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UNDERSTANDING A SAFE & EFFICIENT ROW

All county roads are located on land that is referred to as road right-of-way (ROW). The ROW is intended for all county road, pedestrian facility and public utility purposes. The Ottawa County Road Commission has the responsibility and authority to regulate all activities and work in the road ROW to assure safe and efficient use and operation of the road system.

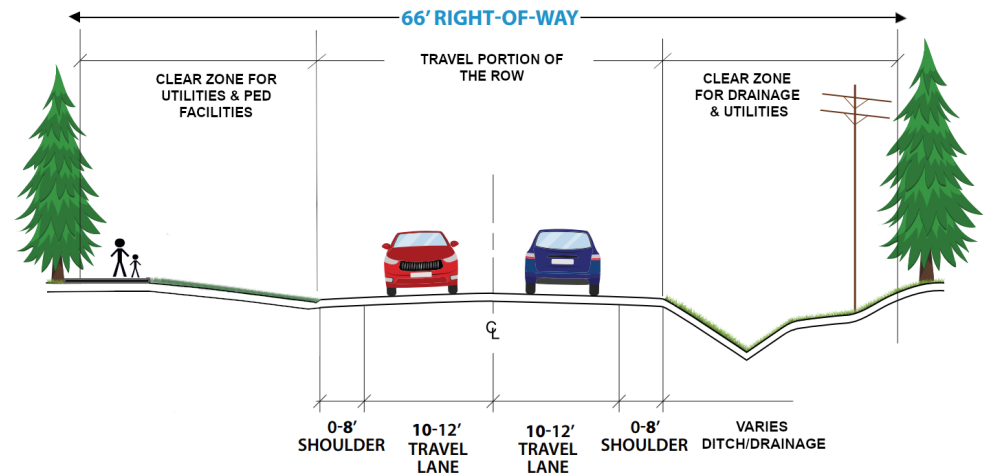
What are the road right-of-way limits?

Standard road ROW is 66 feet wide on most county roads. There are some exceptions where the ROW is narrower or wider, or an additional easement was granted to the Road Commission.

Avoiding right-of-way hazards

The Road Commission appreciates the public's cooperation in keeping the road ROW free of all potential hazards and clear for all county road, pedestrian facility, and utility construction and maintenance.

PA 368 of 1925 prohibits the placement of any object, except authorized mailboxes, within the county road ROW unless permitted by the Road Commission. If someone gets injured by an unauthorized object in the ROW, you are liable.



The ROW and Safety

In many instances, property owners or contractors place fences, rocks, trees/shrubs, headwalls, retaining walls or other objects within the road right-of-way as a measure for improving landscape.

These fixed objects can become safety hazards to motorists who leave the roadway, and can also be visual obstructions for motorists at intersections and driveways.



Clear & Efficient ROW Space

Items within the ROW can be hindrances to road, pedestrian facility and public utility improvements.

Unapproved objects within the road ROW make it challenging for work crews to perform roadside maintenance, and also for utility companies to install, maintain, and replace their facilities located in the ROW.

