

# Safety path millage on Nov. 5 ballot

**Who?** Oxford Township and Village voters.

**What?** A millage proposal to fund repairs, maintenance and expansion efforts related to the township's safety path network, which currently spans 15 miles. Voters will decide on a 0.5-mill, 10-year request on the Nov. 5 ballot.

**How much?** One mill equals \$1 for every \$1,000 of a property's taxable value, which is generally equal to half the assessed value. If approved, the safety path millage will cost property owners **an additional \$50 per \$100,000 of their taxable value** on the township's winter tax bill. Over 10 years, the millage is expected to generate about \$500,000 annually.

**Who uses safety paths?** These paved paths are used for exercise, recreation and transportation. They enable pedestrians, bicyclists and mobility device users to access a variety of places, including parks, local businesses, human services organizations, places of employment, health care providers, schools, churches and government offices.



Since 2021, Oxford Township has constructed four new asphalt safety path segments along N. Oxford, Ray, Dunlap and Lakeville roads.

## Priority project on Seymour Lake Rd.

If approved, it's been proposed that part of the millage would be used to help fund easement acquisition and construction costs for a **new safety path along the south side of Seymour Lake Rd.**, from Dunlap Rd. to Seymour Lake Township Park.

The proposed path will connect the 132-acre park, the 16.9-mile

Polly Ann Trail and downtown Oxford. The estimated project cost is approximately \$2 million.

Design work has already been completed using a combination of township funds and a grant from the Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan/Ralph C. Wilson Jr. Legacy Funds.



## Survey shows pedestrian safety valued

In the township's 2024 master plan survey, residents and business owners listed **increased pedestrian safety** among the **Top 3 changes** they would like to see made in their community.



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