

Town of Brunswick

Eau Claire County, Wisconsin

December 9, 2016

Re: Right-of-Way Clearing – Town Roads

Dear Town Resident,

The Town of Brunswick will be performing right-of-way maintenance along town roads. The Town, like all local governments, is required to maintain Town Roads so they are reasonably usable and safe.

Making a road usable and safe includes maintenance of the unpaved right-of-way by removing trees and brush for at least the following reasons: To ensure optimum sight lines, to accommodate machinery for snowplowing and other maintenance operations, and to remove materials which could cause damage or injury when a vehicle leaves the paved part of the road.

New town road rights-of-way must be 66 feet wide (Statute 82.18), and existing town road rights-of-way over 10 years old are presumed to be 66 feet wide (Statute 82.31(2)(a)). In nearly all cases, the right-of-way extends 33 feet from the center line of the road.

Sections 86.03(3) & (4), of the Wisconsin Statutes permit the Town or the abutting landowner to cut any vegetation, brush, and trees in the right-of-way. Except along dedicated highways, the trees in the right-of-way belong to the landowner. Branches will be removed, and the trunk of the trees will be left along the edge of the right-of-way. Postcards notifying property owners of clearing operations on specific roads will be mailed. If you have any questions, please call Arvid Jereczek, American Express, (715)456-3553 or Town Chairman, Fred Turk (715)875-4476