



Department of Public Works
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The Department of Public Works mission is to provide for summer and winter road maintenance, park maintenance, sanitation, engineering, city owned public lighting, city-owned traffic control devices, city building and property maintenance, cemeteries, senior citizen centers, and sidewalks.

2-191 Created; functions and duties.

There is hereby created the Department of Public Works, which shall have the responsibility for administering, implementing and carrying out the activities pertaining to:

- (1) Public improvement projects of the City, their design, construction and inspection;
- (2) Streets, sidewalks and rights-of-way, their construction and maintenance;
- (3) Buildings and grounds of City-owned property, their construction and maintenance;
- (4) Electrical services, including such service for all City activities, street lighting and traffic control, their construction, installation, maintenance and operations;
- (5) Signs, their creation, installation, and maintenance;
- (6) Cemeteries, their construction, maintenance, and operation;
- (7) Parks and recreational facilities, their construction, maintenance, and operation;
- (8) Forestry, including acquisition, installation, removal, treatment and maintenance of trees, shrubbery, flowers, grass and other such like growing enhancements and further including the removal of encroachments upon the public right-of-way by such things as well as the monitoring and abatement of diseases or infestations both on public and private property that may adversely affect such growing things;
- (9) Traffic engineering, the maintenance, installation or removal and operation of traffic control devices and determination for need for issuance of traffic control orders;
- (10) Issuance of permits for construction in rights-of-way and inspection of such construction;

- (11) Preparation of petitions for special assessments;
- (12) The use of and activities pertaining to the City's parks, recreation facilities and community centers;
- (13) Facilities for the disposal of and systems for the collection of garbage, rubbish, refuse, and waste matter, their construction, maintenance, and operation;
- (14) Such other additional public works functions as may from time to time be authorized by the Mayor or by ordinance.

(Code 1985, § 2-43.25; Ord. No. 2190, § 1, 12-15-05; Ord. No. 2254, § 1, 4-17-12; Ord. No. 2287, § 1(A), 6-27-13)

2014 Calendar Year Accomplishments:

- **Street repairs and maintenance:**
 - A. Repaired 60,000 potholes on major and local streets
 - B. Resurfaced 1.4 miles of Martin Luther King Blvd
 - C. Swept all major and local streets twice
 - D. Cleaned 3000 catch basins
- **Street lighting improvement:**

Replaced 3,290 DTE street lights with LED fixtures
The City of Pontiac spent \$900,000.00 to implement this project. Our expected annual energy cost savings should be \$275,000.00. The initial expense will be re-cooped in 3 years. LED fixtures are warrantied for 10 years.
- **Street Signs:**

Replaced 62 stop signs
Replaced 60 missing street name signs
Installed 13 miscellaneous, speed limit, death child, weight limits
- **Sanitation:**

Sanitation fees reduced 22% for a single family home from \$113.00 to \$93.00.
DPW serviced 17,554 residential curb side pickups.
Department issued 1282 violations for litter clean-up a 57% increase over 2013.
Partnership with Oakland County for litter clean-up of County owned properties.

- **Trees:**
 - A. Removed 92 dangerous trees
 - B. Responded to 100 storm damaged tree emergencies

- **Parks:**
 - A. Renovated comfort station at Murphy Park
 - B. Renovated comfort station at Beaudette Park
 - C. Removed dangerous trees from Beaudette Park
 - D. Repaired docks and piers at Galloway Park, Beaudette Park, and Dawson Mill Pond
 - E. Removed overgrowth from Clinton River Trail

- **Engineering:**
 - A. Issued 601 Right of Way Permits for road and utility inspections in 2014. There were 317 issued in 2013
 - B. Completed critical bridge inspections for 17 bridges
 - C. Completed Featherstone bridge reconstruction plans
 - D. Completed engineering and plans for MLK reconstruction.
 - E. Completed 3000 storm basin inspections and cleaning
 - F. Completed Storm drain outfall inspections and Illicit Discharge Testing
 - G. PASER – Pavement and Surface Evaluation Rating completed for all local streets
 - 1. One staff member training to perform and rate streets
 - 2. Street load evaluations completed and truckers map prepared
 - 3. Added all PASER ratings to Road Soft Asset Management Software
 - H. Received an Oakland County Health Department grant for Clinton River Trail for signage at Beaudette Park

- **Cemeteries**

Oak Hill Southard mausoleum roof was repaired with the assistance of Councilman Don Woodward, Grace Center of Hope volunteers and Benson Lumber Company. Benson Lumber Company donated slate, lumber and labor.

Ottawa Cemetery and Oak Hill are both are under the management of Detroit Memorial Park Association.

2015 GOALS

- **Parks:**
 - A. Install boat dock and fishing pier at Hawthorne Park – work to be performed by DPW personnel
 - B. Remove invasive plant species from Hawthorne Park
 - C. Green initiative - Implement pilot program to replace lighting with solar lights at Galloway Park and Beaudette Park
 - D. Make structural repairs at Hawthorne Park - has been closed for 7 years
 - E. Remove and replace outdated playground equipment at all parks

- **Engineering:**
 - A. Reconstruct N. Saginaw between Woodward & Montcalm
 - B. Replacement of Featherstone Bridge
 - C. Design of Joslyn Ave. resurfacing project from Perry to Beverly
 - D. Restripe all major City streets
 - E. Bring contractor on board to respond to road repairs (ex. Hollywood & Carlisle)

 - F. Clean an additional 2000 basins
 - G. Prepare RFQ for removal of dangerous pedestrian bridges
 - H. Replace street lighting in downtown.
 - I. Install new traffic signals and street widening at Giddings and Walton intersection in partnership with Notre Dame Preparatory School and Marist Academy through MDOT Safety Grant
 - J. Received Category-A Grant from MDOT for repairs to Centerpointe Parkway
 - K. Installation of a computerized asset management system.

- **City Hall**
 - A. Structural repairs to City Hall
 - B. Security and fire alarm system upgrade for City Hall and Sherriff Sub-Station

- **Long Term Goals**
 - A. Resurface City Hall parking lot.
 - B. Update lighting system to solar through possible energy grants.
 - C. Replace aged air conditioning unit at City Hall.
 - D. Realign contractor evaluations to assure we are receiving effective service.

The City of Pontiac Department of Public Works strives to provide our Residential and Business customers with punctual and effective services.