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Countywide Road Millage Synopsis

In November of 2014, the residents of Ottawa County passed a millage of ½ mil per year for ten years (2015-2024) for the purposes of providing a fund for the reconstruction, resurfacing, and preventative maintenance of roads in Ottawa County.

How are countywide road millage projects selected?

- The focus for the countywide road millage funds will be on the primary road system. Primary roads are established by Public Act 51 and approved by the State Transportation Commission. They are typically selected according to their importance to the county. All of the primary roads are noted on the Ottawa County Road Map which can be found on our website at www.ottawacorc.com.
- *Millage funds will not be spent on administration or operating costs, or on routine maintenance activities such as snow removal, pothole filling, pavement marking, roadside mowing, tree removals, traffic road sign installation, etc.*
- Road millage funded projects will be selected utilizing the Strategic Improvement Plan (SIP) process. A SIP is developed annually and implemented based on input and comments from local governmental officials and the general public. The 2017-2022 SIP can be found on our website at www.ottawacorc.com.
- Since 100% of the millage revenues generated within a township will only be spent on road improvements within that township, there will be some carryover balances for some townships in order to properly fund a proposed project in that township.

The first year of the millage was added to the 2015 winter tax bills, so a majority of the revenue was not disbursed to the Road Commission until early 2016. The following summarizes the projects that were completed with the first year of the countywide road millage funds:



Blendon Township
Port Sheldon Street
96th Ave to 72nd Ave
Cape Seal Surfacing
Cost: \$230,717



Georgetown Township
Baldwin Street
48th Ave to 28th Ave
Mill & Resurface
Cost: \$608,934

Millage Project Summary Continued



Grand Haven Township
168th Avenue
 Johnson St to N of Comstock St
Resurfacing
 Cost: \$447,355



Holland Township
Douglas Avenue
 144th Ave to River Ave
Mill & Resurface
 Cost: \$279,093 – Completed 2015



Holland Township
Riley Street
 Butternut Dr to 136th Ave
Resurfacing + 3' Shoulder
 Cost: \$313,703 – Completed 2015



Jamestown Township
Ransom Street
 8th Ave to Kenowa St
Cape Seal Surfacing
 Cost: \$63,128



Olive Township
Port Sheldon Street
 120th Ave to 96nd Ave
Cape Seal Surfacing
 Cost: \$230,580



Park Township
Butternut Drive
 Quincy St to New Holland St
Resurfacing
 Cost: \$348,191



Polkton Township
State Road
 80th Ave to 72nd Ave
Cape Seal Surfacing
 Cost: \$82,667



Zeeland Township
Adams Street
 96th Ave to 88th Ave
Resurfacing + 3' Shoulder
 Cost: \$267,060

A total of \$3,888,541 was collected for the Road Commission from the 2015 Countywide Road Millage. It is anticipated that approximately the same amount will be collected from the 2016 winter taxes, which will be disbursed to the Road Commission in early 2017. The following summarizes the projects that are proposed for the second year of the countywide road millage funds:

<u>Township</u>	<u>Project</u>	<u>Proposed Improvement</u>	<u>Estimated Cost</u>
Allendale	68th Avenue: Fillmore St to M-45	<i>Resurfacing + Additional Lanes</i>	\$755,500
Chester	Sehler Street: 40 th Ave to 24 th Ave	<i>Cape Seal Surfacing</i>	\$152,000
Crockery	Wilson Street: 130 th Ave to 112 th Ave	<i>Cape Seal Surfacing</i>	\$171,760
Grand Haven	168th Avenue: Ferris St to Johnson St	<i>Reconstruction – GHCT DDA</i>	\$120,000
Holland	Quincy Street: 136 th Ave to 120 th Ave	<i>Resurfacing + 3' Shoulder</i>	\$987,000
Park	152nd Avenue: Lakewood to Ottawa Beach Rd	<i>Resurfacing</i>	\$294,000
Port Sheldon	Lakeshore Dr: Butternut Dr to Croswell St	<i>Resurfacing</i>	\$697,200
Robinson	120th Avenue: M-45 to Lincoln St	<i>Cape Seal Surfacing</i>	\$152,000
Spring Lake	168th/Hemlock: Van Wagoner to County Line	<i>Resurfacing + 3' Shoulder</i>	\$945,000
Tallmadge	Linden Drive: M-45 to Leonard St	<i>Cape Seal Surfacing</i>	\$147,960
Wright	Arthur Street: 8 th Avenue to Kenowa St	<i>Cape Seal Surfacing</i>	\$80,000
Zeeland	Adams Street: 64 th Ave to 48 th Ave	<i>Resurfacing + 3' Shoulder</i>	\$618,500

More information about the countywide millage program can be found on our website at www.ottawacorc.com.

Wallace Recently Promoted



The Road Commission is pleased to announce the promotion of Joe Wallace as an Engineering Assistant for both the Public Utilities and Special Services Departments. This new, split position offers many challenges and opportunities as Joe continues his development as an engineer.

Joe graduated from Lawrence Technological University and started designing and overseeing the construction of road and bridge improvements for the Road Commission in 2008. His education and work experience will be helpful as he reviews plats, commercial driveways, and other utility work within the road right of way. In addition, he looks forward to the challenge of learning more about water and wastewater systems in Ottawa County.

Joe is a sports fanatic and Lions football optimist, enjoys traveling, and enthusiastically plunges into freezing water for charity. Please welcome Joe to the Public Utilities/Special Services Teams.

Plowing Priorities

Winter maintenance activities include application of salt and sand, as well as plowing snow on roads and shoulders. During a typical year, the Road Commission will respond to approximately 50 winter maintenance callouts, and will use about 20,000 to 25,000 tons of salt, and 14,000 to 18,000 tons of sand. The cost of winter maintenance can easily be up to \$3.7 million annually, depending upon inclement weather conditions and the duration of the winter months.

A policy was developed to provide cost effective winter maintenance operations and to inform the public about the level of winter maintenance services for roadways maintained by the Road Commission. Winter maintenance operations are conducted in accordance with the established priority system based on traffic volumes, road classification, and location. The priorities are as follows:



- 1 – State Trunklines**
- 2 – Multi-lane Primary Roads**
- 3 – Primary Roads**
- 4 – Local Paved Roads**
- 5 – Subdivision Streets**
- 6 – Local Gravel Roads**
- 7 – Dead End Streets and Cul-de-sacs**

The Road Commission Winter Maintenance Policy can be found on our website at www.ottawacorc.com.

Important Dates

Thursday – December 8, 2016 | 9AM | Board Meeting

Thursday – December 22, 2016 | 9AM | Board Meeting

Offices will be Closed on:

Thursday – November 24, 2016

Friday – November 25, 2016

Monday – December 26, 2016

Monday – January 2nd, 2017



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Managing Director: Brett Laughlin

Who manages the roads and how are they funded? The Ottawa County Road Commission manages the roads--not the Ottawa County Board of Commissioners or County staff. The Ottawa County Road Commission is primarily funded by fuel taxes and vehicle registrations. Concerns about roads should be directed to the Ottawa County Road Commission. Questions? [Contact Us](#)

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