

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

January 8, 2008

Barry County Road Commission Notice of Public Hearing Environmental Assessment Finkbeiner Rd. – Crane Rd. Project

The Barry County Road Commission (BCRC) would like to announce a Public Hearing for the purpose of receiving public comment as it relates to the Environmental Assessment (EA) for the Finkbeiner Rd. – Crane Rd. project. The proposed project involves re-construction of an existing county road and construction of a road extension with a concrete arch structure over Spring Creek and a new bridge over the Thornapple River on new right-of-way. The Preferred Alternative consists of three sub-elements. These sub-elements are:

- Finkbeiner Road re-construction (3.64 miles) from Patterson Road easterly to east of M-37 (Squire Lane).
- Finkbeiner Road Extension – new roadway construction (0.27 mile) from east of M-37 (Squire Lane) easterly to existing Crane Road.
- Crane Road Reconstruction (0.34 mile) from existing termini of Crane Road easterly to Whitneyville Road.

This project will be partially funded with the aid of Federal High Priority Funds, Federal STP Funds, Federal and / or State Category D Funds, other State and Local Funds. The local match component of the project will be provided by the BCRC funds, Village of Middleville and Thornapple Township contributions.

This Public Hearing will be held at a special session of the BCRC on January 8, 2008 at 7:00 PM at the Thornapple Township Emergency Services Building on 128 High Street, Middleville, MI 49333.

The EA evaluates the social, economic and environmental impact aspects of the project. Copies of the document will be available for public inspection at the Village of Middleville Village Office at 101 E. Main Street, Middleville, MI 49333-0069; the Thornapple Township Hall at 200 E. Main Street, Middleville, MI 49333-0459, the Barry County Road Commission Office at 1725 W. M-43 Hwy., Hastings, MI 49058, and at Wilcox Professional Services, LLC at 8180 Broadmoor Ave., Caledonia, MI 49316.

The BCRC welcomes written comments on this document. All written comment statements, comments or questions should be submitted to Bradley Lamberg, P.E. Managing Director, BCRC, 1725 W. M-43, Hastings, MI 49058. Comments will be received by the BCRC on this project for a period of 15 days after the date of this Public hearing.

The BCRC will provide reasonable assistance for individuals with disabilities who attend the public hearing. Individuals requiring assistance should contact the BCRC in writing to the above address or calling 269-945-3449. All requests for assistance must be received two days before the scheduled Public Hearing.