



# WEST RIVER ROAD BRIDGE OVER BLACK CREEK

## Jerome Township - Sanford, Michigan

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Construction of a bridge structure will begin in the coming days due to failure of existing roadway culverts. Short-term road closures will occur.

West River Road is the primary north-south route that serves the west side of Sanford Lake. Plans for a replacement Geosynthetic Reinforced Soil-Integrated Bridge System (GRS-IBS) structure were already underway with construction planned for the summer of 2016. The failure of the existing culverts has expedited the construction schedule.

GRS-IBS bridges are supported by a reinforced soil foundation that is concealed by concrete block abutment walls. This construction method allows for reduced construction time and cost versus traditional bridges.

### Location Map



The project was awarded to Gerace Construction at a special road commission board meeting at 11:00 am on March 15, 2016.

Construction is anticipated to begin on March 28, 2016, after the remaining underground utilities are relocated. The total closure of the roadway is scheduled to last 18 days. The road will then reopen to one lane of traffic using traffic control devices until project completion. The contractor will work 10 hour days - 7 days a week in order to accomplish our goal of minimizing the inconvenience caused to citizens.

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