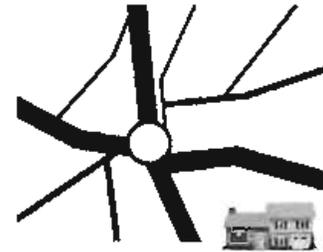


## Suburban Development

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New mileage to suburban streets is being added each year. This is Rodney Village at Dover.

When it rains, it still pours troubles in the form of minor floods for some of the State's suburban developments. But the number affected continues to drop. For as time goes, the rules and regulations revised by the Suburban Development a few years ago are now bearing fruit.

A total of 28,943 miles of streets were accepted into the State Highway Department's maintenance system during fiscal year 1958-59.

The Division's regulations call for high type streets with adequate storm sewer systems, and that was the type roads it accepted this year, roads that will require less maintenance over the years.

What necessitated this upward revision in the Specifications of the Division was the tremendous growth of housing and concurrent street construction which greatly increased the runoff of surface water making it more difficult to control.

The Division continued to supervise the work of developers who post a performance bond guaranteeing that the construction of streets will be in conformance with the Highway Department's specification.

By the end of the fiscal year the Division held 69 outstanding bonds representing 35 miles of suburban development streets in various phases of construction. It also was taking part in the planning and designing of 43 new subdivisions.

The Division is active in the New Castle County Planning Commission.