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St. Joseph County Road Commission honored with statewide IMPRESS award!

LANSING, MI – The St. Joseph County Road Commission (SJCRC) received a statewide IMPRESS Award at the 2023 County Road Association (CRA) Highway Conference held March 22 in Lansing. IMPRESS Awards recognize county road agencies that demonstrate innovation on notable projects in the categories of Communications, Operations and Collaboration.



This year, SJCRC received an IMPRESS award in Operations for its “Shimmel Road Over Sherman Mill Creek” project.

The St. Joseph County Road Commission took on a 60-inch by 90-foot corrugated steel culvert in Sherman Mill Creek in 2022, constructing a 20,000-pound culvert that would not restrict flow.

Construction took just over a month and consisted of digging up 4,200 cubic yards of old materials, building a dam to divert water, installing 4,900 nuts and bolts and laying sand at the bottom of the new structure. This in-house project saved \$255,000.

“SJCRC’s extensive work does not go without reward,” said Denise Donohue, CRA CEO. “By saving \$255,000, the road commission can take on more projects that benefit the driving public.”

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 time constraints, labor costs, communication barriers and fostered collaboration.

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 90,000 miles of roads and 5,700 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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