

RICH VALLEY TOWNSHIP

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TO: Rich Valley Township Property Owners
RE: Right of Way (R/W) Encroachment on Township Roads

This notice is directed to Rich Valley Township property owners and/or renters regarding the Right of Way encroachment on all Rich Valley Township roads. The Town Board of Supervisors will be following the State and County R/W procedures in monitoring landowners who infringe on the 33 feet from the center of the road to the ditch easement.

Constructing fences, chisel or moldboard plowing, or performing any detrimental operation within the permanent roadway easement is prohibited.

The R/W easement serves several functions and allows the following:

- Improve sight distances at intersections
- Widen the roadway shoulders to improve safety
- Prevent sediment buildup, erosion in ditches & culvert plugging
- Flatten terrain so vehicles can safely recover if they leave the roadway
- Provide a location for public & private utilities (above & below ground)
- Meet MN Pollution Control Agency standards for erosion control & storm water management
- Snow storage that is plowed off roads

The Board of Supervisors will monitor the R/W and notify landowners of any violations. The notice may request the responsible party to remove the planted crop and reestablish the affected area with permanent non crop vegetation at their own expense. The township may also make the necessary corrections and submit the costs to the property owner. If the repair request is not met the complaint will be turned over to the McLeod County Sheriff's Department.

The Township Board suggests that property owners plan accordingly this coming spring planting season to avoid any R/W encroachment.

Please speak with a Township Supervisor if you have any questions or concerns pertaining to the R/w adjacent to your property. Township Supervisors will be available to meet with property owners as needed.

Rich Valley Board of Supervisors

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