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OAKLAND COUNTY STUDENTS ADD COLOR TO ROAD COMMISSION SNOWPLOWS THROUGH FIRST ANNUAL RCOC PAINT-A-PLOW PROGRAM

Beverly Hills, MI — When the snow falls this winter, Oakland County residents and motorists may see some snowplows that look far more artistic than the typical orange version. That’s because the Road Commission for Oakland County (RCOC) this year invited school students across the county to paint the plows.

Ten schools took the Road Commission up on the offer. Over the last two months, the big orange plows were dropped off at the schools where the students applied their artistic abilities. RCOC then picked the plows up and will use them during normal winter operations when there is six or more inches of snow.

“This was a great way to get the community involved in our winter preparations,” observed RCOC Managing Director Dennis Kolar. “It also helps to remind students how big these plows are and reiterates our message to stay away from the roads when the plows are out pushing snow.”

In the middle of September, an email was sent to each school district in the county to see who would be interested in having a plow dropped off for the students to paint. The finished plows ranged from highly artistic (several were painted to resemble Van Gogh paintings) to the simply fun and colorful (such as a variety of student hand prints).

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“Since this was the first time the Road Commission was offering the paint-a-plow program, we were not sure what to expect,” Kolar stated. “However, we were pleased to see such a great response, and we were able to provide a plow to all of the schools that responded.”

The participating schools were from the Clarkston, Bloomfield, Lake Orion and Ferndale school districts. In total, 10 plows were delivered to these school districts to be painted.

“Given the amount of fun the students had this year, the Road Commission is looking forward to the second annual paint-a-plow next year,” Kolar said.

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Editor’s note: Photos of the plows and the students painting them are posted in the Kid Zone section of the RCOC Website, which can be found within the “Residents” tab on the home page of the site, www.rcocweb.org (direct link: <http://www.rcocweb.org/526/Kid-Zone>).