

## SPRING ARBOR TOWNSHIP

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

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Spring Arbor, MI 49283  
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Office Hours are Monday through Friday, from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm.

This pamphlet was created by the Jackson County Department of Transportation as a service to the residents of Spring Arbor 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 block cracking. It is a tell-tale sign of aged asphalt and a road surface in need of extensive improvements.



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### WHAT WOULD THE MILLAGE ACCOMPLISH?

The roads in Spring Arbor Township are in very poor condition. The proposed millage would create a pool of money used to revitalize the local roads, bringing them back to optimal and maintainable levels. This major road work would take approximately three years. The Michigan State Gas Tax, which funds road repair, was raised in January 2017, but will not provide enough funding to repair all township roads. Over time, materials have become more expensive. These additional costs have contributed to reducing the yearly budget, causing roads in many areas to fall into disrepair due to lack of funds. Road work in Jackson County is now focused on maintenance, such as patching pot holes, instead of major road work, which is done less frequently.

### HOW MUCH WILL IT COST?

To bring all Spring Arbor Township roads back to an optimal condition will cost \$11,760,000. The Jackson County Department of Transportation covers 30% of all costs for local roads. The Township Road Improvements Contract and Bond Proposition on the May 2 ballot would allow the remaining 70% of funding to come from a millage spread over 15 years. A millage is a tax based on property value. In this case, 3.99 mills, which would equal \$3.99 per \$1,000 of **taxable property value**. The complete project cost would be borrowed through a bond, so that work could start in 2018 and be completed in 2020.



This photo of King Road, January 2017, shows the condition that many of Spring Arbor Township's roads are in.

### HOW CAN I MAKE MY VOICE HEARD?

There are pros and cons to this millage, and it is important to consider your options. Once your mind is made up, please be sure to vote. There are approximately 9,000 people living in Spring Arbor Township, so every vote matters. Between now and May 2, please talk to your family and neighbors about this issue and remind them to vote, as well. Also, feel free to attend township meetings and ask your township board for further information.

### WHERE CAN I FIND MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE MILLAGE?

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Please join us for an  
**Informational Town Hall Meeting:**  
**Western High School Fine Arts Center**  
**1400 S. Dearing Road . Parma, MI 49269**

*Monday, April 17, at 7:00 pm*  
*or*  
*Wednesday, April 19, at 7:00 pm*