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**T**he Alcona County Road Commission was established in 1919 and has been at the same location since.

Funding for roads comes from motor fuel taxes and vehicle registrations fees collected in Michigan. The funding is distributed among the 83 county road authorities based on a formula that considers miles of road and population through the Michigan Transportation Fund.

A three-member elected Board makes policy and generally oversees the operation of the Alcona County Road Commission. Board members serve a six-year term and are elected at large.

Road Commission meetings are held on the second and fourth Wednesday each month at 4:00 p.m. at the office. Meetings are open to the public.



*This logo was designed by former employee Howard Specht and is a constant reminder of his unparalleled dedication to public service.*

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## Road Right of Way

### Trees



**One Team ~ One Job ~ Your Safety**

## Whose trees are they?

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**G**enerally speaking, the road right of way is a 66-foot-wide strip of land allowed for building and maintaining a road for public travel (this may vary, so it is important to always verify the width of the right of way). The right of way may or may not be formally deeded to the



*Can anyone cut a tree that is alongside the roadway?*

road authority, but for all intents and purposes is under the stewardship of that road authority.

The Alcona County Road Commission has under its jurisdiction about 700 miles of road. A good percentage of those roads are in wooded areas and on many of those roads where there hasn't been vigilant trimming and brushing, mature trees can be found within the right of way.

**T**he Road Commission can remove trees from the right of way as deemed necessary, but usually contacts owners prior to any major or extensive tree removal projects to make arrangements for disposal of the wood.

It should be noted that mowing, brushing, and trimming of limbs and branches to keep the right of way clear is considered routine maintenance and usually prior notice is not given.

If a property owner wishes to remove trees from their property in the road right of way, they will need permission from the Road Commission. If a third party wishes to remove trees from the road right of way, they must first seek permission from the property owner and the road commission.

**W**hile the traveled portion of the road right of way is the most important to you as a motorist in Alcona County, the entire width is important from a road maintenance point of view. The Road Commission's goal, therefore, is to preserve and protect the right of way.

Please contact us before starting tree work or any other activities with-

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See these brochures for information about other activities within the road right of way:

- Driveways
- Mailboxes
- Signs and other structures