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BOARD OF COUNTY ROAD COMMISSIONERS**
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ANN ARBOR, MICHIGAN 48103
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July 2017

Resident/Property Owner:

The Washtenaw County Road Commission (WCRC) has contracted with G & T Services of New Haven, Indiana to perform brush control treatment in the road right of way in **Freedom, Sharon, Manchester, Bridgewater, and Saline** Townships within Washtenaw County. The brush control operations will be performed in the road right of way and may occur in an area of abutting property that you own. The estimated start date is the week of August 7, 2017.

The purpose of the WCRC brush control treatment program is to control the growth of specific types of weeds, brush and/or low hanging tree limbs to improve visibility and safety for the vehicular traffic and/or pedestrians that use the county roads under WCRC's jurisdiction. The Road Commission performs brush control operations through the use of tractor mowers and hydraulic brush hogs that mechanically cut weeds, brush and trees in road right of ways.

The Operations Department has been authorized to supplement the mechanical cutting of weeds and brush with herbicide treatment as an additional method to be used to control weeds and brush. The implementation and scheduling of herbicide operations is weather sensitive and therefore, subject to existing weather conditions occurring at the time of the application operations. As a result of weather conditions and other operational factors, the exact program start and ending dates as set forth are estimates. The WCRC is not able to project the rate of the brush control progress and therefore cannot determine the exact date the contractor will implement operations on any given road or segment of road.

You do have a choice regarding the use of herbicides. If you prefer that your property not be included for treatment, you have the option to have your property omitted from the program. To exercise this option you must complete an application form for a "No Brush Control Treatment Zone" from the Road Commission or your township office and return to the Road Commission office no later than **August 4, 2017**. As a condition of approval of this application, the property owner must agree to properly clear the road right of way abutting the subject property of undesirable weed growth and brush on an annual basis. Signs will be supplied by the Road Commission, to be placed on your property as a visual indication that you are taking responsibility for the control of brush for your own road frontage. The signs will be supplied just prior to application in your area. **Your area will be omitted from the brush control program only if the area is clear of weeds and brush at the time of inspection by the Contractor and/or Road Commission personnel.**

If you have questions regarding technical product information, contact representatives of G & T Services; the number is 260-493-9531. For overall program administration and operational information, you may contact Adam Lape, Superintendent of Maintenance at 734-327-6697 or lapea@wcroads.org.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M. Lape".

Adam Lape
Superintendent of Maintenance

APPLICATION FORM

July 2017

NO TREATMENT ZONE BRUSH CONTROL PROGRAM

WASHTENAW COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION
555 N. Zeeb Road
Ann Arbor, Michigan 48103
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The undersigned hereby requests that the Washtenaw County Road Commission (WCRC) omit the treatment of weeds, brush and/or low hanging tree limbs along County road right of way abutting property owned by me and generally described as follows.

Township of: _____ Section Number: _____

Road Name: _____ South, East, North, West
(Circle side of road on which property is located)

Property Address: _____

Nearest Cross Roads or identifying information:
Between: _____ and _____
Road Name Road Name

In consideration of the WCRC's approval of the requested **NO TREATMENT ZONE**, the undersigned agrees to accept the annual responsibility for maintaining the roadside area by the yearly cutting of all roadside weeds, brush and trimming low hanging tree limbs. The area to be maintained is to be a minimum distance of 15 feet off the traveled portion of the road and 15 feet above the road surface.

As the Applicant, I understand and agree that in such event as the roadside weeds, brush and/or tree limbs are not cut or otherwise removed at the time of County operations or in subsequent years, the WCRC reserves the right to remove same, acting in its sole discretion.

If approved, the WCRC agrees to honor this permit, subject to the conditions herein and the posting of the NO TREATMENT ZONE signs, i.e., Beginning and Ending signs being in place on the day of operations. The Road Commission will furnish identifying signs to be placed by the property owner. The signs are to be in place as specified in the County Brush Control Program Legal Notice. Contractor or county forces will remove the Beginning and Ending signs. The undersigned agrees to place the No Treatment Zone signs on my property but no closer than 5 feet off the edge of pavement or gravel.

Request submitted by: _____
Signature Date

Print Name

Street Address

City, State and Zip Code

Telephone (Day) Telephone (Night)

Return to Washtenaw County Road Commission by **August 4, 2017**

Approved [] _____ Denied [] _____
Date Date

Road Commission Representative: _____