A chip seal operation - one form of preventative maintenance funded by the millage.
In November 2016, voters of Washtenaw County overwhelmingly approved a four-year, .5 mil property tax to improve roads and non-motorized facilities across Washtenaw County.

Voters approved a very specific plan, where each year local agencies committed to improving a specific list of roads, spread across the county. In addition, 20% of funds collected would be used to build or improve non-motorized facilities in the county.

Millage dollars are distributed to Washtenaw County Road Commission, the seven cities and villages within the county and the Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission.

Two years into the program, these local dollars have made a significant impact on the road systems in Washtenaw County, including improvements on 90 miles of road in 18 townships. In addition, nine non-motorized projects have been supported with the first two years of millage funds, including 2.6 miles of completed pathway in Sylvan and Lyndon Townships.
Follow the Money

All revenue generated by the millage stays in Washtenaw County and is distributed in the following ways:

- The Washtenaw County Road Commission (WCRC) receives approximately $3.3 million per year to fund road work in the county’s twenty townships.
- Cities and villages collectively receive $2.5 million per year, with specific allocations based on the amount raised within a municipality’s borders.
- The Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission receives $1.5 million per year to support the expansion of the county’s non-motorized path network.

Before and After Road Improvements: Jackson Avenue in the City of Ann Arbor
Making in‘roads’

This year the Washtenaw County Road Commission (WCRC) successfully completed 26 road projects in 15 townships across the county. In total, 40 miles of road improvements were made using money generated by the millage.

In addition to the road work completed by WCRC, the City of Ann Arbor completed three major road projects and numerous non-motorized improvements. The other cities and villages within Washtenaw County used millage dollars for preventative maintenance and non-motorized improvements.
The Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission receives approximately $1.5 million from the millage each year. This money is divided annually between investments in the Border-to-Border (B2B) trail system and funding for the Connecting Communities Grant Program.

The B2B is a non-motorized pathway that connects cities, parks, and many destinations throughout Washtenaw County. More than 40 miles of trail exist as a part of the B2B today, with 70 miles planned.

The Connecting Communities Grant Program provides supplemental funding for the development of non-motorized trails or similar projects to local municipalities and non-profit organizations.

Millage funds are used to help with a variety of expenses within these programs, including construction costs, feasibility studies, and design cost. So far millage dollars have supported nine non-motorized projects, including the completed construction of Phase 1 of the Chelsea Stockbridge Connection (pictured above).
Completed and Proposed Projects

The road projects shown on this map consist of a variety of improvements including preventative maintenance such as chip seal or ditching; road resurfacing, both limestone and asphalt; and total road reconstruction. The non-motorized projects shown on this map have received funding in the noted year. This funding may be applied to different aspects of non-motorized path building - for example, much has gone toward funding feasibility and engineering studies in 2017 and 2018.
Learn More

Washtenaw County Road Commission
Subscribe to receive road work alerts, newsletters or the weekly road work schedule. Learn more about upcoming and completed road work by visiting wcroads.org.

Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission
Learn more about the B2B and connecting communities program by visiting washtenaw.org/parks.

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Before and After Road Improvements: Lima Center Road in Lima and Dexter Townships

Before and After Road Improvements: Willis Road in Augusta Township