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**CARROLL COUNTY, OHIO**  
**COUNTY ENGINEERS POLICY**

**Subject:**

**GUARDRAIL**

**Policy:**

The Carroll County Engineer, acting for the Board of Carroll County Commissioners, pursuant to law, is responsible for installing and maintaining guardrail at county bridges (structures with a span of 10' or greater).

The Carroll County Engineer, acting for the Board of Carroll County Commissioners, pursuant to law, is responsible for installing and maintaining guardrail at county culverts (greater than 5' diameter/span) and bridges.

The County should also protect roadway embankments that are more than 8' in height if the downward embankment slope is greater than 70 degrees.

Guardrail may also be installed in front of a fixed object within the road right of way only if the object is a greater hazard than the guardrail itself.

Guardrail will only be installed for the protection of the motorist, not for protection of private property or pedestrians.

Guardrail should not be installed at an embankment if there is sufficient shoulder or berm width for a vehicle to regain control or safely pull off the road.

The County Engineer or designee shall determine the need for guardrail.

This is a general guideline and not meant to relieve any governmental agency from its statutory duties or assume any duties not mandated by law.

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**Approved:**

, Carroll County Engineer