

ROADSIDE DITCH POLICY CONCERNING THE REMOVAL AND DISPOSAL OF SOIL

POLICY

It shall be the policy of Black Hawk County to remove soil and other material from the ditches along the Secondary Road system, as required, to maintain adequate drainage. Soil that is not needed by the County in the performance of its maintenance obligations shall be made available for deposit on the lands adjoining said ditches.

ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES

Soil in the County roadside ditches shall be removed as needed and disposed of according to the following criteria:

1. The County Engineer shall determine which ditches are to be cleaned and to what extent the cleaning shall be done.
2. The County shall have first option for use of the soil to maintain the Secondary Road System.
3. The owner or tenant of land adjoining a roadside ditch shall have second option for the use of said soil.
4. The County may enter and operate its equipment on private land for the purpose of maintaining roadside ditches with the permission of the owner or tenant. In conjunction with Item 3 above, the County may deposit soil directly on said land.
5. The County may load soil into private vehicles for transport to adjoining property, provided said vehicles do not interfere with loading operations involving County vehicles.
6. In the event neither the County nor the adjoining property owner or tenant have use for said soil, the County shall dispose of it on County property.
7. The owner or tenant of land adjoining a roadside ditch may, upon request and in conjunction with Items 1 and 2 above, be permitted to remove soil from said ditch in a manner approved by the Engineer and deposit same on that adjoining land.
8. The County shall have the topsoil of each open ditch along the side of a road reseeded with prairie grass and the seed of other adapted grass and legumes including native grass species after the ditch maintenance of a road whenever feasible.