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**SUBJECT:** Coming Soon... The Asphalt Recycling Center

Midland County Road Commission (MCRC) is in the process of becoming the Asphalt Recycler Center (ARC) for Midland County. MCRC applied to the Midland Area Community Foundation to help with the initial cost of purchasing equipment and was graciously awarded \$100,000. The grant money will be for the purchase of an asphalt recycler and two asphalt hot boxes for the 2019 season. Asides from purchases mentioned above, MCRC plans to build the containment areas for the materials to be held in at MCRC Sanford Garage location. If all goes as planned, the ARC program will be up and running by spring of 2019.

Once the ARC is in place, residents and contractors alike will be able to drop off their reclaimed asphalt pavement (RAP) at the Midland County Road Commission in Sanford free of charge. This will give residents an environmentally friendly and free option instead of taking it to the landfill or illegally dumping on public or private property.

Asphalt recycling is taking reclaimed asphalt pavement (RAP), using an asphalt recycler machine to produce a useable material to apply to the roads referred as hot patch. Hot patch materials are long lasting treatments however, its only available during the construction season when factories/companies produce them. Currently during the off season, MCRC uses cold patch which is meant to be temporary.

When completed, MCRC expects the impact of this program will be cost-saving, efficient, environmentally responsible, and self-sustaining with the help of residents. This will allow MCRC to fix it once, saving time, money, and materials, along with greatly reducing the need for cold patch. The City of Coleman, City of Midland, and Village of Sanford will also benefit from having hot mix available year-round. In 2020, MCRC plans to purchase additional equipment to improve the finished product for residents and travelers thru the county.

Be on the lookout for ARC updates on social media and newspapers as well as informational brochures to your local township hall and other facilities around the county. Informational signing on roadways and facilities are planned to be installed once the ARC is in place. If you have questions, please contact the Midland County Road Commission at 989-687-9060

