

Highway Department

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NOTIFICATION OF PROPOSED ATV/UTV USE ON CHIPPEWA COUNTY HIGHWAY

Date:

Dear Chippewa County Resident,

In order to provide additional recreational access to off-road ATV trails, the Chippewa Valley ATV Council has made a request to the Chippewa County Highway Department to open a segment of county highway to ATV's. The proposed segment of highway is adjacent to or near your property.

Where would this proposed ATV route be located?

The proposed route is described below:

County Highway:

Beginning at:

Ending at:

Additional information on the route approval process can be found online at:

<https://www.chippewacountywi.gov/government/highway/atv-utv-snowmobiles/atv-route-applications>

What does this mean for you?

If approved, this route would allow ATV's and UTV's to legally operate on the County's highway during daytime hours. These recreational vehicles would be required to stay on the pavement and travel at or below the posted ATV speed limit. Other conditions of operation can be found in County Ordinance Section 58-39.

Who decides if this route will be allowed?

County staff from the Highway and Sheriff's Departments will conduct a review in order to determine if the necessary criteria are met and they will provide an initial recommendation to the Highway Committee on the proposed route. The Chippewa County Highway Committee will make a final recommendation to the Chippewa County Board of Supervisors who will ultimately make the final approval on any ordinance changes.

What should I do if I have concerns at this time?

New ATV routes are only considered once each year. The proposed route will be discussed in detail at the February meeting of the County Highway Committee. If recommended, it will then be forwarded to the County Board of Supervisors for approval by March 31st. Members of the public have the opportunity to speak at all open meetings in Chippewa County. You can also email the Highway Commissioner with your feedback on this proposed route at hw-web@chippewacountywi.gov Your email will be shared with the Committee and Board members.

What should I do if I have concerns after a route is approved?

All existing ATV routes will be reviewed annually in February by the County Highway Committee. Concerns with the continued operation of ATV's on an existing route should be brought to the Highway Committee at that time.
