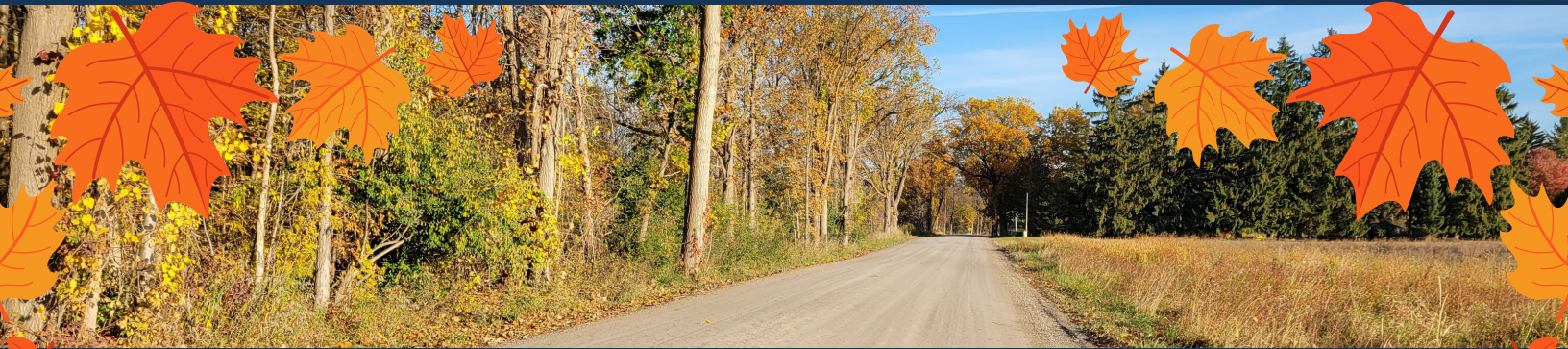


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Fall Forecast

Fall is officially here, and it sure feels like it. WCRC crews remain busy completing local road projects, performing routine maintenance, and preparing for winter. WCRC crews will gear up for Dry Run during the first few weeks of October. Dry Run is WCRC's annual process for preparing our staff and equipment for winter. In addition, we have provided a list below of pre-winter tips that may be helpful to you!



Clean Out Catch Basins

Fall is often when storm drains get clogged. Please clear debris away from storm drains to prevent flooding and future drainage issues.



Don't Veer For Deer!

With hunting season in full swing, Michigan's deer population is on the move! Be aware of the road in front of you, and remember not to swerve when you see a deer. It's generally safer to hit the deer than run off the road or risk injuring another motorist.



"Shake" Your Mailbox!

Shake your mailbox to make sure it is strong enough to withstand the winter season. It's much easier to make repairs now than in the middle of winter when the ground is frozen!

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Road Funding

WCRC typically draws from five main funding sources which are described in greater detail to the right.

There are many more sources of funding available under limited circumstances.



WCRC seal coated a section of North Territorial Road in Webster Township with funds from the millage.

The Michigan Transportation Fund (MTF)

WCRC's largest source of revenue comes from the state, primarily from fuel taxes and vehicle registration fees.

Federal Funding and Grants

Another source of funding is federal transportation funding and grants. WCRC must apply for grants with a certain project in mind. There are different grants for specific types of projects such as safety and congestion. These grants are typically federal funds, administered by the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT).

County Millages

In August 2020, Washtenaw County voters renewed the County-wide Four-Year Roads and Non-motorized Millage. Funds collected through this .5 mill tax are collected each year and applied directly to road and non-motorized projects the following construction season.

Contributions from Townships

While state and federal funds provide a majority of WCRC's revenue, these funds generally go towards the improvement of primary roads, not local roads. The amount of state funding allocated towards local roads is often only enough to fund winter maintenance and pothole patching. By law, any improvements beyond this routine maintenance, such as resurfacing or ditching, on local roads must be matched by a source other than WCRC, typically a township.

Special Assessment Districts (S.A.D.)

Another tool to fund local road improvements is a Special Assessment Districts (SAD). An SAD is a designated area where a majority of property owners agree to allow a government agency to levy a special property tax to improve a public road.



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