



# 2025 CLINTON COUNTY ENGINEER'S ANNUAL REPORT

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I am pleased to share highlights from our 2025 Annual Report. This report provides an overview of the Clinton County Engineer's Office activities, accomplishments, and ongoing initiatives. From infrastructure improvements and roadway maintenance to grant funding and safety upgrades, our team remains committed to maintaining a safe and reliable transportation system throughout the county.

## Maintenance & Infrastructure Highlights

**Bridge Inspections:** Completed in Fall 2025. Preventative maintenance like waterproofing and beam coatings continues to extend bridge life.

**Steel Truss Bridges:** Once numbering over 60, only 2 remain:

- **Borum Road:** This bridge was replaced in early 2025 with a 100% federally funded all galvanized steel truss.
- **Pratt Road:** Truss bridge replaced 2025 with a steel beam/concrete deck structure; 95% federally funded.
- **Gurneyville Road:** This prestressed box beam bridge was replaced with a Tub Girder superstructure (see article inside).

**Box Bridges:** Collett and Doster Road were installed in 2025 using structures built in-house.

**Upcoming (2026):  
Gumley and New Burlington Road  
Bridges:** Precast Concrete Boxes

**Prairie Road Bridge:** Bidding in 2026 and constructed in 2027. Tub Girder Design.

- **Clarksville Road Safety upgrade:** \$2.5M project with federal and OPWC funding.

### Long-Term Plans (2026–2031):

- 5 more safety projects funded.
- \$5M ODOT grant awarded for systemic safety improvements on Antioch & Second Creek Roads.
- Future grants secured for guardrail & pavement markings.

## Road Resurfacing & Repair

Each spring, we rate pavement conditions to prioritize projects.

**Resurfaced/Repaired:** 42 of 262 miles.

### Chip Seal Program:

- 16 roads sealed (35+miles) at \$650,671 total.

### Paving:

- Larrick at East Clinton School and Old SR 73 leading into the airpark
- \$114,279 using local funding.

**Goal:** Keep roads on a 5–7 year resurfacing cycle.

**Preventative Maintenance:** Includes chip sealing, crack sealing, patching, and repairs to extend lifespan and improve safety.

## Winter Storm Summary

**Dec. 2024 – Apr. 2025:** Average winter Road Work: 2900 hours logged, 102,600 miles driven.

**Salt & Grit Used:** 4,020 tons

**Total Cost:** \$444,780 (For comparison, 2024 cost was \$150,434)

## Budget & Funding

**Main Revenue Sources:** Fuel tax and license renewals.

**Fuel Tax Increase (2019):** Has been offset due to rising construction costs.

**Grants:** Continue to be vital for road and safety improvements.

**Pandemic Impact:** Revenue losses from 2020 still affect our ability to expand resurfacing efforts.

## Safety Improvements

We're committed to safety and continue to pursue federal and state funding for these critical upgrades.

**Farmers Road Project:** Smoothed curves/hills for 0.63 miles from SR 134 south. Total cost: \$1.32M (80% federal funds and 20% OPWC grant).

**Antioch Road Project:** Improved intersection and roadway sightlines and widened berms.

### 2025 Safety Grants:

- \$298,974 – Guardrail upgrades

### Coming in 2026:

- **Nelson Road Safety Upgrade:** \$854,240 project with federal/OPWC funding.

## Looking Ahead to 2026

We're optimistic as we move into the new year and are committed to continuing our mission of maintaining safe and reliable transportation across Clinton County. We'll continue pursuing grant opportunities and managing our budget responsibly to meet future infrastructure needs.

**2025  
TAX MAP SUMMARY**

Total Parcel Transfers	2353
Survey plats filed	141
(from 31 different professional companies/individuals)	
Parcels Reviewed on Surveys (by types)	
Minor Splits< 20 ac.	43
Over 20 acres	31
Resurveys	34
Exempt	33
Combinations	41
Total Parcels Reviewed (include replat/major subd)	282
Annexations reviewed	3
Major Subdivisions Recorded (Total of 100 new or replat lots)	10
Road Right-of-Way Plans (30 WD's & 33 TE's)	1
Road Dedications	5
Total Pay-in—General	\$ 262.25
(Total parcels transferred per Auditor's Report)	

**SNOW & ICE REMOVAL**

Regular Hours	1165.75 hrs.
Overtime Hours	1786.75 hrs.
Grit (small stone)	2405.67 ton
Salt	1618.86 ton
Miles Driven	102,600 miles
Fuel Used	25,650 gals.
TOTAL COST:	\$ 444,780.07
(11/21/2024 — 2/21/25) 38 days	

**2025  
PERMITS & REVIEWS**

Utility Permits Granted	539
House Numbers Assigned	44
Access Permits Issued	62
Crash Reports Reviewed	1139
Hauling/Overload Permits	81

**MISC. MAINTENANCE**

Trash Pickup	\$43,221.38
(3 /24/ 25 — 4 /8 /25)	
Water-Based Pavement Marking:	
Centerline (48.18 mi)	\$ 31,461.54
Edgeline ( 72.43 mi)	\$ 40,271.08
Mobilization & Traffic	\$ 1,100.00
TOTAL:	\$ 72,832.62

**Facts & Figures**

**2025 REVENUE**

Motor Vehicle Tax (State)	\$ 1,506,029.44
Gas Tax	\$ 3,956,771.80
Reimbursements	\$ 443,058.77
Interest Income	\$ 130,684.63
Fines	\$ 52,470.19
Miscellaneous	\$ 95,687.37
Permissive Tax	\$ 80,043.15
Fees (permits and reviews)	\$ 517,024.00
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$ 6,781,769.35</b>

**2025 EXPENDITURES**

Personnel— Wages	\$ 2,144,396.85
Personnel—Fringe Benefits	\$ 945,502.47
Admin (non-personnel)	\$ 114,848.83
Road Expenditures	\$ 1,784,570.38
Bridge/Culvert Expenditures	\$ 350,596.21
Capital Expenditures	\$ 425,573.78
Buildings & Grounds	\$ 69,345.60
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$ 5,834,834.12</b>

**2025 Bridge Repair & Replacement**

Road	Bridge #	Type of Bridge	Cost Est.
Borum	TR169-1.97	Truss	\$ 721,017*
Pratt	TR256-0.01	Steel Beam w/concrete deck	\$1,583,069**
Gurneyville	CR15-5.78	Tub Girders w/concrete deck	\$ 164,827***
Collett	TR230-0.54	3-Sided Box	\$ 148,415
Doster	TR129-2.28	3-Sided Box	\$ 180,927
<b>TOTAL:</b>			<b>\$2,798,255</b>

\*100% Federal Funds  
 \*\*95% Federal Funds  
 \*\*\*48% OPWC Funds



**CLI-TR169-1.97 Borum Rd Bridge Replacement**

Superstructure replacement of the truss bridge on Borum Road. Project was bid as a design-build in March, 2023 and was awarded to the Ohio Bridge Company for \$713,362. The bridge was completed in November, 2025. This project was 100% funded by a Federal Highway Administration Grant.

**2026 Proposed Bridge Repair & Replacement**

Road	Bridge #	Type of Bridge	Cost Est.
New Burlington	CR5-3.62	3-Sided Box	\$ 190,000
Gumley	TR110-0.62	4-Sided Box	\$ 100,000
Sabina	CR5-18.69	Re-line existing twin multi-plate pipe arch	\$ 66,632
<b>TOTAL:</b>			<b>\$ 356,632</b>

## A Road Use Maintenance Agreement (RUMA) Protects Roads as Part of Large Energy Projects

A Road Use Maintenance Agreement (RUMA) is a common arrangement in Ohio between a developer and local government that obligates the developer to repair any road damage caused by construction traffic, maintain impacted roads during the project, and, if necessary, make improvements once construction is complete.

The Yellow Wood Solar Project, located in Clark and Jefferson Townships, is expected to generate significant construction traffic, including heavy equipment hauling, over an extended build period (2025–2027). As a result, the County Engineer required a RUMA to ensure that all county and township roads affected by the project are properly maintained, repaired, and restored to safe conditions—without placing the financial burden on local government.



CLI-CR15-5.78 Gurneyville Rd Bridge

Only The Second Press-Brake Tub Girder Bridge in the State

In 2025, our crews removed and replaced the existing superstructure and repaired existing abutments. County crews formed the deck and DDK Construction completed the concrete deck structure. The total cost of the project was \$164,827, with OPWC funding 49.1% of the cost.

## Grant Dollars Save County Dollars

### Federal Money Received for Projects in 2025

CLI-CR 12-4.81 Antioch Rd Safety Improv	\$ 30,280
CLI-CR 12-4.43 Antioch Rd Sight Improv	\$ 535,569
CEAO Bridge Load Rating	\$ 10,680
CLI-VAR Guardrail FY 26	\$ 298,974
CLI-TR256-0.01 Pratt Rd Bridge Rehab	\$ 1,412,033
CLI-TR169-1.97 Borum Rd Bridge Rehab	\$ 666,016
CLI-CR7-8.00 Farmers Rd Sight Improvement	\$ 1,097,619

### OPWC Money Received for Projects in 2025

CLI-CR 12-4.43 Antioch Rd Sight Improv	\$ 133,892
CLI-CR7-8.00 Farmers Rd Sight Improvement	\$ 274,405
Gurneyville Bridge Rehab	\$ 80,879

**TOTAL GRANT MONEY RECEIVED IN 2025 \$4,540,347**

## 2025 Resurfacing

Road Name	Length	Description	Width	Cost
Larrick	0.32	Asphalt Resurfacing	23.4	\$ 48,844
Old SR 73	0.18	Asphalt Resurfacing	24.8	\$ 65,435*
Gallimore	1.918	RS-2P Single Seal	19.0	\$ 28,843
Gurneyville	2.737	RS-2P Single Seal	21.0	\$ 43,584
S. Beechgrove	1.401	RS-2P Single Seal	20.0	\$ 20,386
Hales Branch	3.407	RS-2P Single Seal	19.0	\$ 53,217
Hale	2.380	RS-2P Single Seal	20.0	\$ 35,081
Sprague	0.823	RS-2P Single Seal	16.0	\$ 9,920
E. Dalton	0.470	RS-2P Single Seal	20.0	\$ 7,372
New Oglesbee	1.473	RS-2P Single Seal	18.0	\$ 19,995
Tar Pike	3.308	RS-2P Single Seal	19.5	\$ 53,645
Polk	2.929	RS-2P Single Seal	20.5	\$ 47,134
Lynchburg	7.410	RS-2P Single Seal	19.5	\$ 116,885
Bernard	3.579	RS-2P Single Seal	19.0	\$ 54,168
Snow Hill	1.400	RS-2P Single Seal	20.0	\$ 22,280
McKibben	1.906	RS-2P Single Seal	19.0	\$ 31,005
Macedonia	3.482	RS-2P Single Seal	19.0	\$ 53,107
Martinsville	3.356	RS-2P Single Seal	19.5	\$ 54,049
Farmers	.63	Road Reconstruction	26	\$1,556,019
Antioch	.53	Road Reconstruction	26	\$1,713,805

**TOTAL: \$ 4,034,774**

\*includes turn lane

Avg Cost of Single Seal Per Mile—\$15,500 (includes cost of stone)

Avg Road Reconstruction Per Mile — \$2,818,814 (includes striping)

## CLI-TR256-0.01 Pratt Rd Bridge Rehab

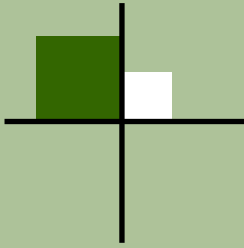
(funded 95% from Federal Grant Dollars)



## FUTURE FEDERAL & OPWC GRANTS APPROVED

FY2025	CLI-CR 10-0.41 Clarksville Rd Safety Improvements	\$1,479,800
FY2025	CLI-CR37-0.00 Osborne Safety Improvements	\$1,211,160
FY2026	Pavement Marking	\$ 150,000
FY2026	Raised Pavement Marking	\$ 50,000
FY2026	CLI-CR3-2.89 Nelson Ave	\$ 854,240
FY2026	CLI-CR19-3.34 Second Creek Safety Improvements	\$1,951,465
FY2026	CLI-CR12-4.81 Antioch Rd Safety Improvements	\$3,344,450
FY2027	CLI-CR 7-5.23 Farmers Rd. Safety Improvements	\$1,865,520
FY2027	CLI-VAR Guardrail Replacement	\$ 300,000
FY2027	CLI-CR19-1.83 Second Creek Safety Improvements	\$1,862,880
FY2028	CLI-VAR Guardrail Replacement	\$ 300,000
FY2028	CLI-CR21-6.34 Prairie Rd Bridge Replacement	\$ 729,410
FY2029	Wayne Rd Intersection Improvement	\$ 556,452
FY2029	CLI-VAR Guardrail Replacement	\$ 300,000
FY2029	CLI-CR-VAR Pavement Marking	\$ 150,000
FY2030	CLI-VAR Guardrail Replacement	\$ 300,000
FY2030	CLI-CR-VAR Pavement Marking	\$ 150,000

**TOTAL FUTURE GRANTS ALREADY APPROVED: \$15,555,377**



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## Gary Smith Retires after 46 Years



Gary Smith has retired after 46 years of service to Clinton County. He began his career in the Map Office right out of high school and joined the Engineer's Office in 1980, where he worked on surveying bridges, ditches, and road projects while developing strong drafting skills.

That same year, Gary took on bridge and culvert inspections, a responsibility he maintained throughout his career. He also helped build and maintain a road inventory database that remains in use today. In the early 1980s, he began tracking and mapping accident data, producing annual reports to identify problem areas and guide improvements—from signage updates to major road projects.

Gary oversaw county signage to ensure proper standards and assisted townships with their systems. He also managed permits and contributed to mapping right-of-way assets. His work played a key role in improving the safety and planning of county and township roads.

We thank Gary for his dedicated service and wish him a happy retirement.

Please join us in welcoming his successor, Jacob Burrell, who has worked alongside Gary over the past year and will continue serving the county in this role.



## County Highway Department



### Meet the County Highway Crew!

Back Row: Bryan Dalton, Travis Scott, Aaron Schrand, Todd Bailey, Jeff Nichols, Brock Allen, Chris Gunkel, Chris Williamson, Eric Reiley, Dakota Heeg, Nick Smith  
Middle Row: Ty Scott, Steven Bailey, Josh Groves, Nate Denniston, Rodney Campbell, Scott Binkley, Andrew Caplinger, Avery Wood, Chris Hamilton, Tom Thatcher  
Front Row: Caydn Denniston, Gavin Denniston, David Thornburg, Mike Runk

*The roads and bridges we care for connect our communities, and keeping them safe is at the heart of everything we do.*