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Background: County-Wide Roads and Non-Motorized Millage Renewal

Results of Current Millage

Roads

So far, the 2017 – 2020 roads and non-motorized millage has funded improvements on more than 170 miles of road across the county, including some of the worst rated roads, such as:

- Saline-Milan Road in York Township
- Willis Road in York and Augusta Townships
- Joy Road in Webster and Scio Townships
- Platt Road in the City of Ann Arbor and Pittsfield Township
- Austin Road in Bridgewater and Saline Townships

Non-Motorized Improvements

In the last four years, the roads and non-motorized millage has helped WCPARC leverage more than \$20 million in non-motorized funding through grants and private donations, resulting in the completion of over 10+ miles of non-motorized trails, including:

- A trail connecting Dexter-Huron Metropark to Zeeb Road
- A pedestrian tunnel under M-52 in Lyndon Township
- A trail along Grove Road and in Frog Island Park (to be completed this year)
- A trail in Riverside Park in the City of Ann Arbor

Future Millage Projects Planned

Road Projects

Although much progress has been made over the last four years, there are still a lot of road needs across the county and in cities and villages. If renewed, millage funds will be used to improve more than 215 miles of road, including:

- Geddes Road in Ann Arbor, Superior Townships and the City of Ann Arbor
- Platt Road in York and Pittsfield Townships
- Huron River Drive on the border of Dexter and Webster Townships
- Broadway Street in the City of Ann Arbor
- Joy Road in Ann Arbor and Northfield Townships
- Miller Road in Scio Township and the City of Ann Arbor

Border-to-Border Trail Segments Planned

If renewed, 20% of millage funds generated would be allocated to non-motorized pathway improvements. This money will be administered by WCPARC and invested into 10 border-to-border trail projects, including:

- Segment connecting Zeeb Road to Delhi MetroPark in Scio Township
- Segment along Dexter-Chelsea Road from Dancer Road to Wylie Road in Lima Township
- Segment along Huron River Drive connecting Delhi Metropark to Wagner Rd in Scio Township
- Extending the Chelsea-Stockbridge Connection from North Territorial Road to Boyce Road in Lyndon Township
- The Gallup Park Trail Segment in the City of Ann Arbor
- The Bandemer Tunnel under the Amtrak railroad tracks in the City of Ann Arbor
- The Huron Pedestrian Crossing over I-94 in Ypsilanti Township
- The Grove Road Pedestrian Bridge over I-94 in the City of Ypsilanti

Official Ballot Language

“Shall the limitation on the amount of taxes which may be imposed each year for all purposes on real and tangible personal property in Washtenaw County, Michigan be increased as provided in Section 6, Article IX of the Michigan Constitution and the Board of Commissioners of the County be authorized to levy a tax not to exceed one half of one mill (\$0.50 per \$1,000 of state taxable valuation) for a period of four (4) years, beginning with the December 1, 2020 tax levy (which will generate estimated revenues of \$8,990,680.00 in the first year), to provide funding to the Washtenaw County Road Commission, Washtenaw County Parks & Recreation Commission, and the various cities, villages, and townships of Washtenaw County to maintain, construct, resurface, reconstruct or preserve roads, bike lanes, streets and paths in Washtenaw County?”

Of the 0.5 mill, 0.4891 represents a renewal of that portion of a 0.5 mill authorization previously approved by the electors as reduced by operation of the Headlee Amendment, and 0.0109 represents new millage in the amount equal to the amount reduced by operation of the Headlee Amendment.”

For More Information

The public is invited to join WCRC and WCPARC on Wednesday, June 17 at 11 a.m. for a virtual Zoom meeting to learn more about the millage and proposed projects.

Visit <https://bit.ly/washtenawroadsandpathsmillage> and washtenaw.org/2784/Millage to learn more.

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Washtenaw County Parks & Recreation Commission (WCPARC)

The Washtenaw County Parks & Recreation Commission, founded in 1973, currently manages 14 parks and 33 nature preserves totaling more than 6,000 acres. Washtenaw County Parks provides recreational and nature-based programming. Visit us at washtenaw.org/parks, on Facebook and Instagram, or call (734) 971-6337.

Washtenaw County Road Commission (WCRC)

The Washtenaw County Road Commission, founded in 1919, maintains approximately 1,652 miles of certified public roads. All public roads in Washtenaw County located outside of city and village limits are maintained by WCRC crews. Visit us at wcroads.org, @WashtenawRoads on Facebook and Twitter, or call (734) 761-1500.