

# 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:

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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.

