

# Keeping Our Promises

## Four-Year Road and Non-Motorized Millage 2021 Year-End Report



Geddes Rd in Ann Arbor Township and Superior Township was pulverized and resurfaced in 2021 using millage dollars.



# Local Dollars Fixing Problems

In 2020, voters of Washtenaw County overwhelmingly renewed a four-year, 0.5 mill property tax to improve roads and non-motorized facilities across Washtenaw County.

These millage dollars are distributed to the Washtenaw County Road Commission (WCRC), the seven cities and villages within the county and the Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission (WCPARC). The partnering agencies have committed to improving a specific list of roads each year with these dollars and, as directed by the voters, 20% of the funds collected will be used to build or improve non-motorized facilities in the county.

As shown throughout this report, these local dollars make a significant impact on the road and non-motorized system throughout Washtenaw County each year.



The millage funded major improvements on Sibley Rd in the City of Chelsea in 2021.

# Follow the Money

This 0.5 mill property tax is levied in each winter tax bill of the millage years (2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023). Money collected is invested into road and non-motorized projects in the construction season that immediately follows.

- The Washtenaw County Road Commission (WCRC) annually receives approximately \$4 million for road improvements in the county's 20 townships.
- Cities and villages collectively receive approximately \$3.1 million each year. Allocations are based on the amount raised within a municipality's borders. These funds are then invested in road and non-motorized improvements selected by the city/village.
- The Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission (WCPARC) receives approximately \$1.8 million per year to support the expansion of the county's non-motorized path network.



In 2021, WCRC resurfaced a section of Pleasant Lake Rd in Manchester Township with millage funds.

# Road to Improvement

In 2021, the Washtenaw County Road Commission (WCRC) completed 28 road projects and one intersection project in 15 townships across the county. In total, nearly 68 miles of county road improvements were made using money generated by the millage.

In addition to the road work completed by WCRC, the City of Ann Arbor used its millage revenue to resurface sections of Plymouth Rd along with a few neighborhood streets and a section of the non-motorized pathway along Packard Rd.

The other cities and villages within Washtenaw County used millage dollars for preventative road maintenance and non-motorized improvements.



Miller Rd in Scio Township was pulverized and resurfaced in 2021, thanks to the millage.



The City of Ann Arbor used 2021 county millage dollars to help resurface a number of neighborhood streets within city limits.

# Building Connections Outdoors



In 2021, WCPARC partnered with State Representative Ronnie Peterson, the City of Ypsilanti, Ypsilanti Township and the Huron Waterloo Pathways Initiative to fund non-motorized improvements along Grove Rd over I-94. The work was completed this fall.

As the pandemic continued to drive many people outdoors, 2021 was another record attendance year for the county's Border-to-Border (B2B) trail system. The Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission (WCPARC) also had another banner construction year on the B2B.



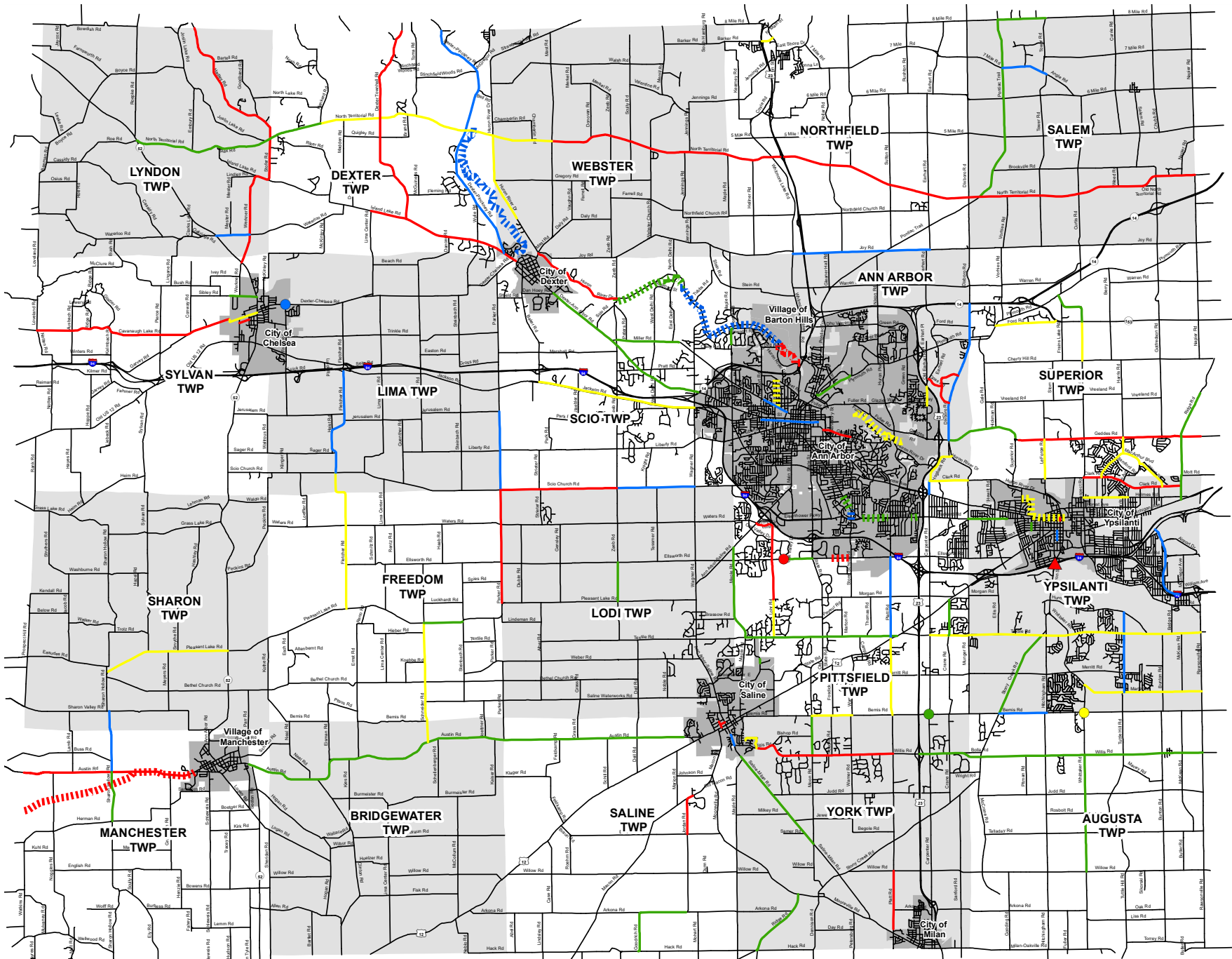
In 2021, WCPARC and its partners built and reconstructed nearly four miles of trail on four B2B trail segments located in three townships and in both the City of Ann Arbor and City of Ypsilanti.

This progress was made possible with funding from the millage, federal/state grants and private donations.

WCPARC also used millage revenue to fund Connecting Communities Grant Program Projects in six communities including Scio Township, Superior Township, York Township, Ypsilanti Township, the City of Chelsea and the City of Ypsilanti. This program provides supplemental funding to assist municipalities with the development of locally important non-motorized projects.

# Project Map

The road projects shown on this map consist of a variety of improvements including preventative maintenance such as chip seal, asphalt and limestone/gravel resurfacing and total road reconstruction. WCRC completed all of its planned millage projects in 2021. The non-motorized projects shown on this map receive funding in the noted year. This funding may be applied to different aspects of non-motorized infrastructure building, including feasibility/engineering studies and construction.



### Map Key

**Road Projects**

- 2021
- 2022
- 2023
- 2024

**Non-Motorized Projects**

- 2021
- 2022
- 2023
- 2024


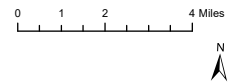
**Road Intersection Project**

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**Non-Motorized Project**

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**PROJECT FUNDED BY  
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WASHTENAW  
COUNTY**



The City of Ann Arbor paved sections of the non-motorized pathway along Packard Rd this year with millage funds.

## Contact Us

### Washtenaw County Road Commission (WCRC)

Learn more about upcoming and completed road work by visiting [wcroads.org](http://wcroads.org). Subscribe to receive road work alerts and the weekly road work schedule via email.

### Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission (WCPARC)

Learn more about the B2B and connecting communities program by visiting [washtenaw.org/parks](http://washtenaw.org/parks).



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WCRC applied a seal coat on a section of N. Territorial Rd in Lyndon Township and Dexter Township with millage funds. Seal coat is a cost-effective way to extend the life of pavement in good or fair condition.