



WALTON COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

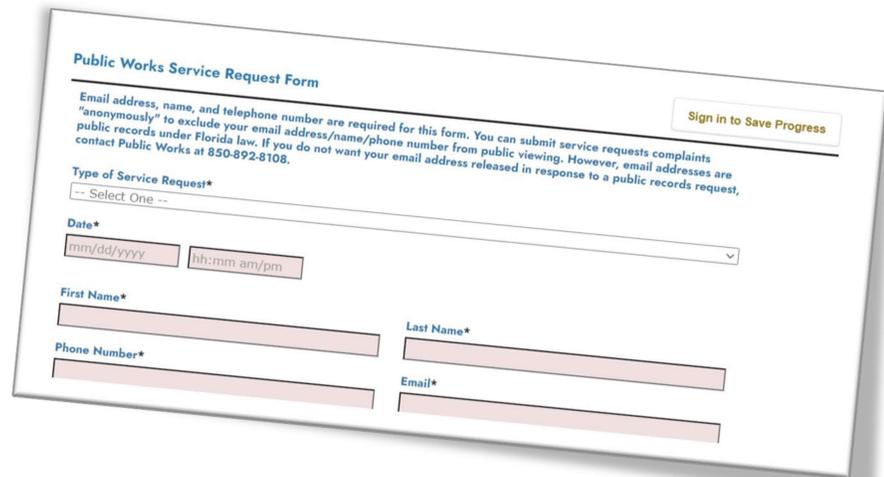
PUBLIC WORKS OVERVIEW

Walton County Public Works encompasses Fleet Management, Stormwater Management, Engineering, Environmental, Utilities Coordination, Right-of-way, Bridges, North Walton Mosquito Control, Stabilization, Drainage, Paving, MOT/Striping, and Road Maintenance Departments.

Public Works Division service area encompasses 1046.52 miles of roads (317.656 unpaved and 738.824 miles paved), Right-of-Way Maintenance, 210 Bridges, Highway Lighting, Traffic Signals, and Flashing Beacons.

For more information, please contact Public Works at (850) 892-8108

Website: <https://www.co.walton.fl.us/186/Public-Works-Department>



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PUBLIC WORKS DIVISION

BY THE NUMBERS

JANUARY-MARCH 2023

- 2781 calls received
- 106 utility permits processed
- 2 right-of-way permit
- 20 pay-to-grades
- 22 animal burials
- 4 signage applications
- 312 Culvert Sufficiency Forms processed
- 2177.94 tons debris-landfill
- 4390.35 tons Class III-landfill
- 7.94 tons tires
- 174.52 tons concrete-landfill
- 18.24 tons garbage-landfill
- 11.76 tons metal-landfill
- 5647.05 tons asphalt (paving)
- 17 Gallons tack for paving
- 253 yards crushed concrete for driveways
- 4 loads mill mat
- 4 loads rip rap
- 40 tons of rock
- 31 loads of limerock
- 10 tons Gabion stone
- 31 rolls of sod installed
- Guard rail installation and repairs
- 10 County Stormwater inspections
- 7 County petroleum fuel tank inspections for FDEP compliance
- Applied 68 larvicide site treatments
- 447 mosquito site inspections
- Reviewed and commented on approximately 85 Development Order Applications, Variance Request, Abandonment Request, Single-Family Stormwater Reviews
- 44 Traffic Signals maintained monthly
- 448 signs have been constructed and installed
- 7 construction projects completed
- 527 Fleet Maintenance Work Orders completed
- Striping/Stop Bars/RPM/Rumble Strips-Sandy Ramp Road, Alpin Road, Douglass Crossroads Parking lot, Campbell Road, CJ Laird Road, Peach Creek Pedestrian Improvements, Country Club Drive, McKinnon Bridge Road, CR393N, Walton Way, Laird Road off CR185, Padgett Park, Bob Sikes Road, Davis Road, Adams Drive, Hue Presley Road, Choctaw Beach Community Center, Coyote Road, Hwy 83, Old Ferry Road, Cloud Drive, JD Miller Road, S. Church Street, Willie B Parker Road, Chat Holley Road, Lucas Road

QUARTERLY UPDATE FOR JANUARY-MARCH

Walton County Public Works Department submitted the following grant funding applications.

Small County Outreach Program (SCOP)

- Rock Hill Road Phase II (construction)
- CR3280 (design & construction)

Small County Road Assistance Program (SCRAP)

- CR1883 Phase II (design & construction)
- CR181 East Phase I (design & construction)

County Incentive Grant Program (CIGP)

- Hewett Bayou Connector Road (construction)

State Appropriation

- Walton County North End Multi-Use Trail

Transportation Regional Incentive Program (TRIP)

- West bay Parkway Bridge Design

SUN Trail Grant Funding

- U.S. go Multi-Use Trail

CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS COMPLETED

- Timpooshee Trail Multi-Use Path Missing Link (in-house)
- Beaver Dam Road .42 miles (in-house)
- Walton Way Safety Improvements (in-house)
- Barcelona Avenue Drainage Improvements
- Douglass Crossroads restriped Basketball Court & Parking Lot
- Padgett Park restriped Parking Lot
- Grady Brown Park Phase III (substantial completion)



RESURFACING PROJECTS COMPLETED

- Aplin Road resurfacing 2.1 miles
- Sandy Ramp Road resurfacing 2.87 miles
- Davis Road resurfacing 2.36 miles
- Stewart Road 1.19 miles
- Campbell Road .50 miles



DESIGN PROJECTS COMPLETED

- Indian Creek Ranch Road Bridge
- Sheriff's Department Entry Road (in-house)
- CR83 Bear Creek Bridge

Walton Way Safety Improvements

Upgrades include modified traffic circulation to create a one-lane crossing at the culvert, new signage, pavement marking/stripping, new guardrails & security lighting. This project was completed in-house.

PROJECTS CURRENTLY UNDER CONSTRUCTION

- U.S. 98 Pedestrian Facilities Watersound Parkway to CR30A \$1,341,596.85
- North Spooky Lane \$248,687.50
- CR283/CR30A Signalized Intersection Improvements combined \$2,780,523.30
- CR83/CR30A Signalized Intersection Improvements
- U.S. 98/M.C. Davis Blvd. Signalized Intersection Improvements \$716,180.24
- U.S. 98 Mack Bayou Road Southbound Dual Left Turn Lane
- Indian Creek Ranch Road Bridge Replacement \$464,246.00
- Sheriff's Office Entry Road \$621,175.69
- East Point Washington Road Realignment \$1,216,117.63
- Driftwood Stormwater Improvements (in-house)
- Roman Road dirt-to-pave (in-house)
- Indian Creek Ranch Road Improvement Project PH 2 & 3 (in-house)



US 98 Pedestrian Facility (N. Watersound Pkwy to CR30A East) UNDER CONSTRUCTION
 10' ft wide asphalt multi-use path along the south side of US 98. This is an extension to the existing multi-use trail network and would be maintained by TDC.



Indian Creek Ranch Road Bridge (picture)
 NEW CONSTRUCTION: Walton County awarded ITB 23-10 for the construction of Indian Creek Ranch Road Bridge to the lowest bidder, Murphree Bridge Corporation in the amount of \$464,246.00 on March 13, 2023. This project is scheduled to begin mid-May.2023. The term of the construction project is 150 calendar days. This project involves the construction of a new 102-foot, 3 span bridge and concrete bridge approach slabs. The prefabricated concrete deck that has been designed is a Conecuh Bridge system and has poured in place pile caps and steel piles for support. \$1,341,596.85

PROJECTS CURRENTLY UNDER DESIGN

- South Walton Transportation Network PH I (CR83N form U.S. 98 to Chat Holley Road) \$399,268.00
- North End Multi-Use Path \$166,180.00
- Holiday Shores Pedestrian Improvements PH I \$165,855
- Holliday Shores Pedestrian Improvements PH II \$200,000
- Helen McCall Parking Lot Expansion \$125,000
- Driftwood/Ellis PH III (in-house)

- Old Seagrove Beach Stormwater & Roadway Improvements (North of CR30A from Dogwood to Gardenia) \$399,837
- CR395/CR30A Drainage Improvements (Thyme Street to CR395) \$83,105
- Allen Loop Drainage Improvements \$49,735
- Norwood Drive, Open Gulf & Sandtrap Road Drainage Improvements \$49,560
- Walton Magnolia Lane Drainage Improvements PH IV \$147,163
- Fox Lake Drainage and Water Quality Improvements \$83,430
- Poinciana Blvd Roadway & Drainage Improvements \$115,545
- CR30A/Watersound Parkway Signalized Intersection Improvements
- CR30A/CR393 South Signalized Intersection Improvements \$A217,250
- River Road Bridge \$43,000.64
- Freeport Industrial Road Extension (in-house)
- Governmental Complex Conceptual Design (in-house)
- Teelinville Dam Project (in-house)
- Deer Lake Bridge \$124,922
- CR2 over Long Creek Bridge \$60,379.63
- Hewett Bayou Connector Road \$695,094.82
- Old Town Santa Rosa Regional Stormwater Facility and Event Venue (Nellie Drive Connector Road/SW Facility) \$1,675,744.32

ENVIRONMENTAL

Invasive Species Management

- No treatment was performed during this time period.

MS4 Permit Stormwater

- Performed seven (7) inspections of County petroleum fuel tanks for FDEP compliance.
- Performed ten (10) inspections of County stormwater outfalls.

Artificial Reefs

- Attended Tri-County Reef Coordination Meeting regarding potential vessel deployment (1/5/2023).

Coastal Dune Lakes

- Planned, organized, and facilitated one (1) Coastal Dune Lake Advisory Board meetings.
- Completed and submitted JCP annual reports for Alligator, Eastern & Western Lake.

Choctawhatchee Bay/ St. Andrews Bay Projects

- Attended Choctawhatchee Bay Estuary Program – CCMP meeting (1/11/2023)
- Attended meeting with Consulting firm regarding CCMP progress (1/11/2023)
- Attended Choctawhatchee Bay Estuary Program meeting (1/18/2023)
- Attended SASJBEP STEM Committee Meeting

Derelict Vessels

- Obtained two (2) contracts for derelict vessel removal.
- Six (6) derelict vessels were removed from County waterways.

Grants

Reports

- Completed/submitted quarterly Reports for RTP Comander Landing Grant.
- Completed/submitted quarterly Report for RTP Timpoochee Trail/Missing Link Grant.

Closeouts

- Submitted Closeout documents for 319: CDL Septic to Sewer project.
- Submitted Closeout documents for CZ320 project.

Meetings

- Attended Choctaw Beach Fire Station Meeting with DOD (1/17/2023)

Funding Received

- \$13,000 for Artificial Reef Monitoring (FWC Grant)
- \$60,000 for Artificial Reef Deployment (FWC Grant)
- \$1,260,000 for Artificial Reef Deployment (FWC Grant)

Miscellaneous

- Received CO for Cowford Landing

Habitat Conservation Plan

- Planned training for County and TDC staff on Marine Turtles and Shorebirds, Beach Driving, and Beach Activities.

RESTORE

Local RESTORE Act – Pot 1

- Completed 8 FFR reports
- Completed 8 PPR reports
- Completed 5 SF-429 reports
- Completed 1 Amendment to change budget and closeout project.

Gulf Consortium – Pot 3

- Attended Gulf Consortium Executive Committee Meeting (1/25/2023).
- Completed 1 FFR report
- Completed 1 PPR Report
- Complete 1 Milestone Report

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TDC

- Septic tank abandonment permit for TDC @ Mead property.

TRIUMPH

- N/A this month.

Permitting/Miscellaneous Items

- RFQ 23-05 review committee for Coastal Engineering contract.
- RFQ 23-09 review committee for Watershed Management Plan.
- Completion and submittal of Water Use Annual Report @ Cowford Paddle Trail.
- Soil testing and septic system design at Morrison Springs.
- Aided Parks & Recreation in finding contractor for sculpture restoration @ Padgett Park.
- Florida's Long-Term Vessel Storage Study Interview.
- Attended FLRACEP Meeting on 1/19/2023.
- Drainage complaint investigation @ 3064 Co. Hwy. 183.
- Drainage complaint investigation @ 57 Johnson Ln., Freeport.
- Martha's Lane site visit on 1/10/2023.
- ROW permit site visit @ Woodward Drive.
- North Walton Mosquito Control workshop with the City of Freeport.
- Submitted 4 Agenda Items for 1/10/2023 BCC Meeting. Attended pre-BCC and BCC meeting.
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NORTH WALTON MOSQUITO CONTROL

- Applied larvicide treatments to 83 sites including:
 - 101 briquets, 82 water soluble pouches, 10 lbs. granular pesticide,
 - Sprayed roadside ditches in Freeport, WBL, and 331S zones
- Site Inspections: 671 sites
- Installed ditch spraying equipment on 1 vehicle
- Sprayer maintenance and oil change- 1
- Began placement of CO2 tanks for light trap surveillance
- Maintenance/cleaning of surveillance equipment

- Placed new chickens in 8 sentinel chicken coops to begin season
- 1st time bleeding of sentinel chickens for arboviral surveillance
- Employee training for updated spray zones/routes/new larvicide sites
- New employee training for Mosquito Tech I position
- Training for Mosquito Control Director succession plan
- 2 employees- surveillance of City of Freeport & City of DFS holding ponds and catch basin
- Compiled surveillance data for funding from City of Freeport & City of DFS

Employee Training: 7employees attended Hazardous Materials Operations/OSHA Level II training to renew certification

FLEET MAINTENANCE

- 1,299 Equipment w/o assets, not including mis. saws/trimmers without asset numbers
- 527 work orders completed from January 1-March 22, 2023
- 2 County Shop employee's received their Paratransit 1 Technician Certification from Lively Technical College
- 129 lube, oil, filter installations
- 7 Fuel System Repair
- 11 tires (repair, replace, rotate)
- 4 AC Repairs
- 11 Brakes Systems/Pads
- 14 Hydraulic System Repairs
- 8 Battery replacements/jumpstart
- 8 Tarp Roll-up Assembly
- 6 Windshield Repairs/Wipers
- 4 Starter Repairs
- 22 Lighting System Repairs/bulbs
- 83 Misc. Repairs
- 4 Axle Repairs
- 104 TDC Engine Maintenance Repairs (battery, belt, brakes, coolant, water pump, Transmission, oil /filter change, etc.)
- 8 TDC Lighting Repairs/Replacements
- 10 TDC Vehicle Interior Repairs
- 64 TDC Exterior Repairs/Replacements (tires, camera system, decals, hubs, tires, winch, wiper, blade, etc.)
- 80 TDC Miscellaneous Repairs (ball mount, blower motor, bumper step, fire extinguisher, inspection, key fob, lift kit, mud flaps, tow hooks, tool box, water cooler mount, etc.)

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

(Added to Public Works Dept. Web Page)

PUBLIC WORKS

1. Is my road county maintained?

In Walton County there are four maintenance classifications: (1) State Maintained Roadways, (2) Public Rights-of-Way with roadways that are County Maintained, (3) Public Rights-of-Way with roadways that are Privately Maintained, and (4) Private Rights-of-Way that are Privately Maintained. You can review the County maintained road list posted on our website at www.co.walton.fl.us/publicworks or you may contact our Public Works Department at (850) 892-8108.

2. My road is private. How do I get it county maintained?

If the Right-of-Way is classified as private, the roadway is not eligible to be County maintained without undertaking a separate process to dedicate the Right-of-Way to the Public. Contact the Planning Department at (850) 267-1955 for more information on that process. If the Right-of-Way is dedicated to the Public but is privately maintained, the roadway is eligible to be considered for County maintenance pending it meets the County's standards identified in Chapter 5 of the Land Development Code as well as the requirements specified in the County's adopted Road Acceptance Policy. (Copy link) <https://www.co.walton.fl.us/1365/Policies-and-Procedures>.

3. How can I get my road paved?

If you live outside the city limits of our three municipalities, call the Public Works Department at (850) 892-8108 to learn about the Dirt to Pave Program. The Dirt to Pave Program considers a number of issues that includes items such as right of way, environmental issues, engineering considerations, and traffic counts.

4. How do I get my road graded?

On April 13, 1999, the Walton County Board of Commissioners approved Resolution 99-22 which provides residents who live on private roads the ability to receive assistance in maintaining their roadways. The Road Department shall inspect the road prior to acceptance of the fee. The recovery cost for grading such roads will be \$50.00 for a maximum of one hour, but not less than \$25.00 for less than one-half hour of grading on private roads. You may contact the Public Works Department at (850) 892-8108 for additional information.

5. When it rains, I can't get out of my driveway. What will the County do?

Immediately after rain events, the County can assess damage to County maintained roads and close roads as deemed necessary. This department does NOT have the ability to repair roadways during a rainstorm nor do we use County equipment to pull a stranded motorist from standing water. If a motorist chooses to cross standing water on a roadway that has been signed "Road Closed" or barricaded, it is the responsibility of the motorist to have the vehicle towed. The Public Works Department coordinates with officers and dispatchers from the Sheriff's Department to make sure that weather-related signage is installed and properly placed during extreme weather conditions. Once the weather conditions have improved and access is available, this Department will begin to repair damaged roadways in a timely and effective manner. Natural disasters can

destroy roads. Walton County will repair and maintain only the roads on our County Maintained Road list.

6. How do I report damaged roads (including potholes) or debris (rocks, mud, trees, dead animals) in roadways? Where do I report the need for maintenance on the county right of way, including obstruction of view at an intersection of a County-Maintained Road?

If you wish to report a maintenance issue, contact Public Works Office at (850) 892-8108 and we will send the request to the appropriate road department to add to the list of maintenance.

If there is damage or an obstruction in a public roadway that might pose a hazard to motorists, please contact local law enforcement. If necessary, they will contact Public Works. If the debris or damage does not pose a serious hazard, contact the Public Works Department to make a report. (Copy link) <https://www.co.walton.fl.us/FormCenter/Public-Works-12/Public-Works-Service-Request-Form-144>.

7. Will the County purchase and install a culvert at my driveway entrance?

It is the responsibility of the property owner to contact the Public Works Department to verify the culvert location, size and length. It should be noted that Public Works will verify that the proposed location meets our minimum requirements or determine an alternate location. Public Works does not support an access that extends the entire property limits and effort should be made to minimize the size of the needed driveway. It is the responsibility of the property owner to purchase the culvert and contact Public Works prior to installation.

8. Can I do work of any kind in the County maintained right of way? Can I do work in a public right of way that has not been improved?

A permit application is needed for construction activities taking place within a public or County maintained right of way. Right of Way applications must be submitted to Public Works for review and approval and permits obtained before work can be done in the right-of-way. This would include public utilities, contractors, and individuals. You may contact the Public Works Department to obtain a permit application or visit us at <https://www.co.walton.fl.us/1365/Policies-and-Procedures>.

9. How can I have my road/right of way abandoned?

The first step to submitting a development of any kind is to call the Planning Department at (850) 267-1955 to schedule a pre-application meeting with staff. No applications will be accepted prior to a pre-application meeting. An abandonment is where a property owner requests the County to relinquish, or give up, their interest and rights for the public in a particular easement, alley, roadway, rights of way, or dedicated area. Most dedications are provided on plats and deeds recorded in the public records of the Clerk of Court for Walton County, Florida. When a property owner is encumbered by an easement or road that is not in use or maintained by the County Public Works Department, the owner "petitions" the County for relief by abandoning their right to use the area in the future. The Florida Statutes speak directly about the different kinds of abandonment, but in each case, the owner must petition the County for the relief. There must be public hearing to allow adjacent property owners to comment, the owner is required to notice their neighbors by mail and public sign, and the decision of the Commission is memorialized in a resolution recorded with the Clerk of Court. A meeting with County personnel is recommended before a petition is made to the Department.

10. What do I do if the regulatory signage on my road is missing?

A missing regulatory sign is an urgent matter and Public Works will replace it as soon as possible. If you encounter this problem, please contact the Public Works Department at 850-892-8108.

ENGINEERING

1. How do I report a drainage issue?

A drainage issue can be reported to staff through the Submit a Service Request process in which staff will determine if the issue is located on public or private property. A response will be provided through the Submit a Service Request process. (copy link)

<https://www.co.walton.fl.us/FormCenter/Public-Works-12/Public-Works-Service-Request-Form-144>

2. How do I report a traffic related concern? (Traffic Signals, Turn Lanes, Intersection Studies)

A traffic issue for County maintained roads can be reported to staff through the Submit a Service Request process in which staff will determine if the issue is located on public or private property. If the concern is related to a traffic signal issue, the continuing services contractor will be contacted based upon staff's determination. (Copy link)

<https://www.co.walton.fl.us/FormCenter/Public-Works-12/Public-Works-Service-Request-Form-144>

3. How do I get a crosswalk at a specific location?

Crosswalk locations are based on several factors. Among those are specified standards published in the MUTCD, AASHTO, Green book and other industry manuals. Public safety, volume of pedestrian traffic, proximity to existing pedestrian facilities and roadway characteristics are all important factors in determining if a crosswalk is warranted. To request staff to evaluate a location for a crosswalk, please submit the request to publicworksenineering@co.walton.fl.us for consideration. (copy link)

<https://www.co.walton.fl.us/1365/Policies-and-Procedures>

4. How do I get a traffic calming device (speed bump) at a specific location?

The County adopted a Traffic Calming policy on January 10, 2017, in which specified requirements shall be met for a traffic calming device to be warranted. (Copy link)

<https://www.co.walton.fl.us/1365/Policies-and-Procedure>. To request staff to evaluate a location for a traffic calming device, please submit the application to publicworksenineering@co.walton.fl.us for consideration.

5. How can I get the speed limit changed/placed on my road?

If you would like to request Engineering to review the posted speed limit of a specified public roadway segment, you can utilize the Submit a Service Request process to formalize this request. Engineering staff will evaluate the request and determine if a speed study is warranted. Upon warrant, Engineering staff will conduct a speed zone analysis. If a speed modification is determined to be needed, then a request will be submitted to the BCC for their approval. (copy link) <https://www.co.walton.fl.us/1365/Policies-and-Procedures> Traffic Calming Policy.

6. Are golf carts allowed on my road?

Golf carts are unlicensed, unregistered motor vehicles that are specifically not allowed on public County Maintained roadways. Golf carts are defined by Section 320.01(22) Florida Statutes. LSVs (Low Speed Vehicles) are defined by Section 320.01(41) Florida Statute as any four wheeled vehicle that the top speed is greater than 20 mph but not greater than 25 mph. LSVs must be registered, titled, and insured and are allowed to operate on public roadways with a posted speed limit of 35 mph or less. Please see Florida Statutes for other requirements of LSVs.

7. How do I report a water or sewer issue?

Currently, the County only operates and maintains a sanitary sewer system in the Mossy Head Industrial Park area. If you need to report an issue for sewer in that area or if you need a sewer availability letter, please contact Public Works at 850-892-8108 or Submit a service request (copy link & paste in web browser) <https://www.co.walton.fl.us/FormCenter/Public-Works-12/Public-Works-Service-Request-Form-144> See helpful links below for other utility providers within Walton County.

- Mossy Head Water Works(850) 892-8534
- City of DeFuniak Springs Water & Sewer..... (850) 892-8503
- City of Freeport Water & Sewer..... (850) 835-3137
- City of Paxton Water & Sewer..... (850) 834-2716
- Regional Utilities of South Walton..... (850) 231-5114
- Inlet Beach Water Utility Authority..... (850) 231-4498
- South Walton Utilities(850) 837-2988
- Argyle Water System, Inc..... (850) 892-4566

8. How do I get a no parking sign placed in the County right-of-way?

No parking zones are established per Ordinance 22-07.
(Copy link & paste in web browser) <https://www.co.walton.fl.us/1365/Policies-and-Procedures>

9. How do I get a sidewalk along my road?

The County has identified pedestrian connectivity needs in South Walton as shown on the Multi-Use Path Master Plan. [ADD LINK](#). That plan is currently in the process of being updated and pedestrian needs in North Walton will be included on the updated plan. If you would like to submit a request to Public Works for consideration in the updated plan, send your request to publicworksen지니어ing@co.walton.fl.us.

10. How do I report School Zone beacons that are not flashing or flashing during the wrong times?

Issues can be reported to Public Works at Submit a Service Request or directly to the Walton County School District Facilities and Maintenance Department at 850-892-1100.

