**Road Conversion FAQ**

1. Why is there a resident responsible for gathering the petitions and obtaining signatures on the RW documents?
	1. It is more efficient to correspond with a single individual representative for each road that is in the conversion program rather than several individuals along the same segment. The road conversion program requires one application to be submitted, the person that submits the application becomes the point of contact for that road.
2. Why don’t the roads get converted with chip & seal?
	1. Chip sealing is a road preservation treatment used on hard surface roads that includes thin layers of asphalt emulsion and limestone. In Boone County’s previous experience, using this method to convert from gravel to paved surface did provide the life expectancy of the conversion that was desired.
3. What material is used for converting the roadway?
	1. Chemically Modified Asphalt is placed and in the following construction season the road surface will be chip & sealed.
4. Why would my mailbox have to be relocated to pave the road?
	1. Some mailboxes may be too close to the road when the pavement is placed. The closest part of the mailbox needs to be 3’ from the edge of the main line of the roadway. The distance is not measured from the post holding the mailbox but measured from the face of the mailbox.
5. Why am I being asked to dedicate RW to have my road converted?
	1. There are many gravel roads in Boone County and many residents would like to have their road converted to paved surface. Dedicating RW is one way to increase the score of the road which could move it higher up the priority list for conversion.
6. What is this RW dedication form I am being asked to sign?
	1. RW dedication is being done to make clear where the RW limits are. Roads were laid out along property lines and RW was referenced in road record books or commissioner meeting minutes but were never recorded with property deeds. This form defines the limits of a RW easement and will be recorded with the property deed.
7. Is there an exchange of funds for the RW easement?
	1. No. There is no cost or payment for RW dedication.
8. Who gets the documents recorded?
	1. Boone County Highway Department has the documents recorded once they have all been completed and submitted by the applicant.
9. Why is RW needed?
	1. There are no clear and consistent RW limits recorded with property deeds in most cases. RW is needed to preserve and maintain roads and right of ways
10. What determines the RW width?
	1. The RW width is determined by the thoroughfare plan found here…. <https://boonecounty.in.gov/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/Boone-County-Thoroughfare-Plan>
11. Where is the width measured from?
	1. The RW easement width is measured from the center of the road in most cases. Roads were typically laid out along section lines and/or property lines.
12. What can be in RW?
	1. Examples of items that are typically in RW- driveway approaches, driveway culverts, mailboxes, roads, bridges, side ditches & drainage structures. Public utilities (electricity, water, sewer, gas, communication) are also allowed to be in RW.
13. What can't be in RW?
	1. Privately owned structures, buildings, septic systems, wells, etc.
14. Who owns the land once RW is dedicated?
	1. The property owner retains ownership of the land.
15. What if I don't want to dedicate RW?
	1. RW dedication is not required to have a road converted unless there are utilities that must be relocated to facilitate the conversion of the road.
16. Will the road still get converted if I don't dedicate RW?
	1. The road was scored based on the petitions that indicated a willingness to dedicate RW. If the number of parcel owners that dedicate RW decreases, the score could decrease, and another road could score higher.
17. Can I put down dust control the same year it is going to be converted?
	1. There will be a significant amount of work occurring on the roadway prior to conversion. This could include grading, adding gravel materials, pipe replacement, brush removal, berm removal and ditch clearing. Much of this work will likely negatively impact the effectiveness of dust control.
18. What if I don’t want my road converted?
	1. Roads are scored for conversion using several criteria including public support. A lack of public support (petitioners who check “not in favor” on the petition) does impact the score.
19. Does our road score increase if more money is donated?
	1. Agreeing to donate money is not required to get a road converted, but if there are donations, the score increases