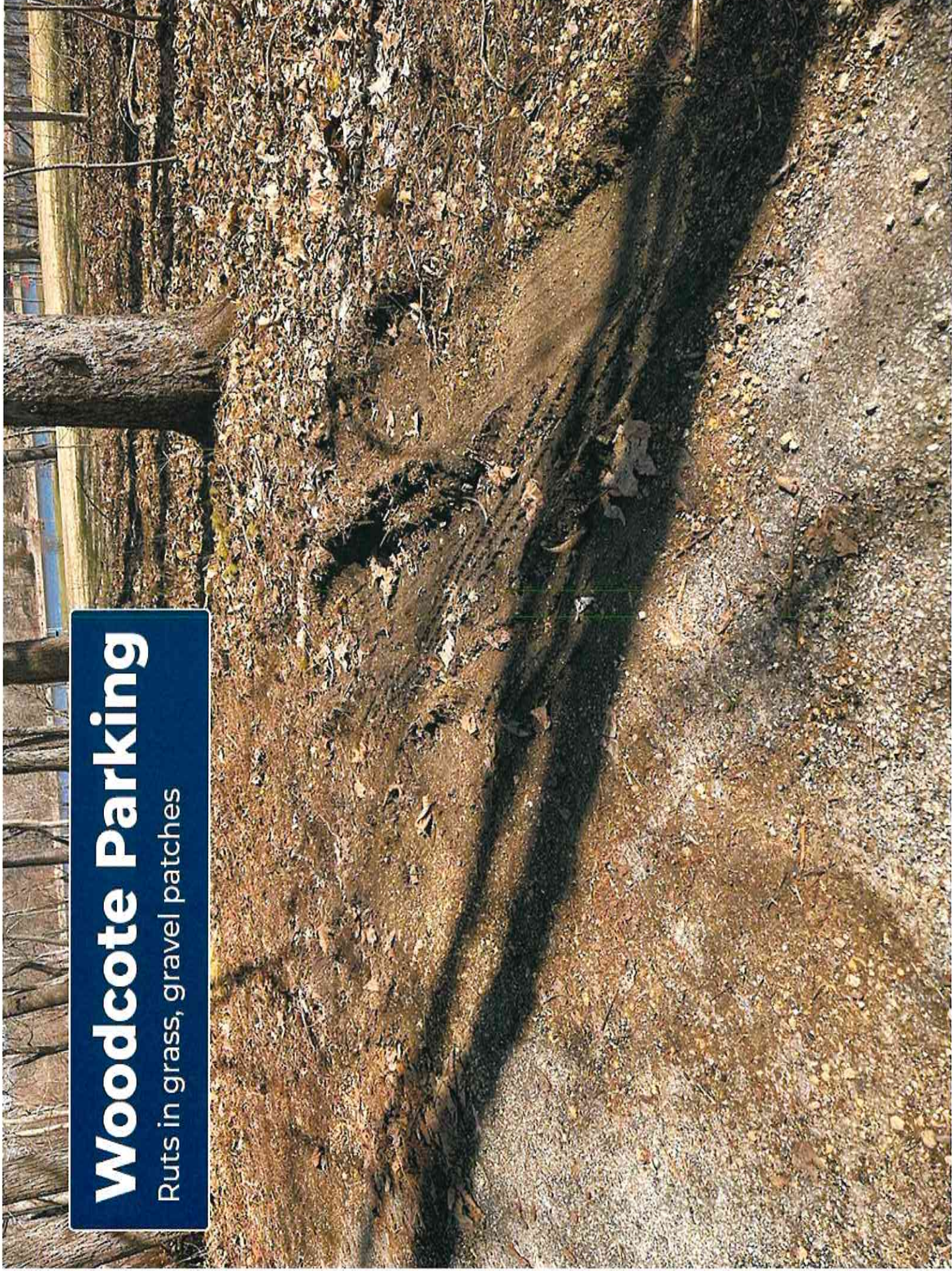
Gravel patches, mud on shoulders





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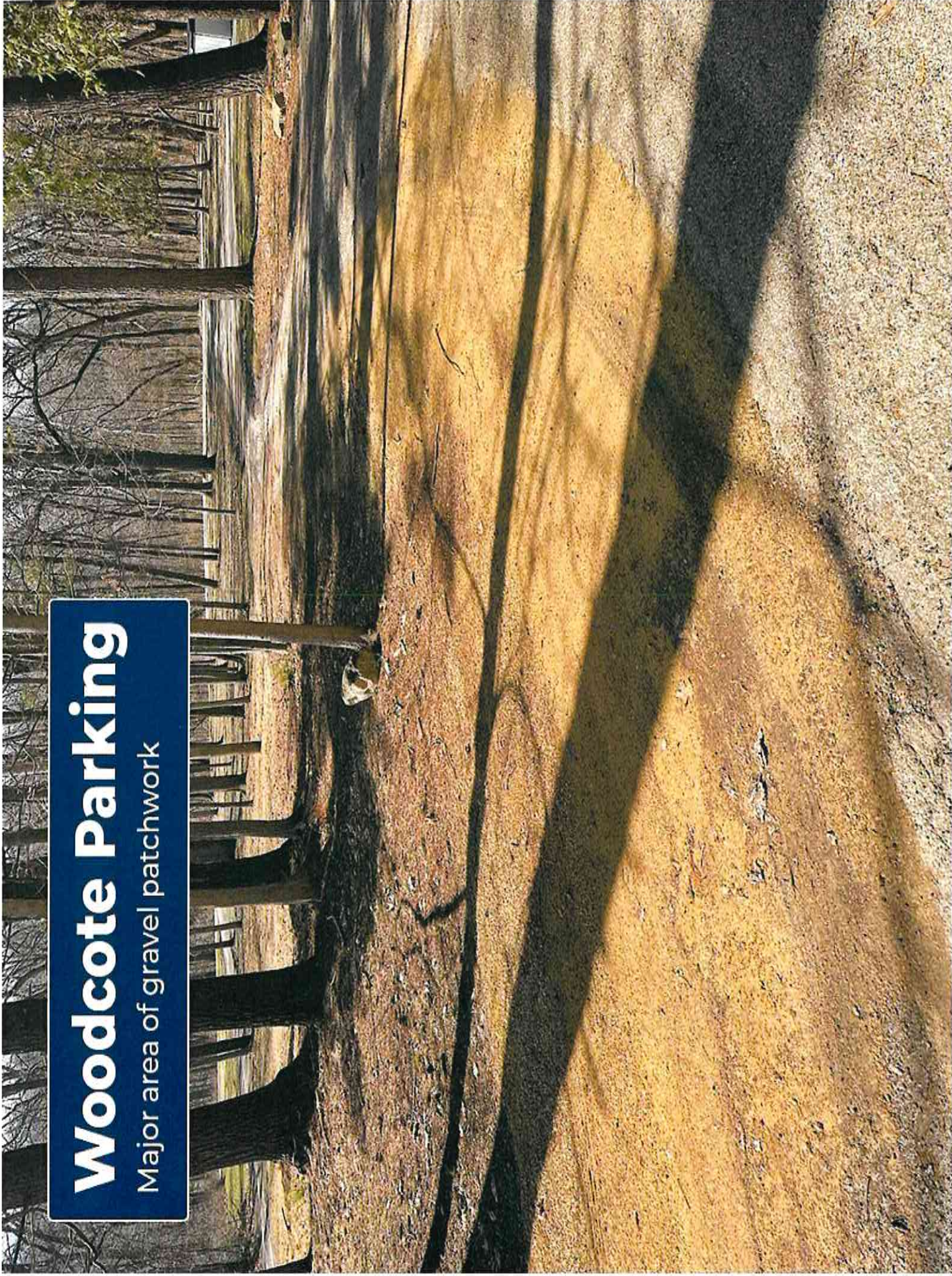
Ruts in grass, gravel patches





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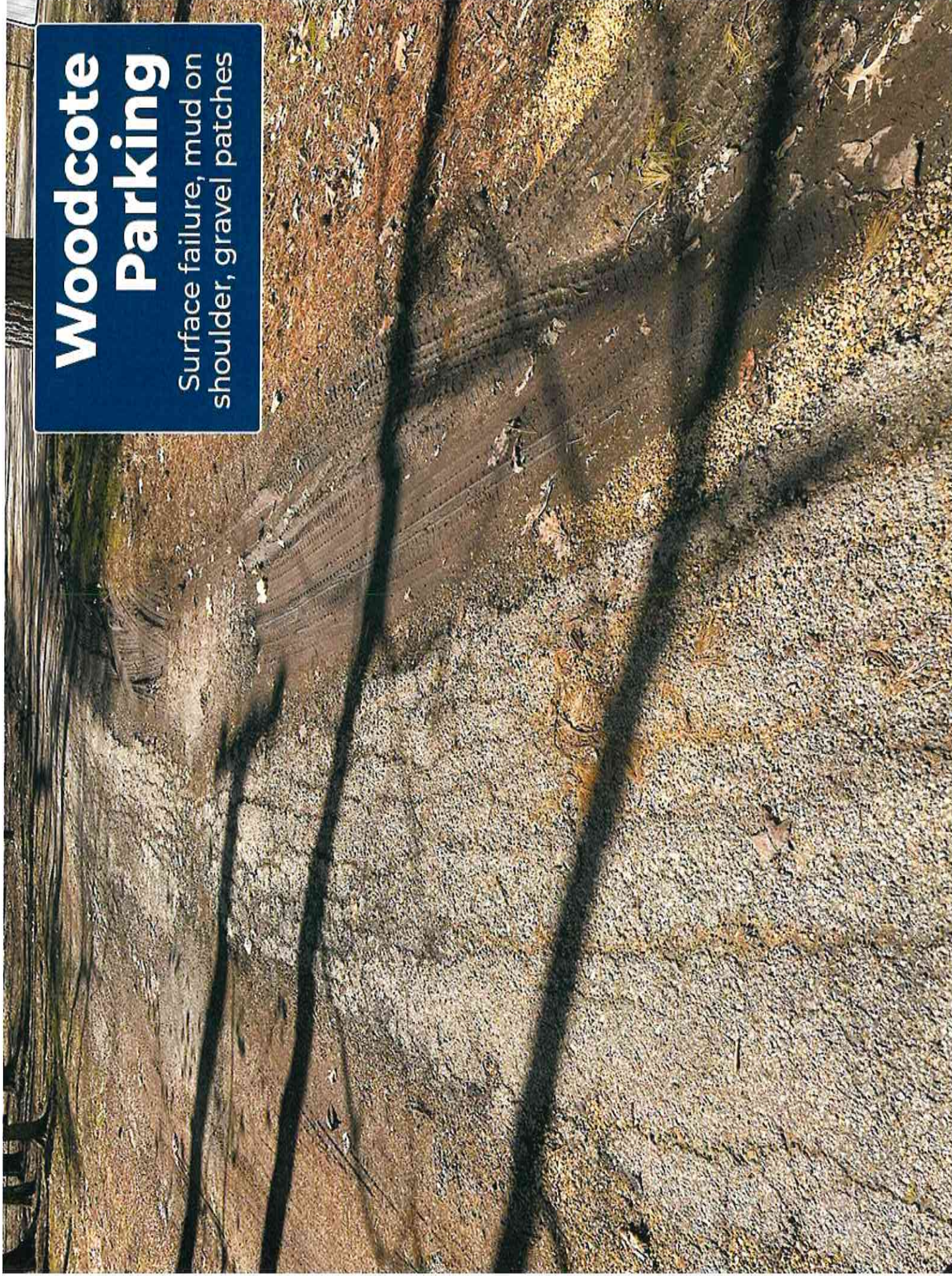
Major area of gravel patchwork





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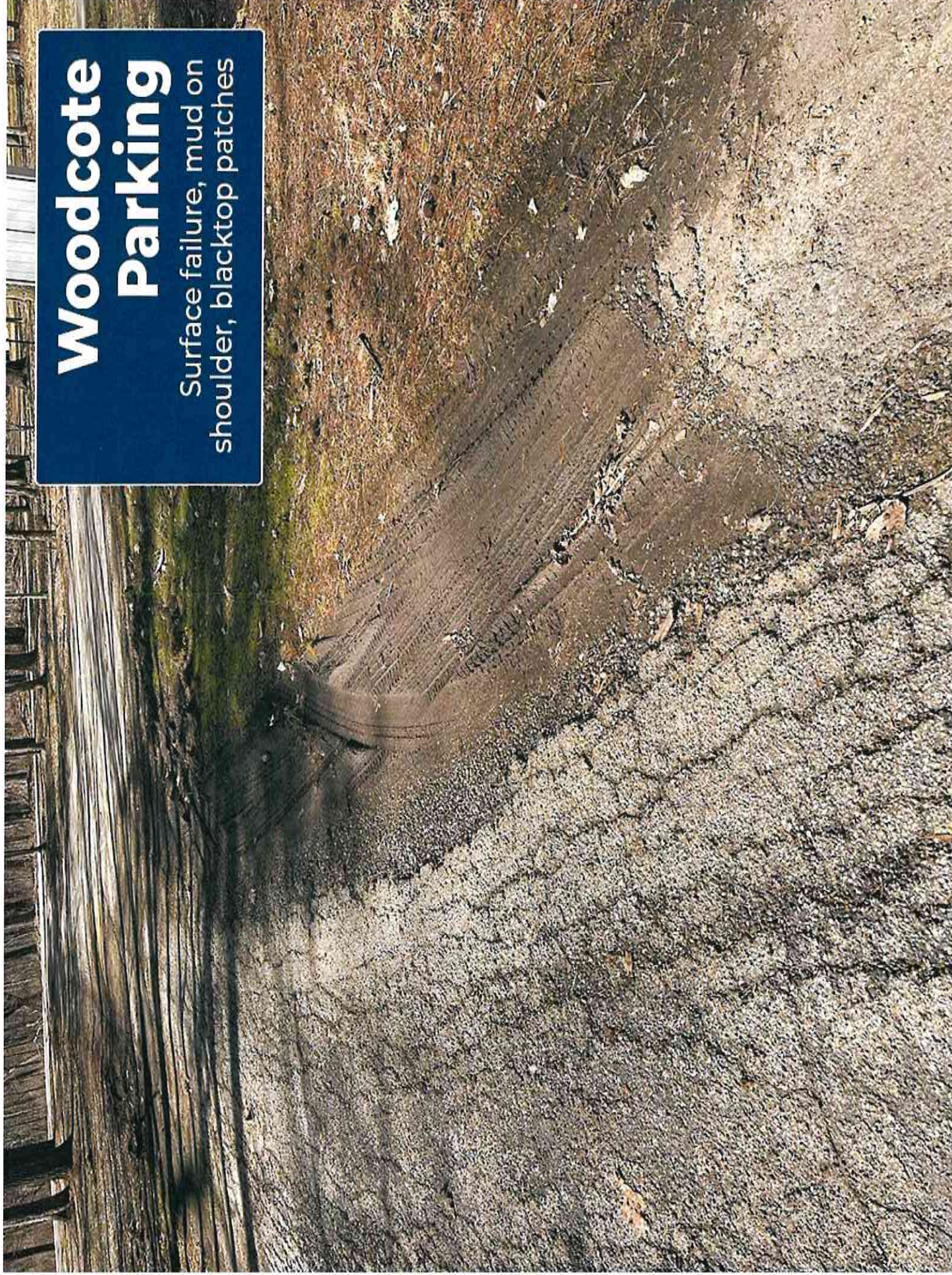
Surface failure, mud on  
shoulder, gravel patches





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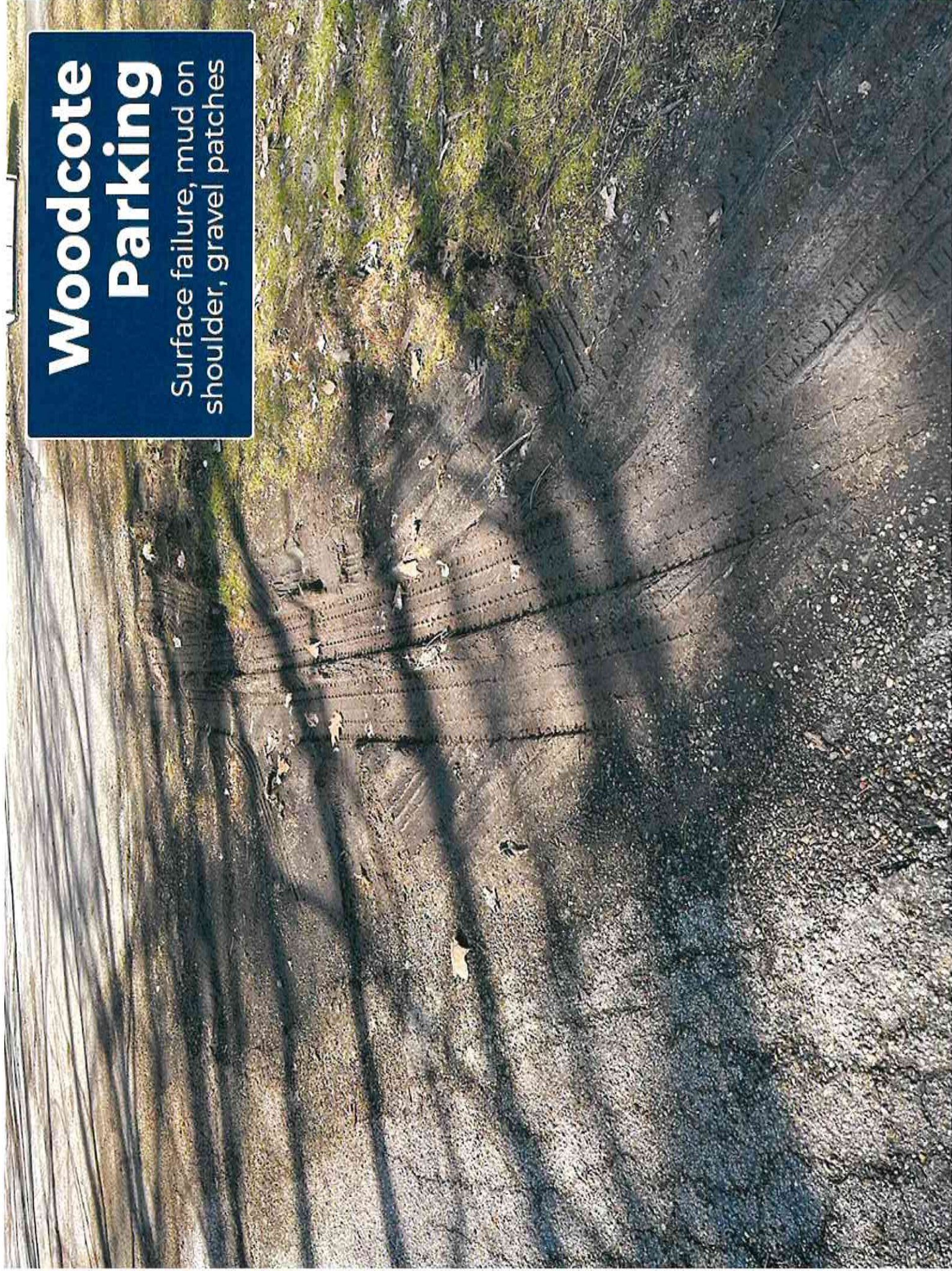
Surface failure, mud on  
shoulder, blacktop patches





# Woodcote Parking

Surface failure, mud on  
shoulder, gravel patches







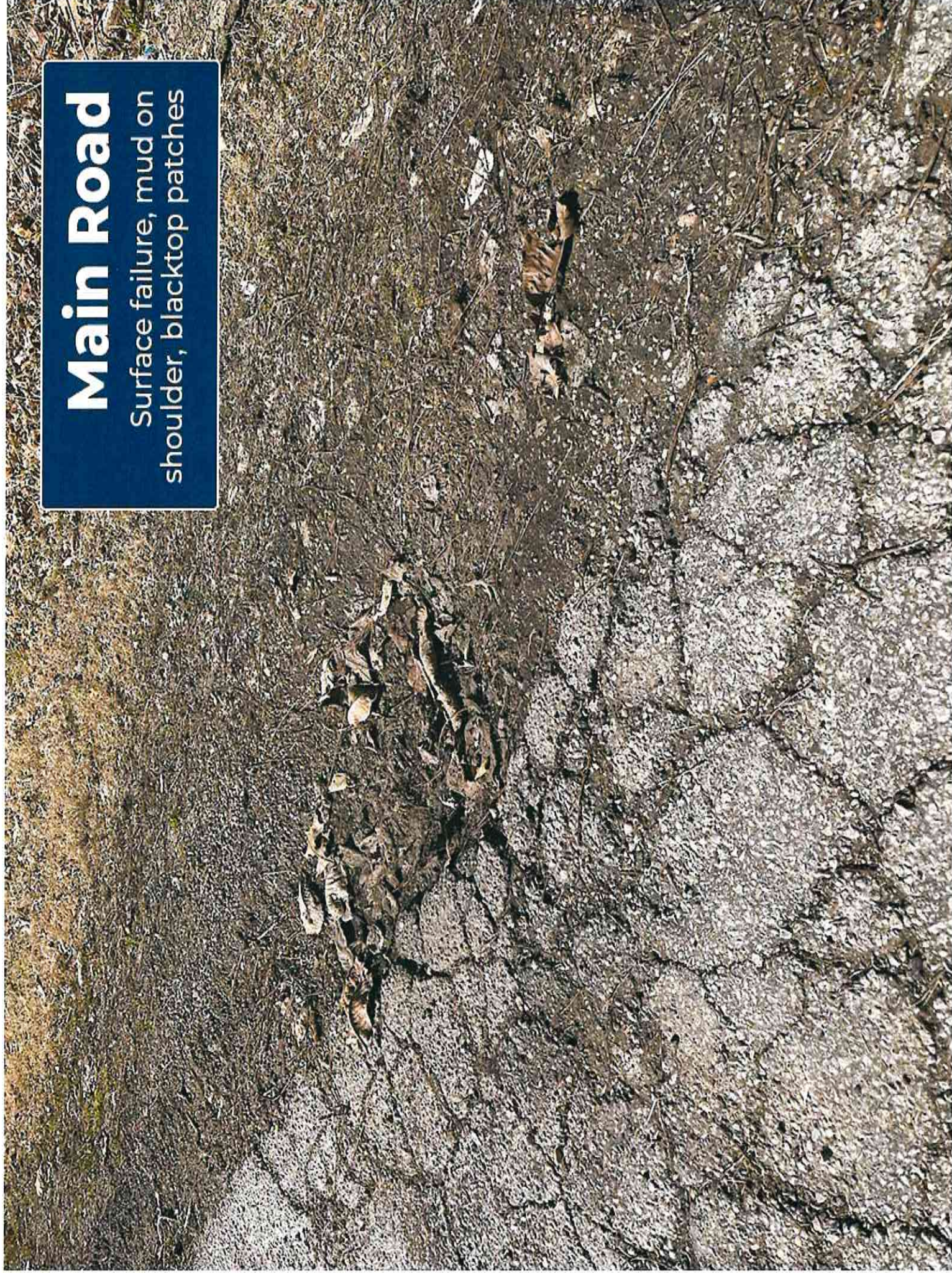
# Woodcote Parking

Surface failure, mud on  
shoulder, gravel patches



# Main Road

Surface failure, mud on shoulder, blacktop patches





# North Loop Road

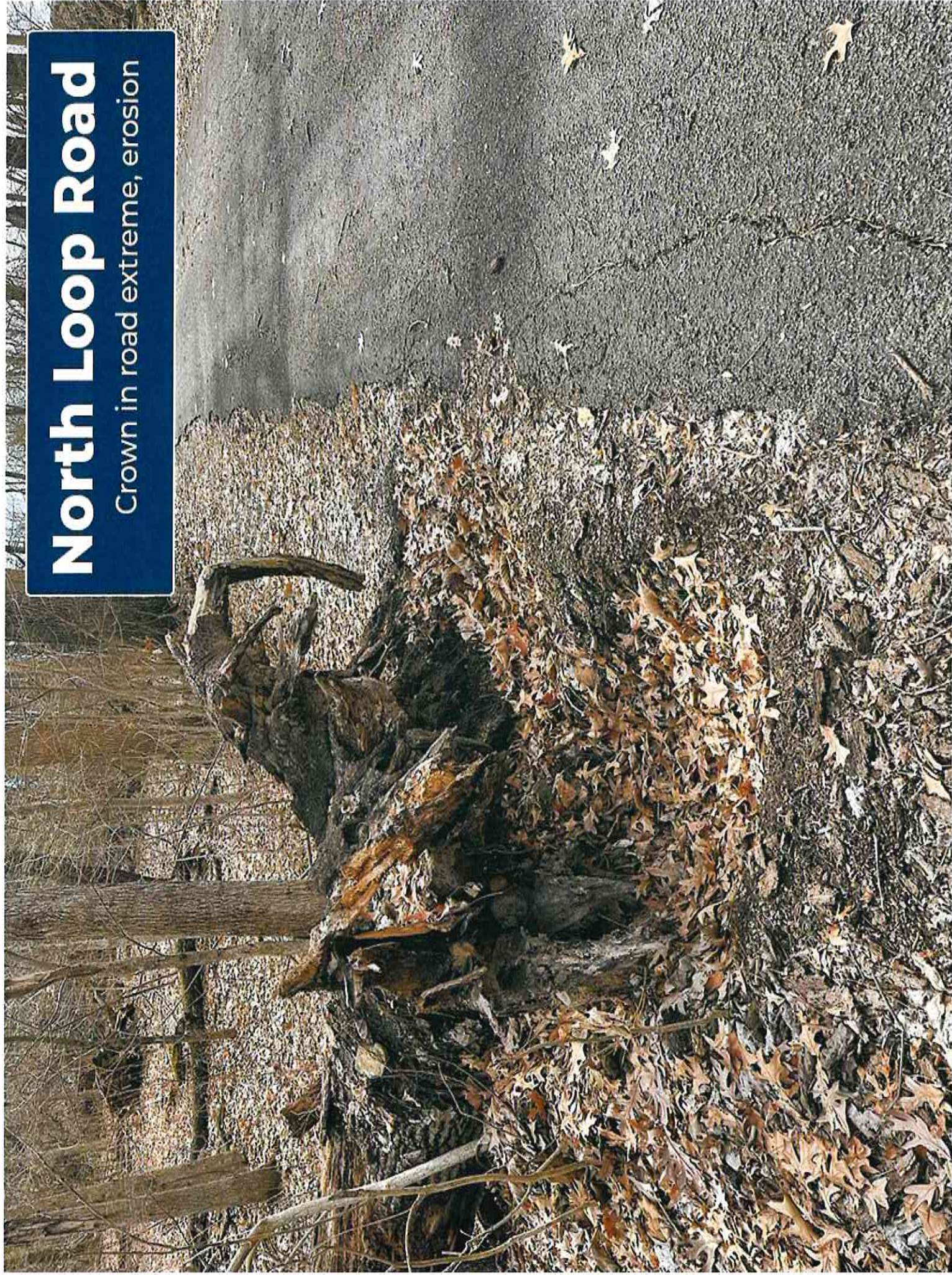
Surface failure, blacktop patches





# North Loop Road

Crown in road extreme, erosion





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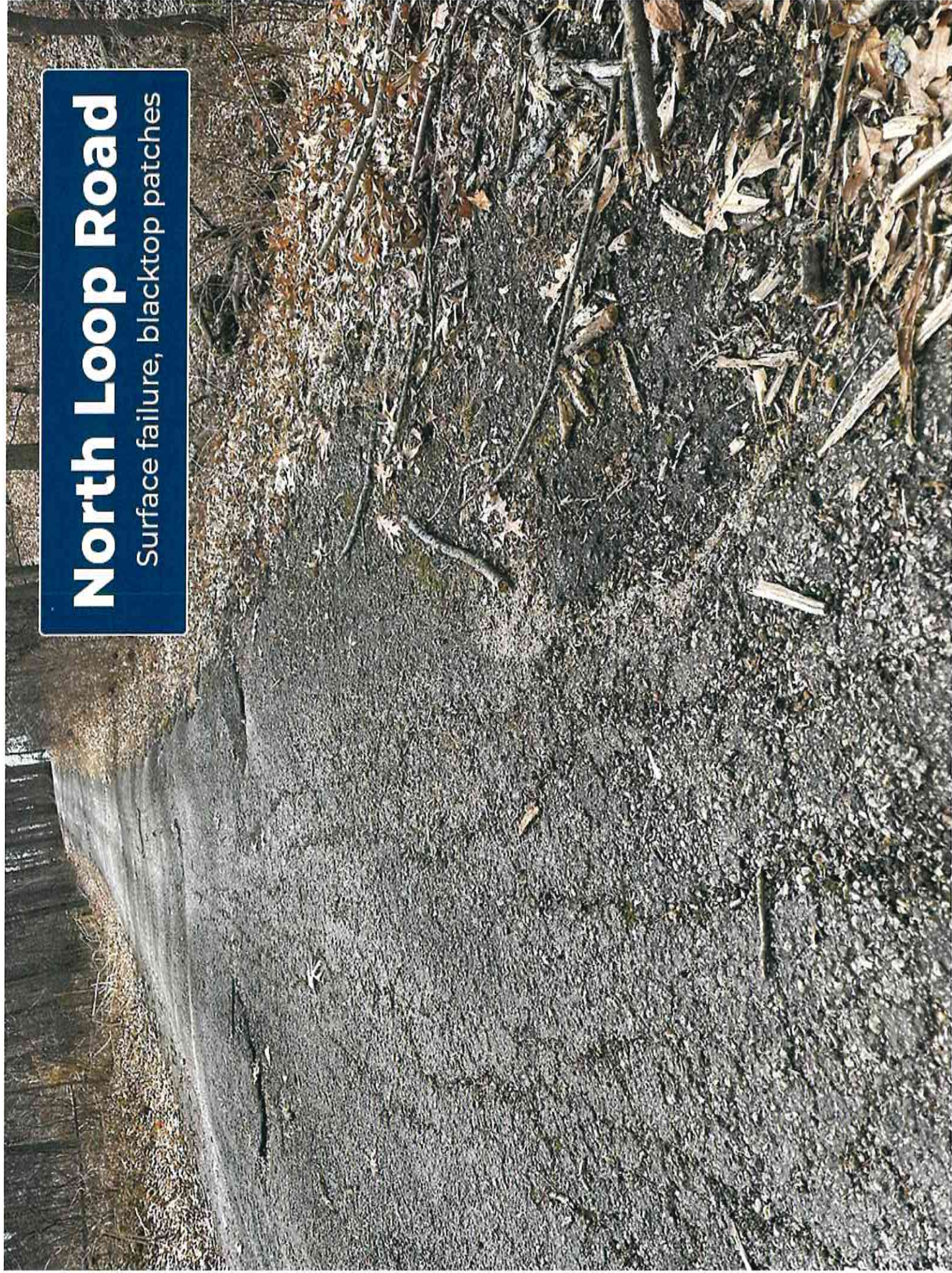
Crown in road extreme, surface failure, blacktop patches





# North Loop Road

Surface failure, blacktop patches





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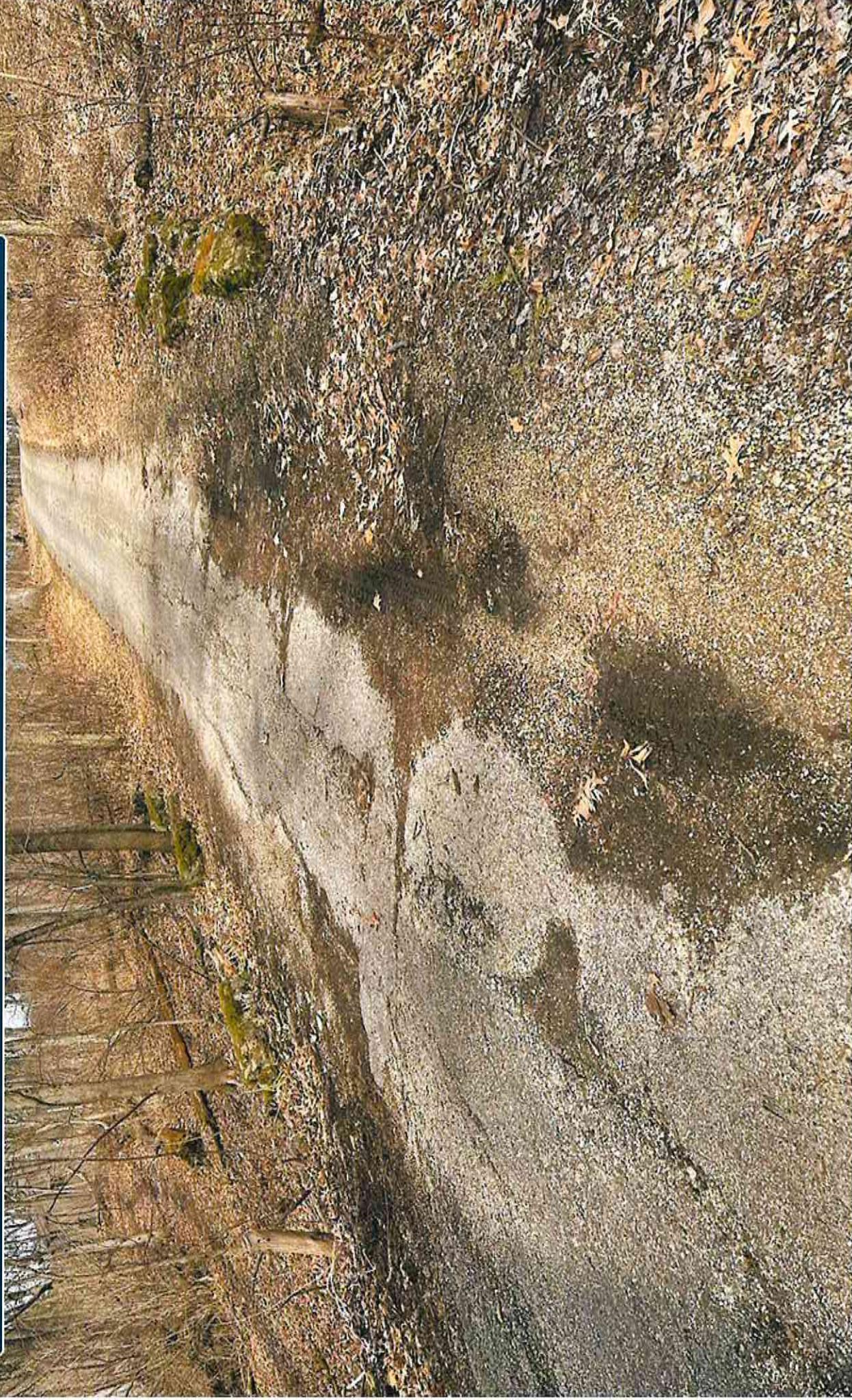
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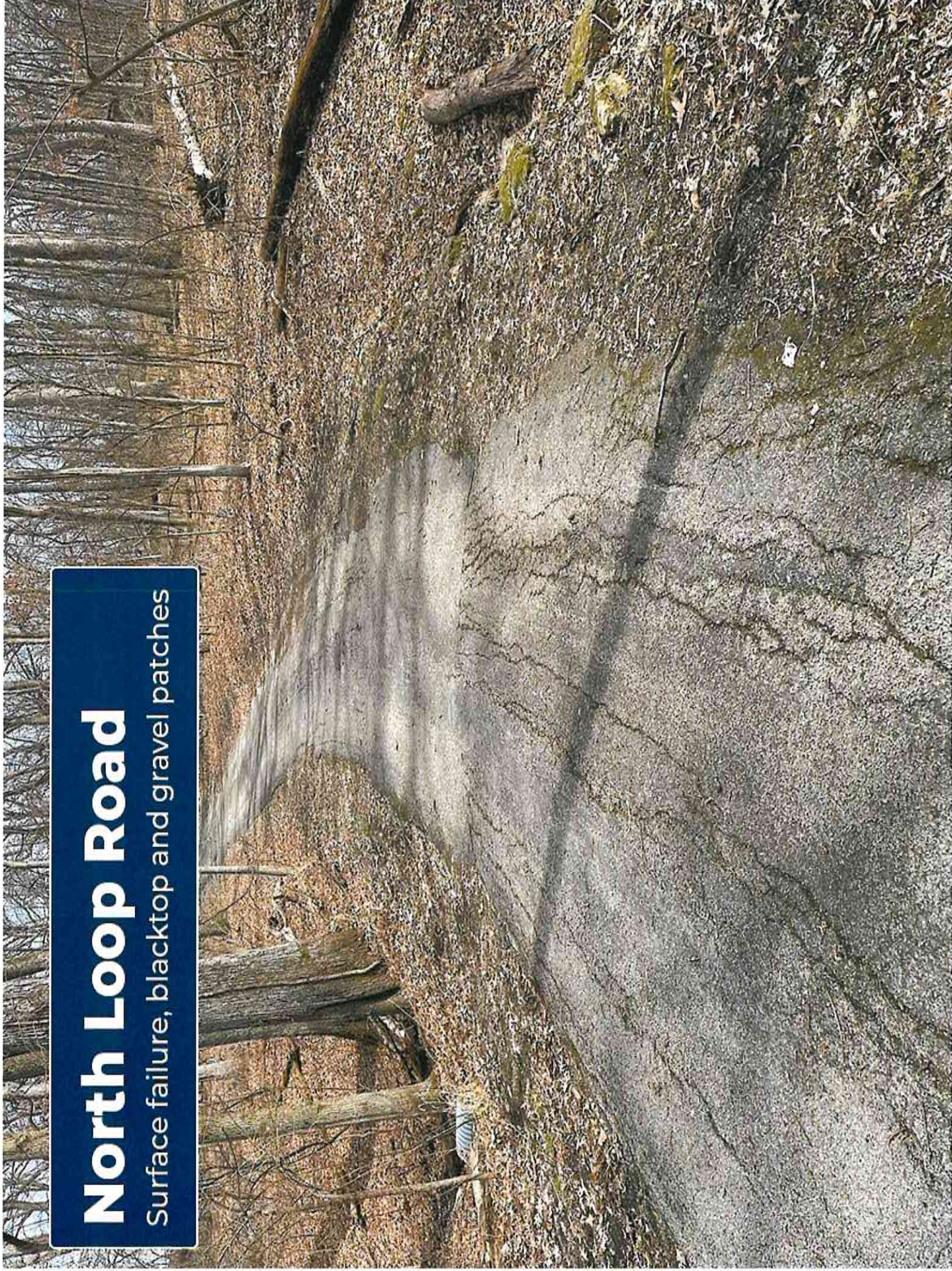
Crown in road extreme, surface failure, blacktop and gravel patches





# North Loop Road

Surface failure, blacktop and gravel patches





A photograph of a road crown showing a surface failure, blacktop, and gravel patches. The road surface is composed of dark asphalt (blacktop) and lighter-colored gravel patches. There is a visible longitudinal crack or surface failure running down the center of the road. The road is bordered by a dense forest of bare trees, and the ground on the sides is covered with fallen brown leaves.

# North Loop Road

Crown in road extreme, surface failure, blacktop and gravel patches



# North Loop Road

Gravel area to be improved with pavement





# North Loop Road

Surface failure, blacktop and gravel patches, mud on shoulders





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Surface failure, blacktop and gravel patches, mud on shoulders





# North Loop Road

Surface failure, blacktop and gravel patches, mud on shoulders







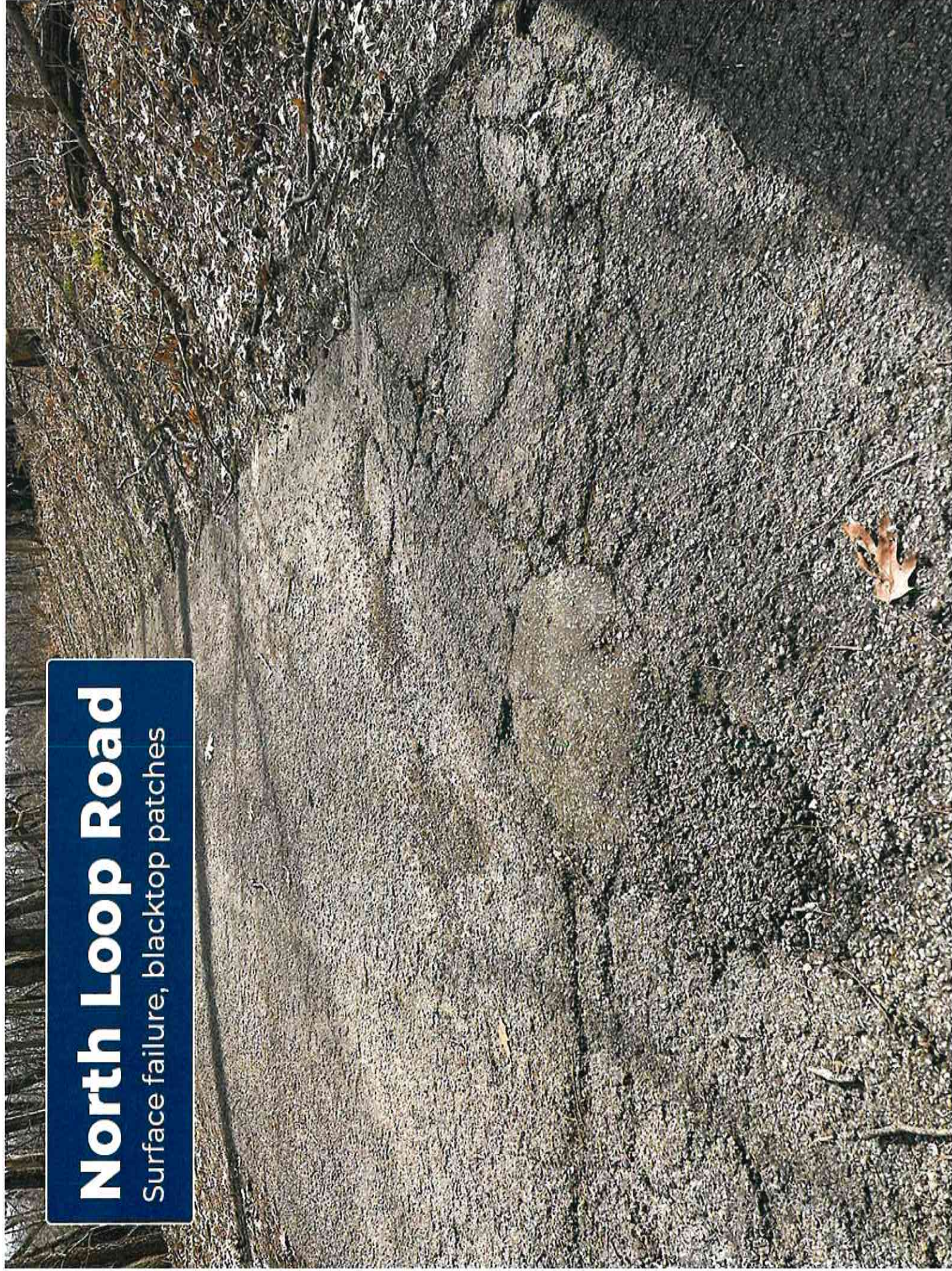
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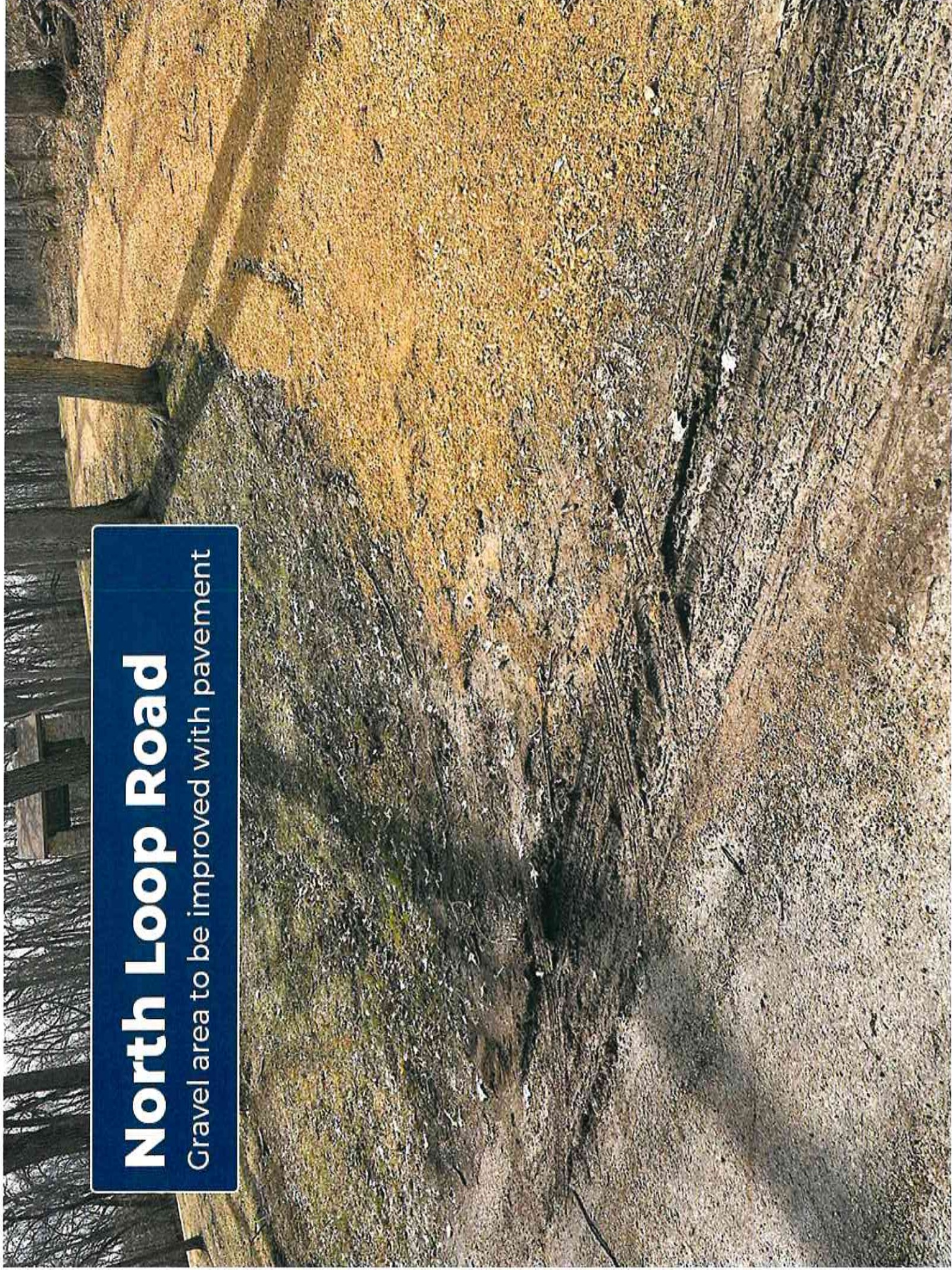
Gravel area to be improved with pavement





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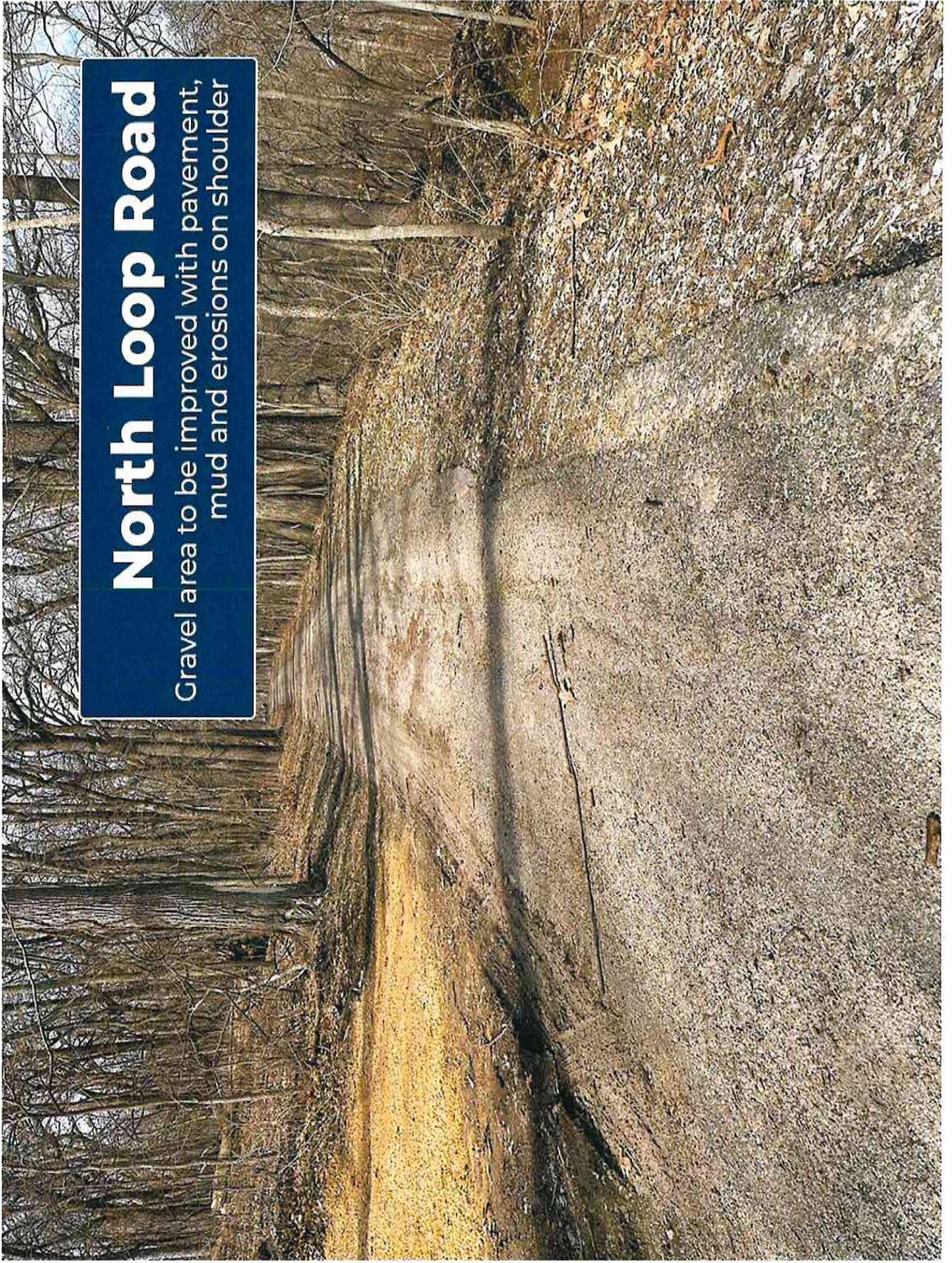
Gravel area to be improved with pavement





# North Loop Road

Gravel area to be improved with pavement,  
mud and erosions on shoulder





A photograph showing a gravel area on the right side of a dirt road. The road is light brown and runs horizontally across the middle of the image. To the left of the road is a dense forest of tall, thin, bare trees. The ground is covered with dry leaves and some green grass. The sky is visible through the trees on the left.

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Gravel area to be improved with pavement



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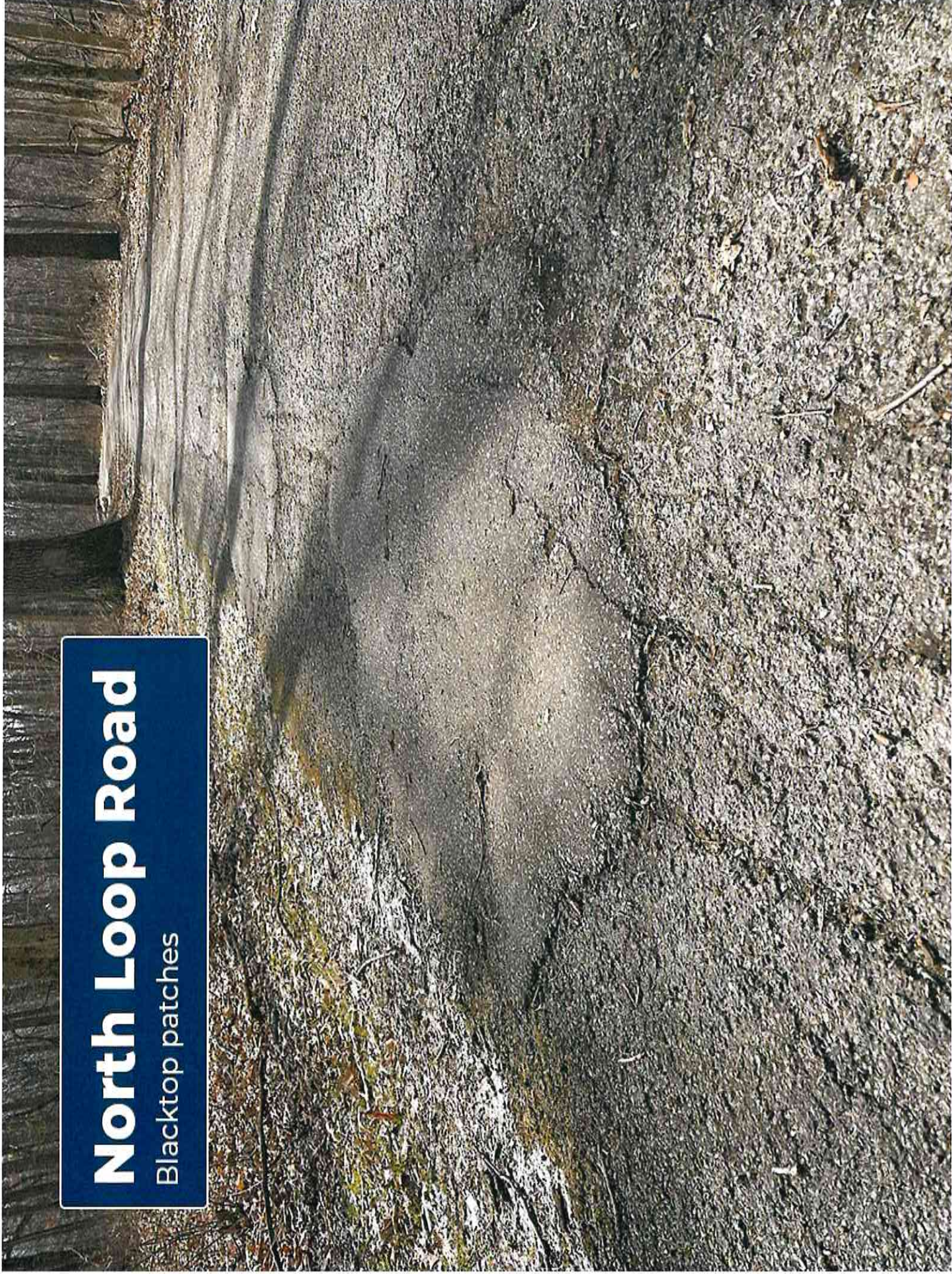
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Blacktop patches







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