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Rubber Modified Roads – State Perspective

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Michigan Scrap Tire Program

- Part 169 – Michigan’s [Scrap Tire Statute](#) put into place in 1991 to reduce piles of tires & dumping.
- Funded by a \$1.50 fee collected by the Secretary of State
 - SoS keeps a percentage for collecting the fee
- Funding pays for staffing of up to 11 FTE & Program grants.
- Grants
 - Cleanup grants first always – then Market Development.

Yes, Dumping can STILL be a Problem

Michigan still has tire dumping – including “urban” dumping.

A 2020 Cleanup grant removed 91,949 PTE for a total of \$99,046.65. A lien for the cost of cleanup was placed on the property.



Community Scrap Tire Cleanups

We fund about 100 cleanup grants per year across 83 counties.



Figure 3 Scrap tires (before) at US41 & Power Dam Rd., L'Anse, MI 49946



Figure 11 GLCC surveying tires on the Ontonagon coast in 2019



Michigan Market Development Grant Program

- **128 Funded MD Projects since 1992.**
 - 3 Bridge – lightweight bridge decking
 - 5 TDA - Tire Derived Aggregate
 - **Paving > 300 Lane Miles**
 - 3 Concrete
 - 1 Cold Dry Pellet RMA
 - 3 Dry Process
 - 2 DVR – Devulcanized Rubber
 - 1 HRTO
 - 1 PCR – Polymer Coated Rubber
 - 1 PVA – Poly Vinyl Alcohol Fiber
 - 1 Recycled Glass Aggregate
 - 4 RAP/Shingles and RMA
 - 87 RMA/GTR
 - 14 RST
 - 1 Soybean and RMA
 - 1 Slurry Seal
 - 3 Studies (Air Emissions & Markets)

2018 Kalamazoo Project Leads to 2021 Project “100 Lane Miles of Chip Seal” Entech, Cactus Paving & County Road Commissions



2021 – 2024 Rubber Surface Treatment with 11 County Road Commissions



2019 Dickinson County Road Commission County Road 607 Project

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Recycled tire scraps are potentially paving the way to future roadways, through a \$650,000 grant partially funded by EGLE. The research project, which began last week, has paved 3 sections of a county road using conventional asphalt & #recycled rubber tires. #MIRecycles



Michigan Tech

Partners: Dickinson CRC, MTU & EGLE



2019 Dickinson CRC Project Leads to 2021 & 2023 RMA Projects



Research & Working Toward Specifications

- Research component added to Michigan Scrap Tire Market Development grants in 2018.
 - Application process supports partnerships and universities.
 - University research valuable for working toward specifications.
- National Road Research Alliance (NRRA)
 - Is funding a project with Michigan Technological University (MTU) on M25 in 2024.
- 2024 Michigan DOT State Transportation Innovation Council (STIC) grant
 - Partnership with the County Road Association (CRA) of Michigan for work to develop RST and RMA specifications.
- Michigan and US Scrap Tire Rubber Modified Road Committee provides support for other applications and projects:
 - 2020 NRRA application by MTU
 - 2020 ReMADE Institute Grant
 - Presentations for The Ray, Recycling Organizations, etc.
 - NCAT/NRRA test track installation support
- Technical report & other Resources: [RUBBERIZED PAVEMENT RESOURCES \(michigan.gov\)](https://www.michigan.gov/rubberized-pavement-resources)

How Do We Continue to Grow?



Work Toward Overcoming Challenges

- Michigan continues to support development of rubber modified pavements and surface treatments along with tire derived aggregate (TDA) installations.
- Interagency (MDOT, FHWA) challenges. Interested in pilot project involvement.
- Working toward scaling from pilot projects.

We Help the Industry... They Help Us.



Join us for a RST Workshop in the Fall.

Share Information!

- Working toward all Scrap Tire Market Development grant road projects in RoadSoft (Michigan Tech University):
 - [Home | Roadsoft](#)
- Working toward sharing final reports and information on through EGLE Scrap Tire website
- Scrap Tire Advisory Committee (STAC) meetings
 - [Scrap Tire Advisory Committee \(michigan.gov\)](#)

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