



## Local Road Program – Frequently Asked Questions

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The roads funded under the new 10-year millage are highlighted on the attached map in red, yellow, blue, and green. The colors denote the condition of the road:

- Red is Poor
- Yellow is Fair
- Blue is Good
- Green is Excellent

These colors reflect the PASER rating of each road. PASER ratings are a 1-10 rating scale used by road engineers.

### **QUESTION: Who oversees the Local Road Program?**

**ANSWER:** When we developed the 10-year local road millage ballot proposal from 2017-2019, the Township negotiated with the Ingham County Road Department to ensure we would be able to control reconstruction and preventative maintenance work funded by the new millage. Our interest in overseeing the program is to ensure that residents receive good customer service and that there is good oversight of the program.

### **QUESTION: What work is performed under the Local Road Program?**

**ANSWER:** The following work is funded and performed under the Local Road Program:

- Roads in Poor Condition: We remove all of the old asphalt and pave a new road.
- Roads in Fair/Good Condition: We perform crack fill preventative maintenance on these roads.
- Excellent Roads: Within 1-3 years of a new road being paved, we will apply a rejuvenator treatment to the entire road surface. The rejuvenator treatment restores the maltenes, which is what binds the sand and gravel together to make asphalt. The maltenes deteriorate over time, mainly due to the harmful effects of water and sunlight, which is what causes asphalt to deteriorate prematurely. The rejuvenator treatment helps extend the useful life of the maltenes/asphalt.

This rejuvenator treatment does not change the surface of the road in any way. It will look and feel the same as it did prior to treatment. You will notice that the road is slightly oily after application, just like a newly paved road would be. The rejuvenator absorbs into the asphalt and will extend the life of the road approximately 5-7 years at 3.5% of the cost of reconstructing a road. To put it another way, this treatment produces 7 times the life expectancy of new construction per dollar invested.

### **QUESTION: My road is in poor condition, when will it be reconstructed?**

**ANSWER:** We are working diligently to reconstruct all of the roads in poor condition. These local roads have been neglected since they were originally constructed as state law has never required that fuel taxes or vehicle registration fee revenue be used to maintain them.

The Township intervened and proposed the new road millage in August of 2019 because it became evident that this issue under state law would not be addressed in the immediate future and the condition of our local roads was becoming dire.



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After many decades of neglect, it will take 15-20 years to work through the backlog of roads in poor condition. We are also experiencing staggering inflation caused by all of the one-time federal infrastructure funding that Congress passed in response to the pandemic. Our unit price per ton of asphalt increased from \$65 per ton to \$98 per ton from 2021 to 2022, a 51% increase. This staggering inflation was caused by the extremely high demand for contractors and construction materials that all of the one-time federal infrastructure funding created.

Unfortunately, these decisions made at the federal level have had a negative impact on our buying power for 8 out of the first 10 years of the new road millage. While we planned for normal inflation, we did not anticipate 51% increases in asphalt in year 3 of the program.

### **QUESTION: Who fills potholes on roads in the Township?**

**ANSWER:** The Ingham County Road Department fills potholes for all public roads with the exception of the two state roads in the Township (i.e. Saginaw Hwy and Grand River Ave) as they receive all of the fuel tax revenue and vehicle registration fee revenue under state law to fund this work through their internal crews and equipment.

- For Saginaw Hwy and Grand River Ave, please contact MDOT: <https://www.michigan.gov/mdot/about/contact-mdot>.
- For all other roads in the Township, please contact the Ingham County Road Department at [roads@ingham.org](mailto:roads@ingham.org) or 517.676.9722.

### **QUESTION: Who plows the roads in the Township?**

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### **QUESTION: Who maintains the gravel roads in the Township?**

**ANSWER:** The Ingham County Road Department grades and maintains all of the public gravel roads in the Township as they receive all of the fuel tax revenue and vehicle registration fee revenue under state law to fund this work through their internal crews and equipment.

For maintenance of gravel roads in the Township, please contact the Ingham County Road Department at [roads@ingham.org](mailto:roads@ingham.org) or 517.676.9722.

### **QUESTION: Who is responsible for the public storm drains in the Township?**

**ANSWER:** The Ingham County Drain Commissioner's Office maintains all of the public storm drains in the Township.

If you have questions regarding public storm drains, please contact the Ingham County Drain Commissioner's Office at [acosman@ingham.org](mailto:acosman@ingham.org) or 517.676.8395.