

Department Name	Department of Public Works
Account(s)	D5010, D5020, D5110, DM5130, D5112, D5142, A8021

Department Function
<p>The mission of the Department of Public Works (DPW) is to ensure that all County roadways, bridges, trails, recreation areas and specific NYS highways are safe and accessible. DPW prepares, solicits, and executes plans for the construction, repair, and maintenance of all County roadways, bridges, culverts, trails, recreation areas, and specific State highways in Albany County. The Department ensures they are safe, hazard free, and accessible for travel and use. Other departmental responsibilities include plowing and salting County and specific State roadways, maintaining roadway signs and signals, mowing alongside County roadways and within County recreational areas, maintaining guiderail and roadside ditches, tree trimming, cleaning bridges, roadways and catch basins, and striping County roads crosswalk and parking lots. In addition, the Department operates the vehicle maintenance shop and is responsible for maintaining the heavy vehicle and equipment fleet.</p> <p>To prevent or minimize traffic related injuries and fatalities in Albany County, DPW plays a role in educating the public on best child passenger safety and bicycle safety practices. Our Traffic Safety Officer conducts child safety seat checks and works with local law enforcement and traffic safety agencies to increase vehicle seatbelt and child safety seat compliance. DPW's Child Passenger Safety Officer is the Statewide leader in child passenger safety education. Each year hundreds of child safety seat checks are performed onsite and at various locations throughout the County. Hundreds of child safety seats are issued to, and installed for low-income families throughout Albany County.</p> <p>Our daily operations include responding to citizen concerns, managing bridge, culvert and roadway projects, mowing, plowing and assisting other County Departments with maintenance and construction needs. DPW provides services for other Counties, Towns and Villages and we are available to assist in emergency management operations. We are responsible for ensuring compliance with the MS4 permit, reviewing and issuing highway work permits and special hauling permits, reviewing and making recommendations on referrals that come in front of the Albany County Planning Board, and applying for and administering grants to help fund our capital projects. The Albany County Stormwater Coalition Director, who works under the umbrella of DPW, supports the 13-member communities in MS4 permit related tasks.</p>

Current Year Highlights
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Replacing the CR 405 Bridge over 8 Mile Creek culvert in the Town of Westerlo Constructed Rail Trail connectors to the American Legion Post in Delmar and the new restroom facility at the Slingerlands Trailhead Assisted in the construction of a new MVP fitness court in the Town of Berne Used recycled millings to pave roadways within the Switzkill Farms recreation area Purchased a paver which will enable DPW to pave County owned parking lots and culvert roadway repairs Completed construction of the Colonie/Shaker Place Garage Facility, which utilizes both geothermal and solar energy Designing a new Coeymans Salt Shed and Westerlo Highway Garage Facility Upgrading County owned traffic signals from loop to video detection on Albany Shaker Rd. in the Town of Colonie Paving 29.43 Miles of County Roadways and stripe 275 miles of County roadways On track to recycle 28,000 tons of millings, which will save the County \$252,000 in material costs On track to sell \$66,000.00 worth of millings On track to review over 220 Albany County Planning Board referrals On track to process over 950 hauling permits and 70 roadwork permits Assisted the Stormwater Coalition's communities with mapping requirements upon release of the MS4 permit GP-0-24-001 Hosted monthly Working Group meetings to support the members in the updated MS4 permit related tasks Led two WAVE Volunteer Stream monitoring events with the Village of Voorheesville Summer Recreation Program Conducted stormwater education programs across City of Albany middle schools and Lawson Lake field day events Maintained 4 County Parks & Recreation Facilities: Rail Trail, Ann Lee Pond, Lawson Lake, and Switzkill Farms

Next Year Projects
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Begin design of new highway garage facility in Voorheesville Construct new salt shed in Town of Coeymans and Westerlo highway garage facility Pave parking and storage areas at Knox and Coeymans Subdivision Construct the New Karner Road Corridor Improvements TIP Capital Plan project Construct CR 102 over Onesquethaw Creek and CR 111 over Hanacroix Creek Bridge Rehabilitations Replace the CR 2 Bridge over Fox Creek in the Town of Berne Pave approximately 30 miles of County Roadways

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