

# *St. Joseph County Road Commission*

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## **St. Joseph Road Commission Issues 2015 Annual Report** *Replacement of three bridges tops list of accomplishments*

**(Centreville, Michigan)** – The replacement of three key bridges in Constantine, Colon and Mendon topped the St. Joseph Road Commission’s list of accomplishments during 2015, according to the commission’s annual report.

The bridges were among 30 critical projects completed by the commission in 2015, according to road commission Chairman John Bippus.

“It was a busy year but we feel great about how much we were able to get done with our budget over and above our usual road repair and maintenance operations,” Bippus said.

The commission builds and maintains 1,023 miles of paved and gravel roads and within the county, as well as 97 bridges. The bridges replaced in 2015 crossed Mill Creek (North River Road in Constantine), the Portage River (Silver Street in Mendon), and Long Lake Channel (Decker Road in Colon).

According to the annual report, the commission in 2015 also:

- Chip sealed 104.29 miles of primary, local, village and private roads
- Mowed or brush cut 1,769.49 miles of road
- Pothole repaired 827.44 miles of road
- Dust controlled 68.26 miles of road
- Lined and striped 110 miles of road

At the direction of the townships, the road commission also constructs and improves county local roads.

Local residents are invited to attend St. Joseph County Road Commission meetings to find out more about its operations. The commission meets the third Wednesday of each month at 5 p.m. at the St. Joseph County Road Commission, 20914 M-86 in Centreville.