

City of Rockland

Public Works Department

Mission Statement

To protect, preserve and maintain critical infrastructure for the safety and well being of the community as well as ensuring that proper cost control mechanisms are in place and that work is completed at the highest quality within fiscal constraints.

Department Description

Public Works maintains all public roads and ways, storm drains, sewer lines as well as providing in-house construction crews for minor and medium sized projects.

Previous Year's Highlights

- M.D.O.T. signal light upgrade planned for this spring at Park and Broadway. Includes new signals, poles, controls, video detection, and pedestrian signals and ramps. Signals will be controlled by Fire Station when emergency access arises.
- Repaired sinkholes on Franklin, Florence, Park, Lisle, Knox, Spears, and Ulmer.
- Installed sluiceway on Knox Street.
- Repaired catch basins on Talbot, Rankin & Fogg, Park Drive and Main & Lindsey.
- Installed skimmer ditch on Pine Street.
- Completed ditching in the Industrial Park, Old County Road, and Acadia Drive.
- Replaced culverts on Schooner, Gordon/Moran Drive, Merrill Drive, and Rankin.
- Replaced pipe at the Ferry Terminal.
- Removed concrete ramp for the Harbor Master.
- Worked at Ocean Street Playground.

Goals & Objectives

- Anticipate natural gas pipeline coming to Rockland and work closely with the State of Maine on project coordination and location to ensure proper overlap between pipeline installation and road paving work.
- MDOT is planning to overlay Main Street (Park-Warren) & Union Street (Main-Park).
- Complete Pen Bay Acres Drainage plan for Acadia/Summit/Katahdin blocks.

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- Summer Street drain/sewer work between Lincoln Street and the brook to address the combined system and old piping that is creating back-up issues.
- Requesting a Referendum in November for a new Public Works Facility and Sand/Salt Storage building. This project was reduced in cost and scope from last year's referendum by approx. \$1 million, which includes eliminating the geothermal heat system.
- Implement comprehensive CIP in order to identify annual equipment for replacement and continue with past practices of replacing two pieces of equipment annually.
- Continue communication with MDOT for additional paving on MDOT roadways either through DOT funding or through the new Municipal Partnership Initiative program in order to address major collector roads.