

Public Works MEMORANDUM

TO: Township of Zorra, Members of Council and Chief Administrative Officer

FROM: Melissa Abercrombie, Director of Public Works

CC: Ben Addley, Chief Administrative Officer
 Don Ford, Senior Manager, Water and Wastewater Services
 Frank Gross, Senior Manager, Transportation and Waste Management Services
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DATE: January 28, 2026

RE: **2026 Oxford County Planned Activities and Projects**

Oxford County Public Works undertakes several operations, maintenance and capital activities throughout the County each year. The purpose of this memorandum is to provide the Township of Zorra with an overview of the activities that the County has planned within the Township in 2026. This information is intended to support awareness, coordination and communication.

Annual Operations and Maintenance Activities

Planned Activity	Description	Anticipated Timeline
Watermain Cleaning	Cleaning of watermains with foam swabs to maintain required water quality and supply.	March to May and September to November Visit: oxfordcounty.ca/watermainflushing
Watermain Flushing	Flushing of watermains to maintain drinking water quality by removing build-up and mineral deposits in the distribution system.	March to May and September to November Visit: oxfordcounty.ca/watermainflushing
Road Shouldering ¹	Addition of granular material to restore roadside shoulders at select locations to be confirmed.	Q2
Line Painting	Centre and edge line marking as required on County roads.	Q2/Q3
Ditching ¹	Cleanout of roadside drainage ditches at select locations to be confirmed.	Q3

Planned Activity	Description	Anticipated Timeline
Asphalt Patching/Padding ¹	Road surface repair in various locations.	Q2 to Q4
Bridge Washing	Removal of grit and debris from bridge deck using high pressure water.	Q2
Roadside Weed Spraying	Application of herbicide to control noxious weeds (see attached map).	Q3

1. County staff will advise of exact locations once confirmed in Q2

Oxford County also issues a Waterline and Wasteline newsletter as a resource to highlight important information and provide service updates to the public related to Water, Wastewater and Waste Management. These newsletters can be viewed on our website here:

- Waterline: www.oxfordcounty.ca/water-wastewater
- Wasteline: www.wasteline.ca

In addition to the above annual activities, the County is planning the following reviews and projects in the Township of Zorra in 2026.

Speed Management and Road Safety Reviews

1. Assessment of previously implemented traffic calming measures at the following locations to determine effectiveness in reducing vehicle speeds and if additional measures are warranted. Findings and recommendations will be presented to County Council in Q3 2026.
 - **Oxford Road 7 east of Ingersoll**
 - **Oxford Road 119 (Allen Street) Thamesford**

Intersection Control Feasibility Studies

1. ICFS will be undertaken in 2026 by an external Consultant at the intersection of **Oxford Road 6 and Oxford Road 33** to review existing and future traffic conditions to determine when enhanced intersection control (all way stop, signalization, roundabout) is warranted.

Oxford County Road Safety Strategy Framework

1. An Ad Hoc committee consisting of members from Area Municipalities, Police, Public Health, Paramedic Services, Strategic Communications and the Warden and County Councillors will be established in Q2 2026 to develop the framework to guide the creation of an Oxford County Road Safety Strategy for County Council's consideration in Q3 2026.

Capital Construction Projects (see attached 2026 capital construction map)

Project	Anticipated Timeline for Construction
1. Oxford Road 2, Oxford Road 119 to West Limit, Corridor Improvements	Q2 to Q4
2. Oxford Road 2 and 35 th Line, Left Turn Lane	Q2
3. Oxford Road 6 and Oxford Road 16, Overhead Flashing Light, Construction	Summer
4. Culvert 194950, Oxford Road 119, Rehabilitation	Q2 to Q3
5. Oxford Road 2, Thamesford to Oxford Road 6, Culvert Replacements	Q2
6. Oxford Road 16, West of CR 6, Culvert 843977, Guiderails	Summer
7. Oxford Road 6, South of Perth-Oxford Road, Bridge 377130 Guiderails	Summer
8. Thamesford Wastewater Treatment Plant Screening Building, Construction	Q1 2026 to Q4 2027

Additional Information and Communication

Anticipated timelines for the activities and projects outlined above may change based on contractor availability, weather conditions, project prioritization and staff resources and capacity. Ongoing communication will take place throughout the year as appropriate, including website updates, social media posts, dedicated project pages, and mail outs.

The County also completes a number of designs and studies each year. County Project Teams will reach out to Area Municipal staff to consult with and provide updates on these projects.

Updates and information related to Municipal Class Environmental Assessment Studies, including study commencement, consultation and completion, will be shared separately with Area Municipalities when applicable.

Information regarding Construction Public Meetings will be shared with Area Municipal staff and Council by the respective County Project Engineer.

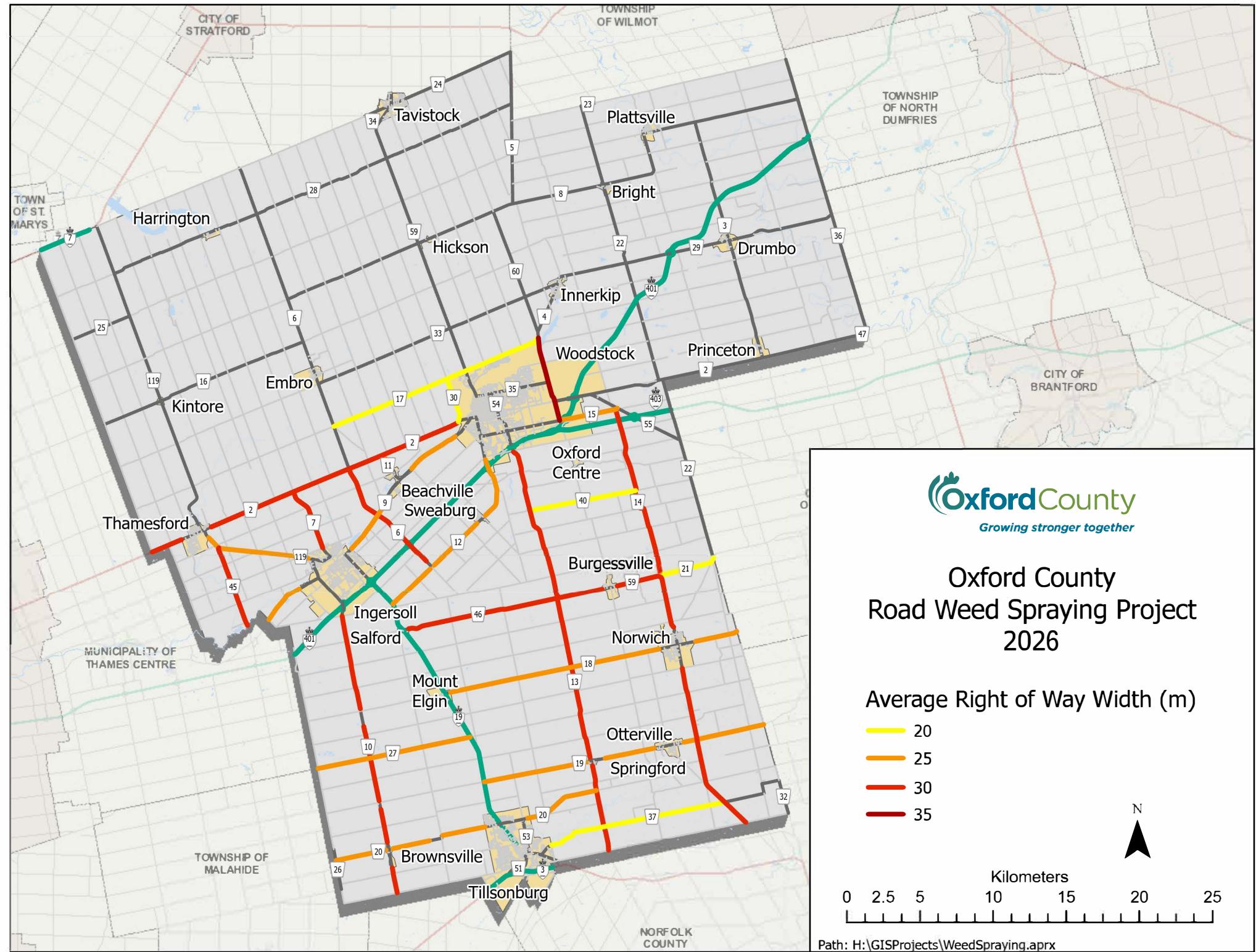
For any questions or information on any of the above activities or projects, please contact Laura Hamulecki at lhamulecki@oxfordcounty.ca or 519-539-9800, ext. 3110 to be directed to the appropriate staff member.

Kind regards,



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Encl. 2026 Roadside Weed Spraying Map
2026 Capital Construction Map, Township of Zorra



COUNTY OF OXFORD 2026 CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION - ZORRA

