



2003

**Associated general contractors of Vermont**

**Best Builders Award**

**Munson Earth-Moving Corp.**

For Outstanding Quality of Work and Effort

**Alternative Modal Transportation New Construction Category**

**Essex Bike Path**

This project was designed to improve Old Colchester Road, a road widely used by students and faculty of The Essex High School and Vocational Center. The project extended 6,300 feet and included construction of 2,520 foot bike path with a 125 foot bridge from The Fairview Cemetery to the Knights of Columbus and the construction of a new 1,300 foot section of Old Colchester Road.

The contribution to the community is self evident in the improvements of Old Colchester Road in the areas of the High School entrance, the road widening and particularly at the culvert crossing. The new sidewalks, curbing, wider road, new pavement markings and overall appearances greatly improved the area. The bike path provides greater community access by foot and bike (in addition to safer car access) to the new soccer fields and to a very pretty part of two towns.

One of the more beautiful aspects of the project is the 1,300 feet of new road, extending from the Knights of Columbus on Old Colchester Road to just before McLean Moving and Storage on Route 2A

The challenging aspects of the project required tenacious planning and a seasoned force of will to execute efficiently. The bike path bridge, another elegant feature of this project, was installed without a hitch.