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**Road Commission for Montcalm County
honored with statewide IMPRESS Award!**

LANSING, MI – The Road Commission for Montcalm County (RCMC) was honored with a statewide IMPRESS Award at the 2025 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 three categories: Communications, Operations and Collaboration.



This year, Montcalm County received an IMPRESS Award in Operations for its Modern Tree Care Initiative, which enhanced safety and efficiency in tree management through the use of advanced equipment, including a wheeled excavator equipped with a grapple saw.

“Montcalm’s commitment to modernizing routine operational practices is evident in their innovative tree care approach,” said Denise Donohue, CRA CEO. “Their focus on safety and efficiency in day-to-day operations is a true asset to the community.”

The Modern Tree Care Project has improved operational safety and efficiency by integrating advanced machinery into routine maintenance tasks.

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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Pictured above: Rob Putnam, MCRC managing director.