April-June 2023 Q2

QUARTERLY REPORT 2023

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

Picture: You can now submit your service request complaints online. https://www.co.walton.fl.us/FormCenter/Public-Works-12/Public-Works-Service-Request-Form-144

PUBLIC WORKS DIVISION

BY THE NUMBERS

April-June 2023

- 2473 calls received
- 37 Request for service forms processed
- 115 utility permits processed
- 24 right-of-way permits processed
- 17 pay-to-grades
- 27 animal burials
- 274 Culvert Sufficiency Forms processed
- 214.81 tons debris-landfill
- 667.48 tons Class III-landfill
- 7.51 tons concrete-landfill
- 19.89 tons garbage-landfill
- 3012.47 tons asphalt (paving)
- 21 Gallons tack for paving
- 1 load crushed concrete for driveways
- 4 loads mill mat
- 10 tons rip rap
- 120 tons of 8 minus rock
- 160 loads of limerock
- 10 loads sandy clay
- 40 yards sandy asphalt
- Guard rail installation and repairs
- 10 County Stormwater inspections
- 7 County petroleum fuel tank inspections for FDEP compliance
- Applied 320 larvicide site treatments
- 1686 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
- 446 signs have been constructed and installed
- 4 construction projects completed and 6 resurfacing projects completed
- 527 Fleet Maintenance Work Orders completed
- Striping/Stop Bars/RPM/Rumble Strips installation-CJ Laird Road, Campbell Road, Purchasing Parking Lot, CR 283S, WC Currington Road, McHenry Road, CR 30A at Camp Creek, Bayloop Bike Path and Crosswalk, Driftwood Road, Ponce de Leon Street, Blue Pond Circle, Adams Street, Blue Pond Lane

QUARTERLY UPDATE FOR APRIL-JUNE

Walton County Public Works Department received the following grant funding.

Small County Outreach Program (SCOP)

- Rock Hill Road (construction) $7,185,970.00

Small County Road Assistance Program (SCRAP)

- CR1883 (design & construction) $4,415,263.00

CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS COMPLETED

- Grady Brown Park Phase III
- Camp Creek Bike Path (in-house)
- Barrier Free Trail (in-house)
- North Spooky Lane

North Spooky Lane Improvements

Paving, striping, and signage for approximately 480 lineal feet of 18'ft. wide existing dirt road. Project includes the installation of 4 new drainage structures and associated conveyance.

RESURFACING PROJECTS COMPLETED

- W. C. Currington Road 2.33 miles
- McHenry Road 1.22 miles
- Blue Pond Circle .77 miles
- Driftwood Road .44 miles
- Roman Road
- Adams Street

DESIGN PROJECTS COMPLETED

- Deer Lake Bridge
- CR 883 Sidewalk (state design)
- Norwood Drive, Open Gulf Drive and Sandtrap Road Drainage Improvements

PROJECTS CURRENTLY UNDER CONSTRUCTION

- CR 83 Bear Creek Bridge Replacement
- CR283/CR30A Signalized Intersection Improvements
- CR83/CR30A Signalized Intersection Improvements
- U.S. 98/M.C. Davis Blvd. Signalized Intersection Improvements
- U.S. 98 Mack Bayou Road Southbound Dual Left Turn Lane
- Indian Creek Ranch Road Bridge Replacement
- Sheriff's Office Entry Road
- East Point Washington Road Realignment
- 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.

CR83/CR30A Signalized Intersection Improvement
UNDER CONSTRUCTION: Mast arm supported traffic signals at the four-way stop intersection which is currently controlled via a flashing red traffic signal and post mount stop signs.

PROJECTS CURRENTLY UNDER DESIGN

- South Walton Transportation Network PH I (CR83N from 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)
- CR395/CR30A Drainage Improvements (Thyme Street to CR395) $83,105
- Allen Loop Drainage Improvements $49,735
- 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 $217,250
- River Road Bridge $43,000.64
- Governmental Complex Conceptual Design (in-house)
- Teelinville Dam Project (in-house)
- 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
- Chat Holley & U.S. Hwy 331 Traffic and Safety Study $6,935.00

ENVIRONMENTAL

Invasive Species Management

- Treatment of Vines Road and testing/cleanup of spray equipment.

MS4 Permit Stormwater

- Performed seven (7) inspections of County petroleum fuel tanks for FDEP compliance.
- Performed ten (10) inspections of County stormwater outfalls.
- Submitted 2023 MS4 Notice of Intent to FDEP
- Submitted MS4 permit Year 4 Annual Report to FDEP
- Prepared and distributed NPDES quarterly newsletter
- Calibrated Courthouse generator fuel gauge and checked secondary containment

Artificial Reefs

- Prepared procurement for FWC 22009

Coastal Dune Lakes

- Planned, organized, and facilitated one (1) Coastal Dune Lake Advisory Board meetings.
- CDLAB Meeting on 04/26/2023
- MKEI Family Festival on 04/15/2023

Choctawhatchee Bay/ St. Andrews Bay Projects

- CBEC Meeting Preparation – 4/6/2023.
- CBEC Meeting – 4/12/2023.
- NWFWMD CBEP Presentation – 4/13/2023.
- CCMP Pre-TAC Meeting – 4/17/2023.
- CBEP Budget Meeting – 4/19/2023.
- CBEP Coordination with Okaloosa County Meeting - 4/19/2023.
- TAC Meeting – 4/20/2023.
- EP Coordination Meeting – 4/25/2023.
- CCMP Meeting Recap Meeting – 4/25/2023.
- CBEP Semi-annual FFR/PPR Reporting.

Meetings

- Old Town of Santa Rosa Regional Stormwater Project Meeting 4/13/23

Grant Applications

- America the Beautiful-worked with FSU to complete an application for the Estuary Program

Miscellaneous

- Interview with News Channel 7 on grants

RESTORE

Local RESTORE Act – Pot 1

- Semi-annual FFR Reports (4)
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TDC

- Explore Northwest Florida Meeting 4/29/23
- Beach clean-up Planning & Event 4/29/23

Permitting/Miscellaneous Items

- Black Bear Stakeholders meeting 4/4/23
- Bear 101 Training 426/23
- Worked on developing attribute list for ROW Asset Management and Stormwater Inventory collection databases.
- Met with FDEP/FDOH and converted District 2 Well from FDEP Public well to FDOH Limited Use Well
- Submitted 3 agenda items for 4/11/23 BCC Meeting. Attended pre-BCC and BCC meeting

NORTH WALTON MOSQUITO CONTROL

- Applied larvicide treatments to 320 sites including:
    - 336 briquets, 156 water soluble pouches, 22 lbs. granular pesticide,
    - Sprayed roadside ditches in Freeport, WBL, and 331S zones
- Site Inspections: 1686 sites
- Installed ditch spraying equipment on 1 vehicle
- Sprayer maintenance and oil change- 1
- Calibrated 6 ULV spray units
- Bled 46 sentinel chickens at 8 coops for baseline data
- Employee training for updated spray zones/routes/new larvicide sites
- Continued employee training for Mosquito Tech 1 position (traps/bleeding_
- Training for mosquito Control Director succession plan
- Continued research/data collection & attended meetings-funding from City of Freeport & City of DeFuniak Springs
- Employee Training: 8 employees attended webinar-FieldSeeker overview
- 3 employees participated in FMCA Legislative Day in Tallahassee
- 2 employees attended Packaging & Shipping Class for sentinel blood
- 2 employees attended drone demonstration at South Walton Mosquito Control

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

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 publicworksengineering@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 publicworksengineering@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 publicworksengineering@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.