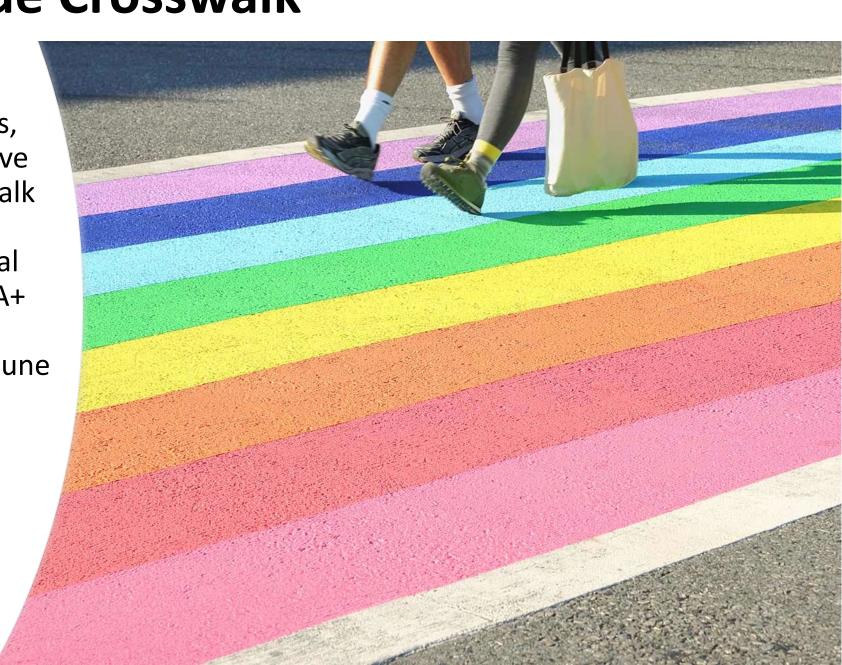
Spencerville Pride Crosswalk

As with neighboring townships, we request that council approve our motion to create a crosswalk in Spencerville painted the Progressive Flag colors to signal our support for the 2SLGBTQIA+community. This would be facilitated by Public Works in June 2023 to commemorate Pride Month.



The 2SLGBTQIA+ community is growing



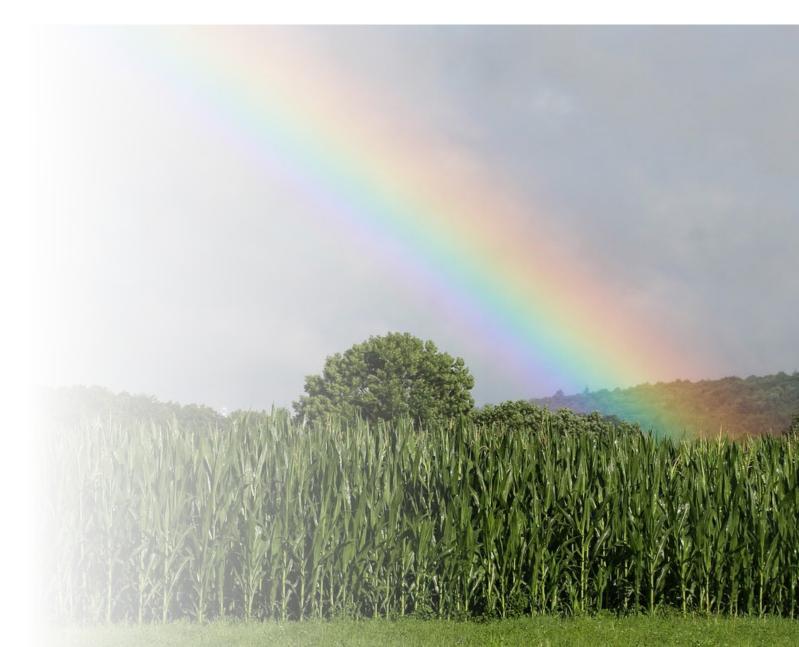
As a Queer community member and volunteer, I feel a Pride Crosswalk would show the community that Edwardsburgh-Cardinal / Spencerville is a safe and inclusive space for Folx* to live and raise a family. It would show our 2SLGBTQIA+ youth that they are free to be who they are, 100% authentically, without fear of judgment or hate.

*Folx: Used to explicitly signal the inclusion of groups commonly marginalized; including members of the 2SLGBTQIA+ community.

Show of support in rural communities

2SLGBTQIA+ Folx can feel isolated in any community – but it does tend to be more pronounced, and often a more challenging issue in rural areas.

Small rural communities, like ours, are especially in need of such symbols of inclusion.



Spencerville IS inclusive



Many prominent Spencerville businesses, as well as the Spencerville Business and Community Connections group, donated to NG Pride to promote our village as a safe space for 2SLGBTQIA+ community members.

Proposed Pride Crosswalk location

We suggest creating the Pride Crosswalk in one of two locations:

1- Centre Street – from the Spencerville Clocktower Park across to the corner of County Road 44 – creating a safe crossing for children walking from the school to the residential area of the village.

2- Water Street – from the corner of County Road 44 to the bridge – welcoming the 2SLGBTQIA+ community to the historic Spencerville Mill where we host so many community events.

