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Township Update



WCRC crews are constantly in motion during construction season.

Listed to the right are several road improvements and maintenance operations that cause our team to be moving while improving.



Pictured above is a motor grader in action!

Crack Sealing: Practice where crews fill cracks with asphalt sealant. Seals pavement from water and debris.

Pothole Patching: A pothole is typically fixed by cleaning out the loose debris and filling it with hot or cold asphalt mix.

Sealcoat: A thin film of heated liquid asphalt is sprayed onto the road surface, followed immediately by the placement of small aggregate/stones ("chips"). The chips are then embedded into the liquid asphalt with rollers. Chip sealed roads are then followed up with fog seal. Fog seal does a nice job of further sealing in the stone, minimizing dust and noise and provides a nice black surface to contrast with the pavement markings.

Roadside Mowing: WCRC uses a contractor to perform roadside mowing. Per their contract, they will mow along paved (non-subdivision) county roads twice and unpaved (non-subdivision) county roads once throughout the season.

Road Grading: The process of reshaping a road's surface to improve drainage and driving conditions. WCRC is responsible for maintaining 771 miles of unpaved roads. Most unpaved road maintenance occurs during the summer and fall.

Dust Control: Crews stabilize gravel roads by applying brine (natural solution of salt in water) to the road surface. The application of brine decreases dust and attracts the right amount of moisture to help keep the road together.

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Storm Water Management

All precipitation falling from the sky, whether it is rain or snow, is considered storm water once it hits the ground. It is the responsibility of many government agencies and individual property owners to manage.

Most, but not all, storm water drainage structures along county roads fall under the Washtenaw County Road Commission's (WCRC) jurisdiction. Regulated county drains, which can be located near a road or far away from a road, are under the Washtenaw County Water Resources Commissioner's (WCWRC) jurisdiction.

Cities are responsible for public storm water management systems within city limits. Individual property owners have responsibility for private storm water systems.

Community Partners

WCRC is proud to partner with local watershed councils to reduce impacts on area watersheds and to better educate the public on the importance of these efforts.

To view more information about storm water management and public education materials, please visit the following:

Water Resources
Commissioner's Office

Huron River
Watershed Council

Alliance of Rouge Communities

Community Partners
For Clean Streams



If you notice water flooding over a county roadway, a clogged road drainage structure or a broken road drainage structure, please contact WCRC at (734) 761-1500 or [click here to report non-emergency issues](#).