

Grass Lake Charter Township

If you have any questions, please contact the Township or Village Office.

Township Office

373 Lakeside Dr.

Grass Lake, MI 49240

Phone: (517) 522-8464

Hours: Monday-Thursday, 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Village Office

119 North Lake St.

Grass Lake, MI 49240

Phone: (517) 522-4550

Hours: Monday-Thursday, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. &
1 p.m. - 4 p.m.

This pamphlet was created by the Jackson County Department of Transportation as a service to the residents of Grass Lake Charter Township. It is meant to be an informational guide and is not intended to support or oppose the millage.

This is a type of surface distress often referred to as alligator cracking. It is a tell-tale sign of aged, undermined asphalt and a road surface in need of extensive repairs.



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Road Improvement Bond Proposal

Vote on November 3rd



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WHAT WOULD THE MILLAGE ACCOMPLISH?

The local roads and village streets in Grass Lake Charter Township are in very poor condition. The proposed millage will revitalize all of the local roads, bringing them back to desirable and maintainable conditions. This major road work would take approximately three years to complete. The Michigan Transportation Fund (MTF), generated from gas taxes and vehicle registration fees, is the primary revenue source for maintaining and improving the county's road system. Even though MTF funding has increased over the last five years, the 2015 legislation did not provide nearly enough to maintain and improve all of our roads. Over time, construction materials and construction costs continue to increase. A \$100,000 project completed in 2003 now costs more than \$200,000. At the same time, roads continue to deteriorate, with more maintenance required. Improvement projects are simply not possible without funding from townships, or other sources.

Jackson County's MTF Funds cannot be used for streets within the Village of Grass Lake. Like the county, the village's MTF funding is not sufficient to properly maintain all of the village's streets. This millage proposal forges a unique partnership between the county, township, and village to improve all local roads and village streets in Grass Lake Charter Township for the benefit of the whole community.

HOW MUCH WILL IT COST?

The total cost of improving all local roads in Grass Lake Charter Township is estimated to be approximately \$26,291,689. If approved, the Road Improvement Bond Proposal on the November 3rd ballot would authorize the township to issue bonds for \$19,575,000. These funds represent the 70% match required for county local roads and 100% of the funds required for streets within the village. Jackson County will provide the additional 30% for county local roads.

The proposed millage (a tax based on the value of property) is estimated to be 4.12 mills for a period of 21 years, which equates to \$4.12 per \$1,000 of *taxable value* (not cash or market value). A typical home with a \$50,000 taxable value (\$100,000 market value) would pay \$206.00 per year, or \$17.17 per month. The Township and Village's share of the total project cost would be borrowed through a bond, so that work could start as soon as possible in 2021 with the goal of completing all local roads by 2024.

Maute Road is a prime example of a local road in Grass Lake Charter Township that is in dire need of repair.



HOW CAN I GET MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE BOND PROPOSAL?

There are important things to consider regarding this proposal. We encourage you to attend one of the public meetings to learn more. Representatives from the township, village, and Jackson County Department of Transportation will be present to answer any questions you may have.

Please join us for an Informational Town Hall Meeting:

Two meetings will be held. Both meetings will be at:

**Village Events Park Pavilion
110 Brown St., Grass Lake, MI**

Dates and times for the two meetings are as follows:

Monday, August 24th, 6:30 p.m.

and

Monday, September 14th, 6:30 p.m.

For more information, please call the Township Office at (517) 522-8464, or call the Village Office at (517) 522-4550.