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On The Road Again: Significant Roads In Greenburgh - Saw Mill River Parkway

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(1920s beginning)



(Present Day)

Introduction:

Roads are the arteries and veins that pump the blood of modern civilization, automobile traffic, around this country. Therefore, the significant roads of Greenburgh should be examined. We would now like to examine a road on which construction began the same year that construction of the Bronx River Parkway was completed (<http://www.nycroads.com/roads/saw-mill/>). This road spans 29.8 miles (<http://www.nycroads.com/roads/saw-mill/>), all of which fall within Westchester County (<https://www.eastcoastroads.com/states/ny/parkways/sawmill>). Of that 29.8 miles, *only* 2.69 miles run through Unincorporated Greenburgh (Greenburgh Department of Public Works). We are speaking of course of The Saw Mill River Parkway which was constructed with a different goal in mind than the goal of the Bronx River Parkway.

Birth of a Road:

Construction began in 1925 (<http://www.nycroads.com/roads/saw-mill/>). While the goal of the Bronx River Parkway was to ease pollution of the Bronx River, the goal of the Saw Mill River Parkway in contrast, was to have medium-low speed road in order to allow for scenic drives (<https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/infrastructure/scenichistory.cfm>).

Completion:

Construction was completed in 1954 (<http://www.nycroads.com/roads/saw-mill/>). It is an integral part of the New York State Parkway System.

Westchester County Government began to construct The South County Trailway which runs along the Saw Mill River Parkway in 1990. The South County Trailway is ranked by the residents of Westchester County as one of the best bike trails in the county (<https://mommypoppins.com/kids/bike-riding-with-kids-best-bike-paths-for-family-cycling-in-westchester>). **For a history of The South County Trailway, see our article, The Disappearing Railroad Blues” in**

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The Sawmill River Parkway has accomplished its goal and has become central to many New Yorkers' lives.



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