

VAN BUREN COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

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2020 ROAD PROJECTS MADE POSSIBLE THROUGH THE USE OF COUNTY-WIDE ROAD MILLAGE FUNDS

The County Road Commission Wants You to Know . . .

On March 10, 2020 the residents of Van Buren County will, once again, have the opportunity to vote on the county-wide road millage for four more years. "This millage will enable the Van Buren County Road Commission to continue to make annual improvements and upgrades to our county-wide road network", said Managing Director, Dan Bishop. "Our road network is vital to the social and economic welfare of the citizens of Van Buren County. Our economy is based heavily on agriculture, agri-business and tourism. In addition, thousands of children are transported daily over the county-wide road network".

Projects scheduled to take place in 2020 made possible through the use of County-Wide Road Millage Funds include the following projects:

- Red Arrow Highway from 26th Street to 28th Street, Antwerp Township; reconstruction
- CR653 from Red Arrow Highway to I-94; reconstruction
- CR380 from CR681 to the Village of Breedsville, Columbia Township; top course paving
- CR380 from the Village of Breedsville to the Bloomingdale/Columbia Township line; drainage work
- CR374 from Red Arrow Highway to 45th Street; tree removals and drainage
- Rehabilitation work for the following bridge structures: 48th Avenue over the Paw Paw River, **Arlington/Lawrence Townships**; 70th Street over the South Branch of the Black River, **Geneva Township**; 70th Street over the Paw Paw River, **Hartford Township**; 72nd Avenue over Brush Creek, **Lawrence Township**, 5th Avenue over Mentha Drain, **Pine Grove Township**; 71½ Street over the South Branch of the Black River, **South Haven Township**; Red Arrow Highway over Pine Creek, **Hartford Township**; Red Arrow Highway over Hog Creek, **Hartford Township**, CR388 (Phoenix Road) over the South Branch of the Black River, **Geneva Township**; CR653 (Almena Drive) over the East Branch of the Paw Paw River, **Almena Township**.
- Approximately 60 miles of Primary Road sealcoat and 60 miles of Primary Road fog seal
- CR388 from Grand Junction to CR388 E, Columbia/Bloomingdale Townships; mill and seal
- Many local road projects to be selected by each Township

It is critical that residents understand that funds received through the county-wide road millage are spent directly to improve the road system in Van Buren County. Funds received through the county-wide road millage have not been used for snow plow operations, ice control operations, pothole repair, equipment purchases or repairs, fuel purchase, repair, replacement or upgrading of traffic signs or signals, operating costs, or the like, because those operations are funded by fuel tax and registration fees.

For more information to better assist you in making an informed decision we urge you to contact the Van Buren County Road Commission by phone at 269-674-8011, or by email at vbcrc@vbcrc.org.

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