

Keeping Our Promises

Four-Year Road and Non-Motorized Millage 2023 Year-End Report



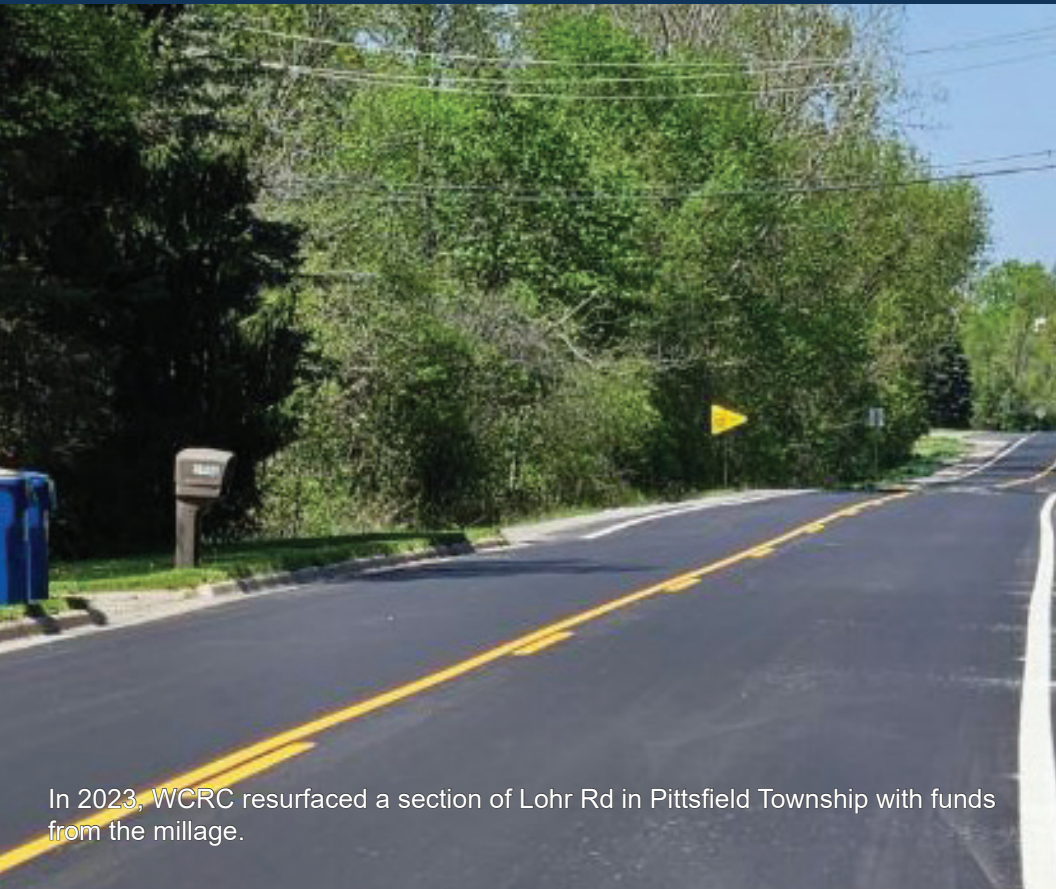
WCRC & WCPARC placing a pedestrian bridge for the Border-to-Border trail along the Huron River in Scio Township using millage and other funds.



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) receives approximately \$4 million annually 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 2023, WCRC resurfaced a section of Lohr Rd in Pittsfield Township with funds from the millage.

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.



Portions of Textile Rd from Crane Rd to Rawsonville Rd in Pittsfield & Ypsilanti Townships were resurfaced in 2023, thanks to the millage.

Road to Improvement

In 2023, the Washtenaw County Road Commission (WCRC) completed 28 road projects with millage funds in 14 townships across the county. In total, approximately 44 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 Broadway St between both intersections with Plymouth Rd, and replace sidewalks. The funds were also used to fill sidewalk gaps on Brooks St.

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



WCRC applied chip seal to a segment of Fletcher Rd in Freedom & Lima Townships in 2023 using millage dollars.



The City of Ann Arbor used 2023 millage dollars to resurface Broadway St.

Building Connections Outdoors



Pictured above is the B2B trail in Lima Township, along Dexter-Chelsea, east of Dancer Rd.

In 2023, the Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission (WCPARC) had another banner construction year on the Border-to-Border (B2B) trail system thanks, in large part, to funds from the county millage.



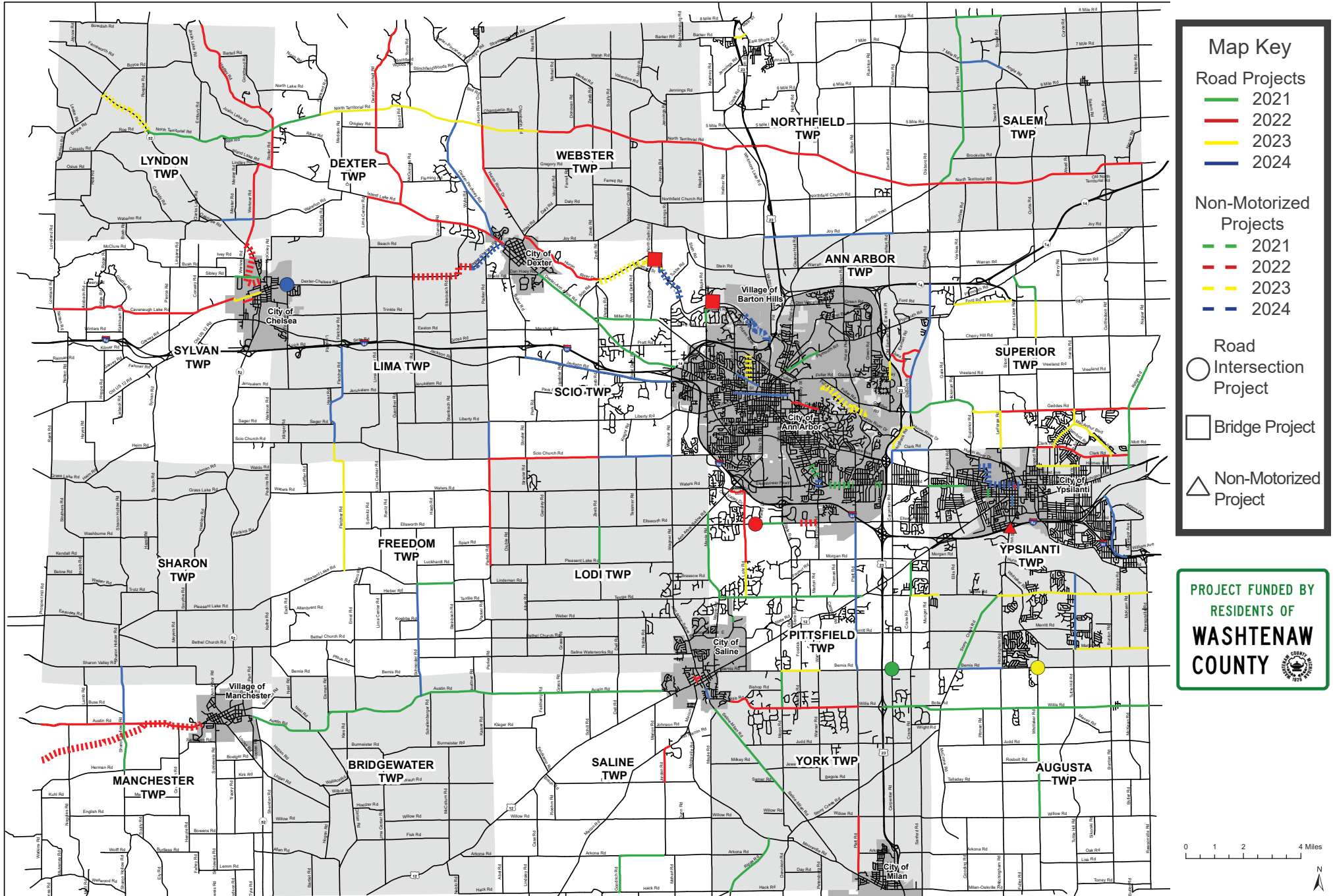
In 2023, WCPARC and its partners performed construction on over three miles of trail on four B2B trail segments located in four townships and in the City of Chelsea. WCPARC finished the B2B Trail segment that connects the City of Chelsea to the Lyndon Township Trailhead, which provides over 6 miles of trail along M-52. WCPARC planted over 200 trees on the Dexter-Chelsea and Chelsea-Connection trail segments.

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 on our local Township and city non-motorized construction and planning/design projects. 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 seal coat, asphalt and limestone/gravel resurfacing and total road reconstruction. WCRC completed all of its planned millage projects in 2023. 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.





More of the Chelsea-Connection pathway was completed in 2023. Pictured above is the new section along M-52 in Sylvan Township.

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Washtenaw County Road Commission (WCRC)

Learn more about upcoming and completed road work by visiting 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 and b2btrail.org/.



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Pictured above is WCRC applying a seal coat on Le Forge Rd in Superior Township. Thanks to the millage funds, WCRC is able to extend the life of pavement.