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Tuscola County Road Commission honored with statewide IMPRESS Award!

LANSING, MI – The Tuscola County Road Commission (TCRC) was honored with a statewide IMPRESS Award at the 2026 County Road Association (CRA) of Michigan Highway Conference held in late March in Lansing. IMPRESS Awards recognize county road agencies that demonstrate innovation on noteworthy projects in the categories of communication, operations and collaboration.



TCRC team pictured with their award from left: Operations Engineer William Green, Division Foreman Scott Bates, County Highway Engineer Brent Dankert, PE, and Superintendent Jason Root.

This year, Tuscola County received an IMPRESS Award in operations for its *“Custom Skid Steer Attachment for Efficient Bridge Guardrail Maintenance.”* TCRC crews designed and fabricated a custom attachment that allows staff to more safely and efficiently clean beneath bridge guardrails – turning a routine but challenging task into a streamlined operation.

“Tuscola County’s custom-built solution is a great example of the creativity and problem-solving we see from county road agency crews every day,” said Denise Donohue, CRA CEO. “By developing a tool tailored to their specific needs, they improved both safety and efficiency while making the job easier for their team in the field.”

An independent panel of communications and operations experts from several of Michigan's 83 county road agencies judged all IMPRESS Awards submissions. Award recipients were honored for projects that solved issues both internally for their agencies and externally for their communities.

The 83 members of the County Road Association of Michigan represent the unified voice for a safe and efficient county transportation infrastructure system in Michigan, including appropriate stewardship of the public's right-of-way in rural and urban Michigan. Collectively, Michigan's county road agencies manage 75% of all roads in the state, including 90,500 miles of roads and 5,900 bridges. County road agencies also maintain the state's highway system in 63 counties. Michigan has the nation's fourth-largest local road system.

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