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Pittsfield's Multimodal Network Is Catapulted to the Next Level

Pittsfield Township, MI (September 15, 2021): Since 2009, Pittsfield Township has prioritized improvements to its primary corridors through resurfacing; safety medians, street lighting, addressing capacity, road diets; installation of multimodal amenities such as greenway, bike lanes, sidewalks, transit, and mid-block crossings; and, most recently, installation of green infrastructure.

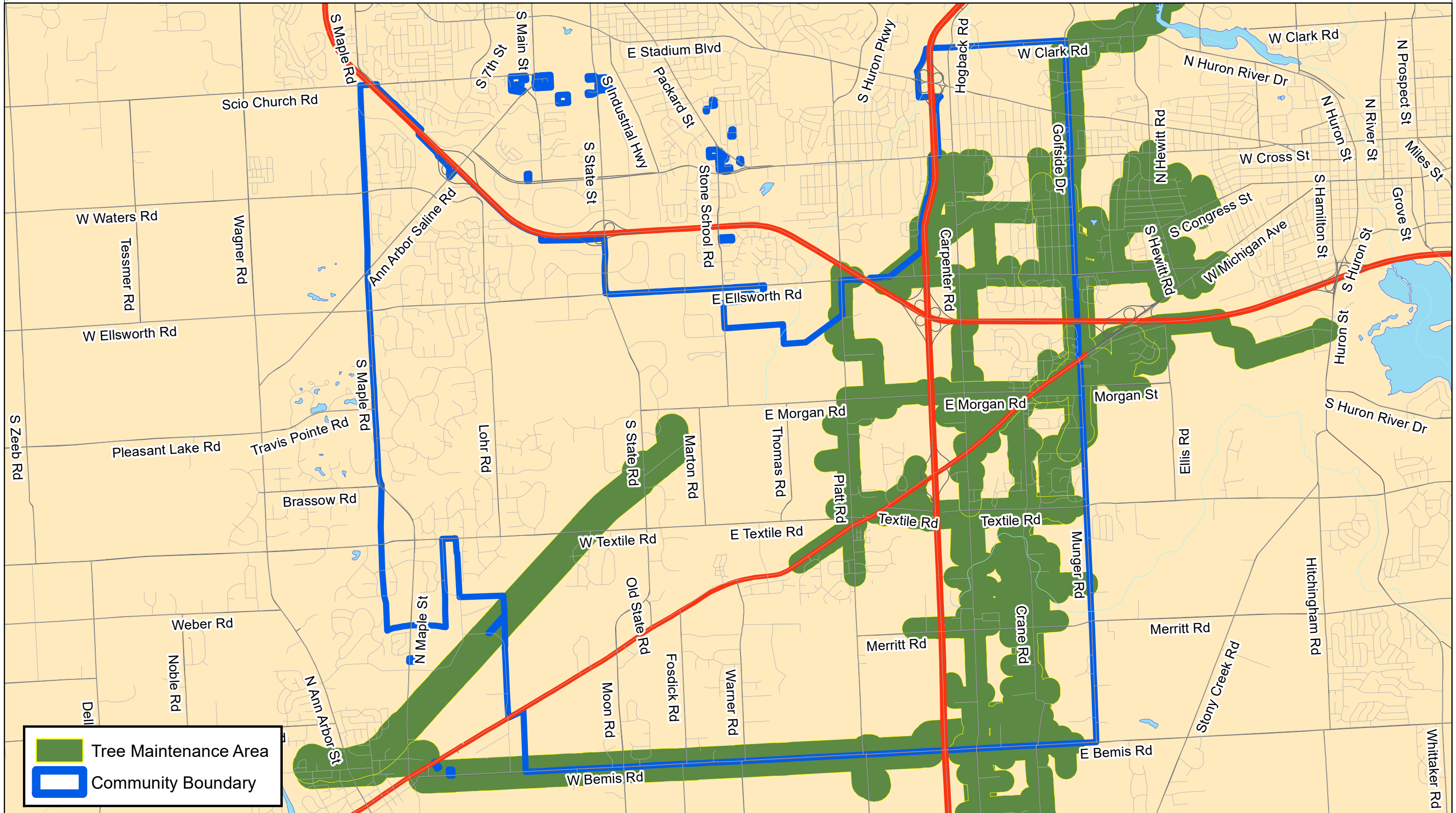
This consistent, focused, and diligent approach has placed Pittsfield Township as a leader within suburban communities retrofitting their infrastructure to promote not just multimodality but sustainable transportation in an ongoing effort to reduce carbon emissions and meet the dual mandates of equity and sustainability.

After a decade of advocacy by the Supervisor's Office, in July of 2020 Pittsfield Township was pleased to announce receipt of \$30 million for improvements to the Michigan Avenue corridor, between Platt and Carpenter Roads. This project will fully re-construct the bridge at the US-12/US-23 interchange, re-align the ramps, and expand the existing cross-section along the entire corridor to support a four-lane cross section with a center turn lane.

After some advocacy from the Supervisor's Office, the Township has secured a revision to the cross-section in that it will now include a 10' multi-use pathway/greenway along the entire length of the reconstruction project for Michigan Avenue (Carpenter to Platt) scheduled for 2022-2023. This expansion of Pittsfield Township's multimodal infrastructure "is a game changer," according to Supervisor Grewal who first began advocating for the project in 2009.

This revision and inclusion of a multi-use pathway catapults Pittsfield's non-motorized transportation network from being mostly a recreational one to one where folks can rely on walking and biking (along with transit) on a daily basis to access employment centers and daily amenities, thereby much more seamlessly integrating multi-modality into Pittsfield Township's transportation network. The ultimate goal, as always, for Pittsfield Township remains to enhance the quality of life for all in our community, and this project is an important step towards meeting our goal of providing non-motorized amenities to the many residents in the area that are looking to age in place or reside in multi-unit housing while having access to recreational, cultural, public, commercial, and open spaces.

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