

TOWN OF WATERTOWN
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT



**Capital Improvement
Program (CIP)**

2026

Essays

“Let Us Try”



PUBLIC WORKS MISSION

The mission of the Department of Public Works is to provide the residents, businesses, and visitors of the Town of Watertown with high-quality, efficient, and responsive services. The key is to maintain and improve our infrastructure.

Vision

Our commitment to our mission ensures an exceptional quality of life, promotes economic prosperity, and improves mobility for the residents of Watertown. We strive to continuously improve our operations to provide a safe and sustainable environment.

Core Values and Operating Principles

Customer Service – Excellence – Teamwork – Integrity –
Accountability – Innovation – Adaptability – Commitment –
Education

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INTRODUCTION TO THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

The Department of Public Works encompasses the Highway Division, the Transfer Station, the Engineering Department, and the Water & Sewer Department.

Highway Garage

The Highway Division of the Public Works Department is responsible for various seasonal operations ranging from snow and ice removal to street sweeping, roadway maintenance, sidewalk repairs, signs, drainage work, roadside mowing, and tree trimming/removal.

Responsibilities of this department include:

- ◇ Maintenance of 145 miles of accepted paved roads
- ◇ 75 miles of storm sewers
- ◇ 49 detention basins
- ◇ 37 miles of sidewalks
- ◇ 4,503 catch basins
- ◇ 4 dams
- ◇ 26 bridges/culverts and 6 bridges over 20 feet

Engineering

The Engineering Department is comprised of the Town Engineer, Assistant Town Engineer and Engineer Technicians. This division of Public Works is responsible for project planning and oversight of design construction, tree removal, and paving work in the town.

Water & Sewer

The Watertown Water and Sewer Authority services approximately 4,500 customers. Our Administration staff is responsible for customer service, billing, collections, scheduling, budget and all administrative duties. Operations is tasked with annual hydrant flushing & repairs, water & sewer pipe repairs, water & sewer inspections, weekly water compliance samples, inspection & testing of backflow prevention devices, and CBYD (Call Before You Dig) tickets.

Responsibilities of this department include:

- ◇ 70 miles of water main
- ◇ 3 water booster stations
- ◇ 2 water storage tanks
- ◇ 650 hydrants
- ◇ 60 miles of sanitary sewer pipes
- ◇ 7 sewer lift stations
- ◇ 2,000 manholes

Transfer Station

The Transfer Station is open year-round, serving Watertown residents and assisting with the disposal of solid waste, bulk waste, and recyclables.

WOOLSON STREET BRIDGE



Woolson Street Bridge, Watertown, Circa 1890's

PROJECT NAME: Woolson Street Bridge Replacement

STATE PROJECT # 9153-4409

COMPLETED: October 2024

GUERNSEYTOWN ROAD RECONSTRUCTION



Guernseytown Road, Watertown

PROJECT NAME: Guernseytown Road Reconstruction from
Eastwood Hall Road to Crestview Drive

STATE PROJECT # L153-0003

COMPLETED: December 2024

Main Street Parking Lot

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

Expansion of Greenberg Property development involving the demolition of the white building located at 680 Main Street, Watertown. Project aims to add 52 new parking spaces in the downtown area and reduce the amount of on-street parking to improve sightline distance. The parking lot will include Electric Vehicle (EV) charging stations and energy efficient LED lighting.

COMPLETED

MAIN STREET Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons

PROJECT NAME: Main Street Operational &
Safety Improvement Project

STATE PROJECT # 153-124

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons (RRFB's) that will be added to enhance pedestrian safety along Main Street. Utilizing the Road Safety Audit (RSA) study for safety improvement.

LOCATIONS:

680 Main Street-Municipal Parking Lot

465 Main Street-Local 63 Restaurant

French Street-Swift Middle School



NEW REQUEST HIGHWAY



Highway Garage, 91 Burton St, Built 1954

PROJECT NAME: Highway Garage Renovations

STATE PROJECT # 153-149 2023 STEAP grant

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

Replacement of the roof, fence/gate, and windows. Installation of smoke/fire detection, carbon monoxide detection, addition to extend office space & painting.

COMPLETED

AUGUST 18th, 2024

STORM DAMAGE

Coordination with FEMA for 80% Reimbursement

Received \$1,325,948 in federal funding

Affected Areas of Watertown:

1. Emergency Protective Measures
2. Debris Removal Townwide
3. 24 Detention Basins
4. Crestbrook Culvert Pipe
5. Northfield/Fern Hill/Smith Pond – Culvert Drainage
6. Steele Brook Existing Greenway
7. Steele Brook (DOT Direct Funded)

COMPLETED

NEW REQUEST

DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS

PROJECT NAME: Drainage Improvements

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

Developing & Executing a program for townwide drainage improvements.

FUNDING:

Utilize existing funding and acquire Federal & State grant funds for planning studies, design and construction.



Steele Brook Between Main St. & Riverside St.

PAVEMENT REHABILITATION

Town of Watertown DPW would like to thank the residents for voting for the \$10M Bond to continue to improve our 140 Mile Road Network. We are planning to implement our program over the next three years. Our current year end 2025 Road Surface Rating (RSR) is 67.7 which is like a school grade based on a rating of zero to 100. The Statewide Municipal Average is a RSR of 72.

Our current Unfinanced Requirement (UFR) is \$37.2M, in which we will apply the \$10M in Bonding to improve our worst roads as well as keeping our decent roads in good shape before they fail. It's 10 to 15 times cost effective to maintain and preserve a decent road than it is to replace a failed road. Each year we lose approximately \$1.5M in value to our Road System.

Watertown is utilizing a comprehensive pavement study developed by the BETA Group Inc, an Engineering Firm who specializes in pavement management to produce a prioritized list of improvements.

The type of pavement improvements will consist of the following: Shim/Skim (by Highways); Crack Sealing, Chip Sealing, Fog Sealing, Rubber Chip, Hot in Place (HIP), Cold in Place (CIP), Mill/Pave and Full Depth Reconstruction (all by Contractors).

Estimated Roadway Improvement Costs				
Repair Method	Length (Miles)	Square Yards	% Repair	Estimated Cost
Major Rehabilitation	36.06	528,544	25.40%	\$25,370,124
Minor Rehabilitation	32.07	485,437	22.59%	\$9,320,390
Preventative Maintenance	13.3	210,378	9.37%	\$2,019,632
Routine Maintenance	41.69	641,311	29.37%	\$480,983
No Maintenance Required	18.85	274,710	13.28%	\$0
Total	141.97	2,140,380	100%	\$37,191,129

Watertown DPW Miles (Road Treatment) - Below graph shows the summary of the past 11 years of road treatment. Watertown DPW is proud to have completed 53.8 Miles of Road improvements over the past three years, and our goal is to continue improving our 140 Mile Road Network.



WATERTOWN FOUNDATION CENTENNIAL PARK



PROJECT NAME: Watertown Foundation Centennial Park

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

A half-acre of property located at the intersection of Echo Lake Road and Route 262 will be developed into a park and used for recognizing and educating the public about community service.

FUNDING:

Watertown Foundation Sponsorship for a portion of the project.

NEXT STEP:

Electrical service for permanent lighting of the flagpole and to continue improvements with grass establishment, sidewalks & benches.



Dedication Ceremony– Flag Raising

STEELE BROOK GREENWAY



PROJECT NAME: Steele Brook Greenway

STATE PROJECT # 153-125

FEDERAL: Transportation Alternative Grant

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

Extension of existing trail by approximately 3,800 feet from Unico Field to French Street where it connects to gravel path at Siemon Company. A new prefabricated pedestrian bridge to be installed over Steele Brook. Minor drainage adjustments, fencing, landscaping, flashing beacon, and paved surface to ADA Standards.

FUNDING: TOTAL COST :	\$3,019,560
FEDERAL / STATE: 80%	\$2,415,648
MUNICIPAL MATCH: 20%	\$603,912

TIMELINE: Project Start: Spring 2026

DESIGNER: Weston & Sampson

CONTRACTOR : Colonna Construction

NAUGATUCK RIVER GREENWAY



PROJECT NAME: Naugatuck River Greenway

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

The Naugatuck River Greenway Routing Study recommended a route through Watertown as part of a 44-mile regional greenway project in the Central Naugatuck Valley Region. A study was conducted and is aligned with surrounding towns with similar plans.

It is the goal of the Naugatuck River Greenway (NVG) and the Town of Watertown to offer non-motorized, accessible pathways that provide access along the public river in support of activities such as fishing and biking. The segment is from Frost Bridge to the Branch Brook/Thomaston line, to the future Thomaston Greenway segment.

FUNDING:

CT DEEP: \$300,000

NVCOG: Received a RAISE (Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity) Grant for \$5.8M to take all projects over in Naugatuck, Waterbury, Watertown and Thomaston. RAISE Grant was cancelled and Watertown is evaluating options, and submitting for other grants.

MAIN STREET

Improvements Oakville/Watertown

The Town of Watertown has a broad vision for the future of Main Street from Oakville, through downtown Watertown. Beyond beautification, the goal is to create a safer and more accessible community. There are several projects that have begun to take shape to support this initiative.



Main Street, Watertown

Completed Projects

Installation of Flashing Beacons

Main Street Parking Lot

ADA Ramps

35% Design for Main Street Watertown

10% Development for Grant Submissions for Oakville

MAIN STREET

Complete Street Improvements

Main Street Corridor

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

The designed improvements will include operational and safety improvements along Main Street/CT Route 63 between Baldwin Street and French Street. Limited visioning study and designs for Oakville to Waterbury line. The selected consultant will review previous studies and recommendations developed by the town and will coordinate with other ongoing design and construction projects within the project limits. Study and design goals include the

following:

- ◇ create a safe and walkable town center
- ◇ balance the needs for all travel modes
- ◇ enhance safe bus transit connectivity
- ◇ accommodate individuals ranging in physical ability
- ◇ consider the necessary interactions between roadway and adjacent land uses
- ◇ incorporate linkages to community resources such as off-street parking and Steele Brook Greenway
- ◇ establish gateway treatments and changes to the character of the corridor to influence driver behavior
- ◇ promote economic development
- ◇ improve quality of life for our community

FUNDING:

GRANT AWARD: \$3,000,000; 2023 Congresswoman
Johanna Hayes Grant

ARPA: \$1,000,000; American Rescue Plan Act funds

DESIGNER:

Tighe & Bond, Watertown

35% Design proceeding to 100% design

FHI Studios, Oakville

10% Design Completed Proceeding for Grants Submissions

MAIN STREET



PROJECT NAME: St. John's Wall Reconstruction

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

Received a Community Connectivity Grant Program (CCGP) for the removal and replacement of St. John's School wall, constructing a new wall further back from the road. Add new sidewalk from St. John's to Starbucks with a grass median to protect pedestrians and act as a snow shelf.

FUNDING:

GRANT AWARDS: \$800,000 Community Connectivity Grant Program (CCGP) Awarded to Watertown in 2024

DESIGNER:

SLR– 65% Designed

Plan to bid in Spring 2026

ADA SIDEWALK PROJECT

Americans with Disabilities Act



PROJECT NAME: Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Sidewalk Improvements

STATE PROJECT # L153-0002

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

The project aims to renovate the sidewalk ramps at approximately 184 locations throughout Watertown. These renovations will make crosswalks safer and more accessible for citizens with disabilities, and shall be designed in compliance with the standards set by the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). For more information about The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), visit: www.ada.gov

FUNDING:

LOTICIP: \$2,750,000;
Local Transportation Capital Improvement Program

DESIGNER:

In-House, reviewed by NVCOG, Weston & Sampson and DOT

Watertown DPW

Positive Work

Paving Program 2025 18.6 Miles

Last Three Years **53.8 Miles**

25 Year Old Paving Box Fixed

\$10 M in Bonding

Winter– All Trucks on Salt w/ Green Snow Pro Training

51/51 (100%) Town Detention Basin Cleaned of Sediment

14/24 (58%) Commercial Detention Basin Cleaned

(Assisting P&Z/CCIWA)

65/75 (87%) Townwide Detention Basin Cleaned

Renovation of Highway Garage Completed

Multiple Drainage Projects Completed

18 Aug 2024 Storm– Received \$1.3M in FEMA/ DEMHS

Reimbursement

Town Department Support (PD Range and Parks Flagpole)

Thanks to the DPW Team
Highways and Engineering

Future DPW Bond Requests

- ◇ \$10 M Received—Requirement \$37.2 M 2025 Pavement Bond
- ◇ \$3 M Vehicle, Highway & Transfer Station
- ◇ \$2 M Sidewalk—Requirement \$6.3 M 2024 (BETA Study)
- ◇ \$2 M Main St—Continued Improvements
- ◇ \$20 M New Highway Garage

Watertown DOT Projects (Managed & Funded by DOT)

Name	Location	State Project #
Installation of RRFB	Davis St - Swift/ VFW	174-477
Installation of RRFB	4 New Locations	174-483
Signals	2(Rt 63/73 & Rt 63/WSP)	174-481
Crosswalk Signage	Schools on State Routes	174-475
Pedestrian Accommodations	2– Buckingham/ Echo Echo/Park	174-476
Speed Limit Signs	Local Rural Roads	170-3757
VIP Paving	SR 855 & 262	174—XXX

Military Service Veterans Current Watertown Town Employees

As of NOV 2025

Town Manger's Office

Mark Raimo – Army

Jeremi Johnson – Air Force

Police Department

Ofc. Matthew Chiucarello – Air Force

Det. Kevin Conard – Army

Corp. Jesse Esposito – Army

Ofc. Adrienne Rinaldi – USMC (Brother is Greg Blum of FD)

Ofc. Michael Wolfson – Army

Fire Department

Gregory Blum - USMC (Sister is Ofc Adrienne Rinaldi of PD)

Jacques Cadet - Army

David DeMarest - Army

Colin Hurley - Army

Morgan Marzella - Army

Steve Philippi - Army

Anthony Roundtree - Navy

Hailie Shaw - Navy

Samuel Sigel - Army

Phillip Strobel - USMC

DPW/Parks/Facilities

Ray Aubin – Army

Ian Birtwistle – British Army

John Buono – Army

Paul Cantoni – Navy

Chad Engle – Army

Tony Iosa - USMC

Jerry Leach – Army (Also Serves as Volunteer FF)

Jerry Lukowski – Army

Joe Millette - USMC

Al Miller - USCG

Franco Pannofino – USMC

**We Thank them all for their Service to our Nation in a Time of
Need**

Currently Serving in National Guard or Reserves

APPROVAL DATES AND CONTRIBUTORS

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PLANNING & ZONING 8-24: March 4th 2026



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