



Public Service Department

MONTHLY REPORT

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Professionalism

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PUBLIC SERVICE DEPARTMENT OPERATIONS

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Administration:

The front office is staffed by 6 employees each weekday between the hours of 7:30am and 4:30pm. This staff consists of the following positions:

Director	Deputy Director	Public Services Coordinator
Engineering Technician	Administrative Assistant	Clerk

The front office staff supports the administrative and operational needs of every division within the public service department.

Maintenance Division:

The maintenance division is staffed by 23 employees operating on staggered shifts. This staff consists of the following positions:

Maintenance Superintendent (1)	Maintenance Supervisor (3)
Maintenance Worker (14)	Seasonal Maintenance Worker (4)
Custodian (1)	

The maintenance division is responsible for owning and maintaining all of the city's public infrastructure and facilities. This includes the maintenance of all city owned roadways, street lights, traffic signals, fire hydrants, storm sewers, sanitary sewers and waterlines. This team is also responsible for utility marking, roadside mowing, leaf collection, utility marking and snow and ice removal. In addition, this group maintains all city owned buildings and facilities including Rose Run Park, Village Hall, the police department, the public service department, the Phelps House, the Guzzo building, 3 water booster stations and a water tower.

Fleet Maintenance Division:

The fleet division is staffed by 3 employees each weekday between the hours of 7:00am and 3:30pm. This staff consists of the following positions:

Fleet Manager (1)	Fleet Mechanic (2)
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The fleet maintenance division services and maintains a fleet more than 100 vehicles along with a wide variety of equipment valued at +/- 9.5 million dollars. This team oversees the fuel management system for all departments, performs preventative maintenance and equipment repair and manages the acquisition and decommissioning of fleet vehicles. The maintenance division also manages the New Albany SmartRide.

Forestry Division:

The forestry division is staffed by three employees each weekday between the hours of 7:30am and 3:30pm. This staff consists of the following positions:

Forester (1)	Forestry Specialist (2)
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New Albany has an inventory of more than 20,000 trees located within the public right of way and on city owned properties. The forestry division is responsible for the pruning and care of the trees, along with the planting of new and replacement trees throughout the city.



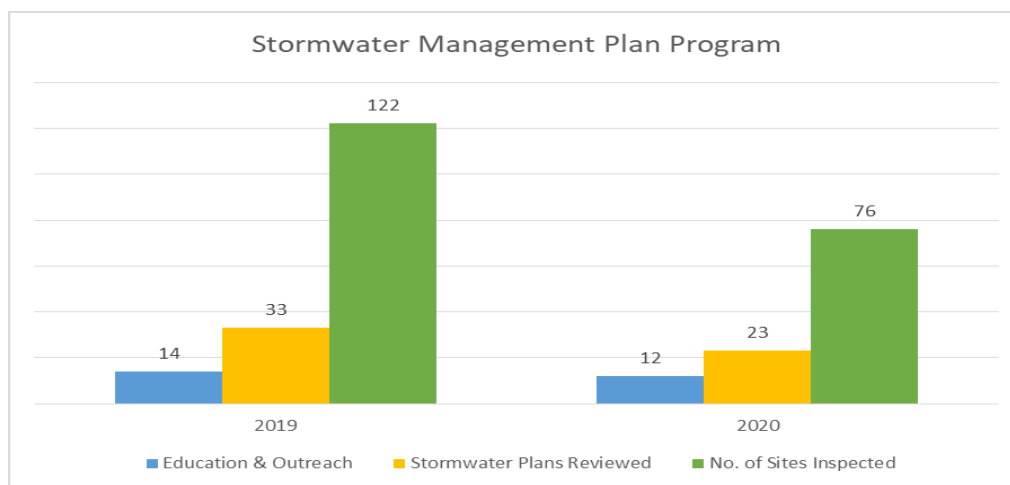
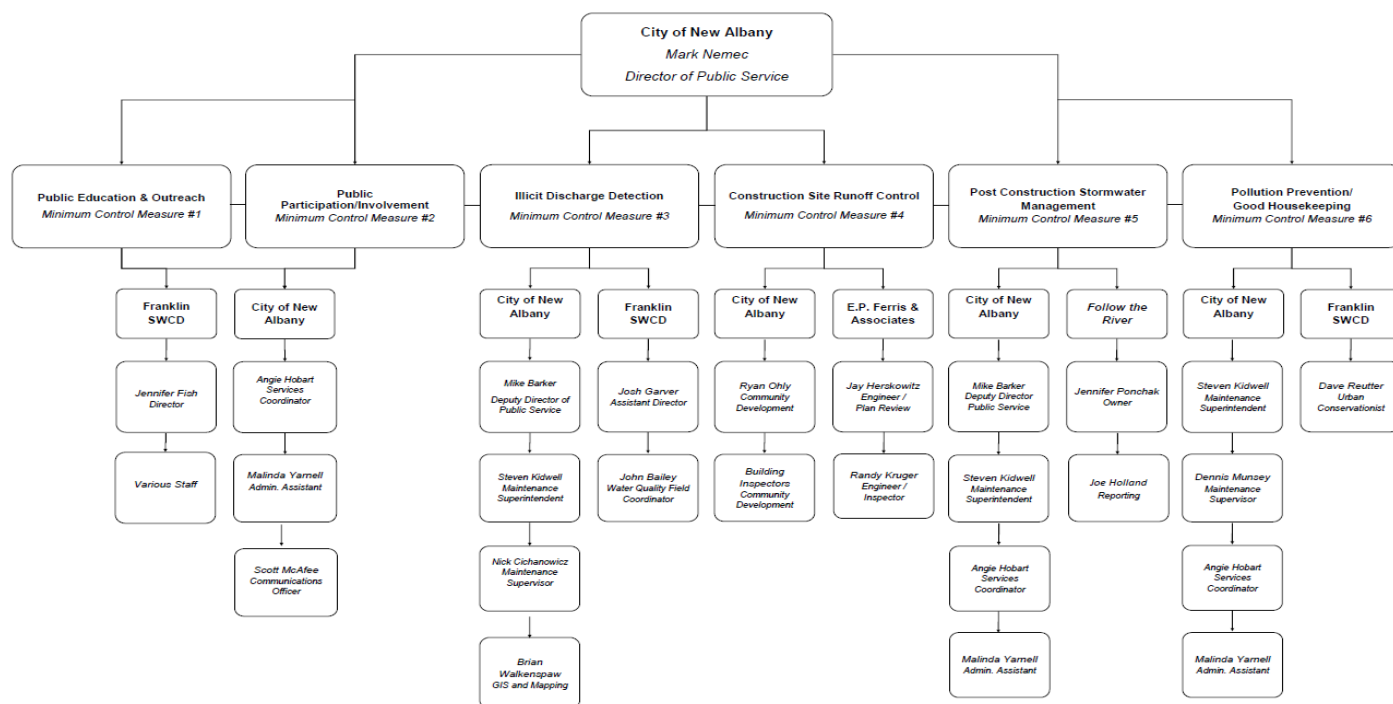
CITY STORMWATER MANAGEMENT

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Stormwater Management Program

New Albany is recognized by the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (OEPA) as a community that owns and maintains a separated storm sewer system. Because of this, New Albany is required to actively manage and enforce a stormwater management plan to ensure that the quantity and quality of stormwater drainage within the community is meeting or exceeding the requirements of the OEPA's general permit.

The public service department is responsible for overseeing the management, implementation and annual reporting of the stormwater management program. This is coordinated and achieved through the collective effort of our stormwater committee which is comprised of a variety of city staff and consultants, each responsible for a portion of the overall program. The director meets with the stormwater committee on a quarterly basis to discuss progress, plan for implementation of all requirements and to develop action plans. The stormwater management program is enforced by way of New Albany codified ordinances 1181 and 1183.



PROJECT UPDATES

FEBRUARY 2021

Stormwater Management Program

The city of New Albany is required to submit a comprehensive report to the Ohio EPA by April each year that describes our efforts in overseeing and enforcing the conditions of the general permit. During the month of February, members of the stormwater committee compiled data from their areas of responsibility and forwarded to Franklin Soil and Water to assemble the final report. A draft of the final report was then prepared and is currently being reviewed and prepared for final submittal.

Preparing a Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP)

City staff attended an Ohio EPA webinar on preparing a storm water pollution prevention plan (SWPPP). The learning objectives from the webinar were the purpose of a SWPPP, the basic elements of a SWPPP and common mistakes to avoid.

Invitation to Bid

An invitation to bid on the New Albany Turf and Landscape Maintenance Program was held in February. The maintenance program consists of general mowing, turf fertilizer and weed control, plant and landscape maintenance, and leaf removal for 116 acres of city owned property. Two sealed bids were received and reviewed. The Rocky Fork Company was awarded the contract. This program is managed by Dennis Munsey, Maintenance Supervisor.

Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission Solar Week

Many members of the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC) are developing a growing interest in solar developments within their communities bringing along a host of considerations for local governments. Solar Week, coordinated by MORPC, was designed for local governments to engage in different solar topics they may face, learn more about what to expect and determine how the region can move forward together. The four-day presentation included topics on Local Governments and the Ohio Power Siting Board, Economic Development and Community Considerations, Community Solar Roundtable and Community Choice Aggregation. This web-based presentation was well attended by city staff.

Winter Weather Found New Albany

The city's snow warriors responded to 6 snow events during the month of February, including a single event that realized nearly 8" of snowfall. Several compliments were received from residents and businesses within New Albany. Great job to our team for their extraordinary efforts in keeping our roads safe!



CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT UPDATES

FEBRUARY 2021

Main Street Utility Burial

General contractor: Messer Construction / Igel

Construction Budget: \$1,500,000

- Funding source: 2019 Capital Improvement Fund
- Payments to date: \$795,653
- Budget status: The project is tracking consistent with the approved budget

Construction Schedule:

- Construction start date: November 2019
- Estimated completion date: December 2020
- Schedule status: This project is behind schedule due to coordination with private utility companies and weather delays

Project Description:

This project will relocate the existing aerial utilities to an underground location along Main Street from a point north of the roundabout at Market Street to the bridge over the Rose Run stream south of Dublin-Granville Road. This project will be performed in conjunction with the Rose Run Park construction and the improvement of Dublin-Granville Road.

This project will enhance the aesthetics of the area by removing utility poles and overhead wires between CVS and a point north of Village Hall. Portions of sidewalk and curb along the length of this project will be replaced; particularly along the frontage of Village Hall.

Project Status:

All of the existing utilities have transitioned to their underground location. We are working with AEP to formalize a schedule to have the poles removed and area restored.



CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT UPDATES

FEBRUARY 2021

Blacklick Creek Trunk Sewer, Part 2B

General contractor: Complete General Construction

Construction Budget: \$9,462,037.25

- Funding source: OWDA Loan (Capital Improvement Fund)
- Payments to date: \$428,626.79 (+/- 4.3% of budget)
- Budget status: The project is tracking consistent with the approved budget

Construction Schedule:

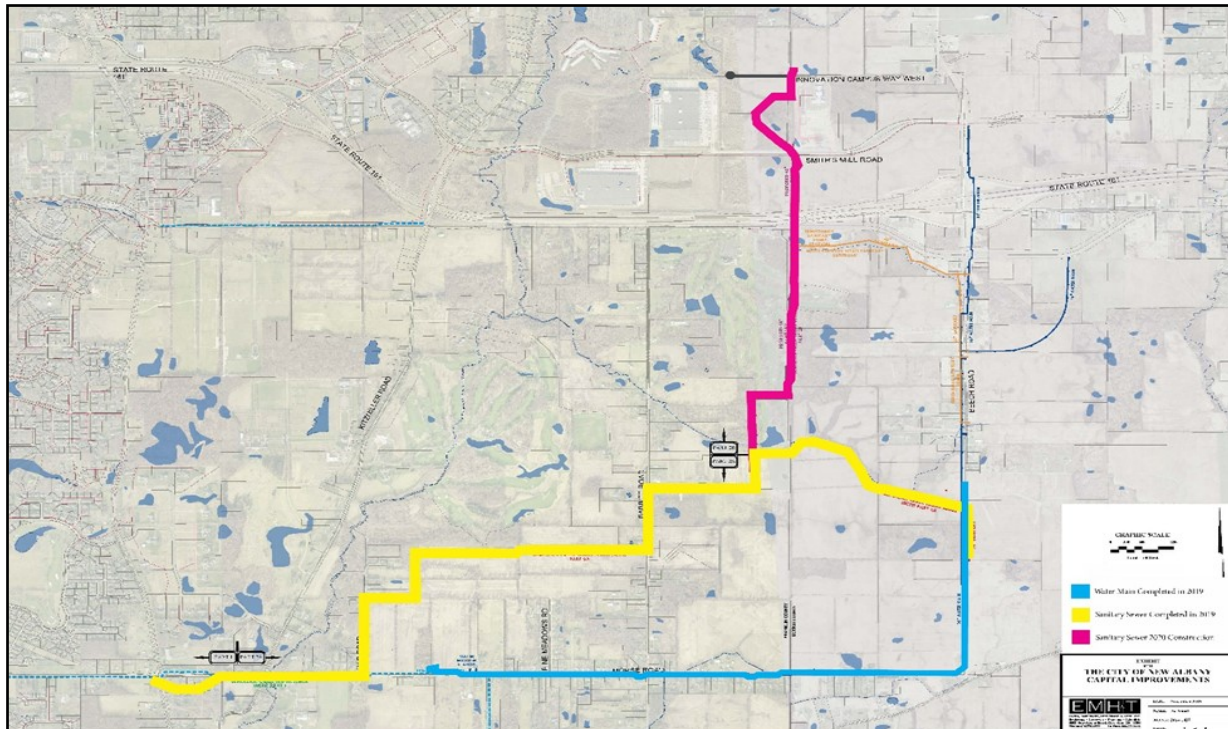
- Construction start date: November, 2020
- Estimated project duration: 15 months

Project Description:

The Blacklick Creek Trunk Sewer (BCTS) is the backbone of sanitary sewer system that will serve a tributary area of approximately 9,000 acres. This tributary area includes undeveloped ground within the New Albany International Business Park as well as existing development within the current diversion area (Personal Care and Beauty Campus). Construction of BCTS Part 1, 2A-1 and 2A-2 was completed in 2019. The completion of BCTS Part 2B will eliminate the current diversion area and provide the capacity necessary to support new and existing development sites along the eastern boundary of the city. Part 2B of the BCTS project will include the installation of approximately 10,000 linear feet of 48" and 42" sanitary sewer. The project also includes a +/- 600 foot bore under SR 161.

Project Status:

Complete General Construction has completed the clearing and installation of all sediment and erosion controls on the portion of the project south of SR-161. Approximately 500 feet of 48" pipe and one manhole has been installed to date. The contractor is currently installing pipe at a rate of between 60 and 80 feet per day, which is consistent with our expectations. The contractor is also making preparations for the boring work necessary to cross SR-161.



CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT UPDATES

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Jug Street Water Booster Station

General contractor: Howell Contractors, Inc.

Construction Budget: \$3,232,000.000

- Funding source: 2019 Capital Improvement Fund
- Payments to date: \$2,681,065.13 (+/- 82.3% of budget)
- Budget status: The project is tracking consistent with the approved schedule

Construction Schedule:

- Construction start date: April 2020
- Estimated completion date: April 2021
- Schedule status: The project is tracking ahead of the approved schedule

Project Description:

There is currently a single water pressure district providing water service to the entire city. This district is referred to as the New Albany Pressure District. The continued growth of the business park in the northeast quadrant of the city has resulted in land areas beyond the limit of what can be appropriately serviced by the New Albany Pressure District. As such, plans have been developed to establish a second water pressure district, the Mink Pressure District, which will produce sufficient water flow and pressure necessary to support continued growth in this quadrant of the city. The Jug Street Water Booster Station is a key component to creating this new pressure district.

Project Status:

The concrete pads for the pumps has been poured, and the pumps have arrived on site. Installation of the standing seam metal roof is nearly complete. The electrical contractor has pulled the conductor to complete the controller connections. All building HVAC work is complete, and painting of the interior walls is underway. The final site work will begin during the month of March.



CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT UPDATES

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US-62 and SR-161 Interchange Improvement Project

Permitting Schedule:

- Start date: February 2020
- Estimated approval: July 2021

Construction Budget: \$4,000,000

- Potential funding sources:
 - OPWC Round 33 Infrastructure Funds
\$187,792 grant, \$595,524 loan
 - ODOT Safety Funds FRA-62-30.34
\$2,079,675 grant
 - 2020 Capital Improvement Fund

Construction Schedule:

- Estimated construction start date: July 2021
- Estimated construction duration: 24 months (Phase 1, 6 months, Phase 2, 18 months)

Project Description:

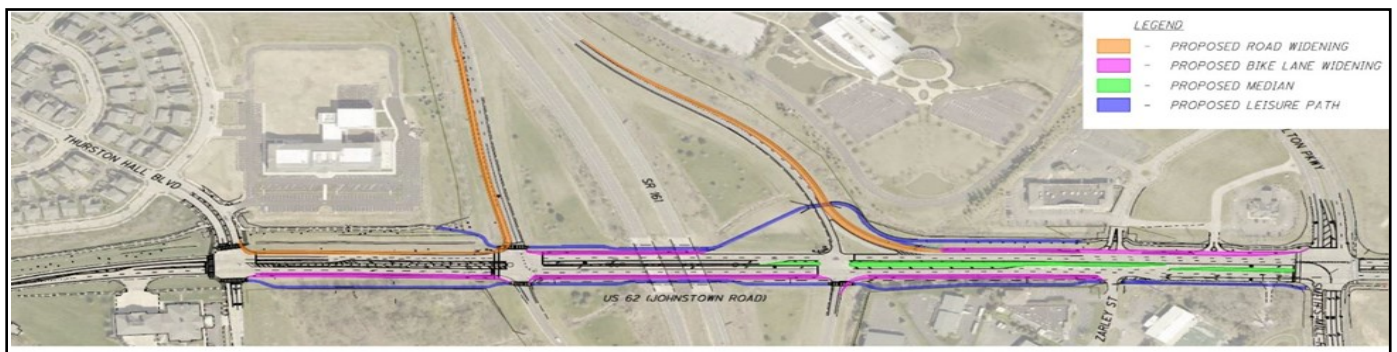
This project will greatly enhance the safety, movement of traffic and pedestrians and the overall aesthetics of this prominent gateway into the city. The project will include several primary improvements that include:

- The addition of a lane to the SR-161 eastbound off ramp to increase exit ramp capacity
- A modification to the SR-161 westbound on-ramp to provide additional merging distance
- The addition of protected bike lanes along both sides of US-62
- Construction of separated leisure trails along both side of US-62
- The installation and extension of a center median
- A lane addition at Thurston Hall Boulevard intersection to better accommodate through traffic
- The installation of a traffic signal at Thurston Hall/Theisen Drive/US-62

The listed improvements will be designed as traffic calming measures intending to better manage vehicle access and slow the travel speeds along the corridor. The improvements will also provide much needed pedestrian and alternative transportation infrastructure to connect the north and south sides of the city.

Project Status:

The engineering team is coordinating final materials and plantings with MKSK to ensure that the desired aesthetics of this prominent interchange are achieved. Construction plans continue to advance, and the team is anticipating a stage 2 submittal to ODOT near term.



FORESTRY DIVISION

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Street trees are among the most impactful public infrastructure elements responsible for establishing New Albany as the healthy, thriving and beautiful community that it is today. Trees also provide many economic, environmental and social benefits. It has been well studied and documented that tree lined streets and preserved greenspaces enhance the quality of everyday living. It is the responsibility of the urban forestry division to maintain and care for the city's substantial inventory of more than 20,000 trees.

As the city's urban forest continues to grow, so does the maintenance required to preserve tree health, aesthetics and public safety. Trees are a part of a city's infrastructure, no different than sewers, streets and traffic signals; and require comparable consideration and attention.

In 2019, the public service director recognized the need to prioritize the city's tree inventory after an evaluation completed by an expert consultant identified issues that threaten the long term health of the trees. In order to implement a proactive tree care and maintenance program and address the concerns identified, a forestry division was formed.

This one person division has since grown to a staff of 3, and provides the expert knowledge and labor to complete maintenance activities such as pruning street trees according to a best practice schedule, removing dead trees, grinding stumps, planting replacement street trees, providing emergency response for storm damaged or downed trees, and maintaining trees on city owned properties and green spaces.

The forestry division includes the following staff members:

City Forester, Marylou Hoessle
Forestry Specialist, Chase Loughman
Forestry Specialist, Nick McPherson

On average, sixty three trees are pruned on a weekly basis to achieve a five year pruning cycle. This work is performed in addition to mulching and root removal. The forestry division is also responsible for the safe operation of chainsaws, commercial wood chippers, and the city's bucket truck, along with establishing and maintaining traffic control as needed.

The following is a condensed list of services and tasks that are managed by the forestry division:

- Provide GIS mapping of city street trees—Includes determination of species, size and overall condition
- Establish collaborative annual street tree replacement programs with HOA groups and residents
- Inspect newly planted trees for city and residential development projects
- Administer Tree City USA certification and Arbor Day Event activities
- Engage with New Albany-Plain Local School's Environmental Science Program promoting forestry education
- Assist city staff with zoning complaints involving tree protection and conservation zones
- Provide assistance on capital projects that include tree planting and removal such as the Rose Run and Miracle Field projects

New Albany is on track to become a regional leader in the area of forestry. As the community continues to grow, the strategic involvement of the forestry division will ensure that our trees continue to be among our most appreciated assets.

FORESTRY PROJECT UPDATES

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Project: Winter pruning

- Trees that can only be pruned in the dormant season such as oaks, elms, Honey Locust and trees under stress
- Trees that are currently obstructing snow plowing

Pruning Schedule:

- Streets in progress include Lambton Park and Alban Mews
- The next street in line is Audley Road

Project Description:

Citizen requests and snow plow obstruction generally determine the priority of winter pruning. Certain species of trees must be pruned while certain pests are dormant, as in the case of oak trees, or while the tree itself is dormant to limit pruning induced stress.

Project Status:

Crews continued with the winter pruning of street trees between snow events.



FORESTRY PROJECT UPDATES

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Project: Tree Inventory

- Collecting geospatial and biological data on street and park trees

Inventory Schedule:

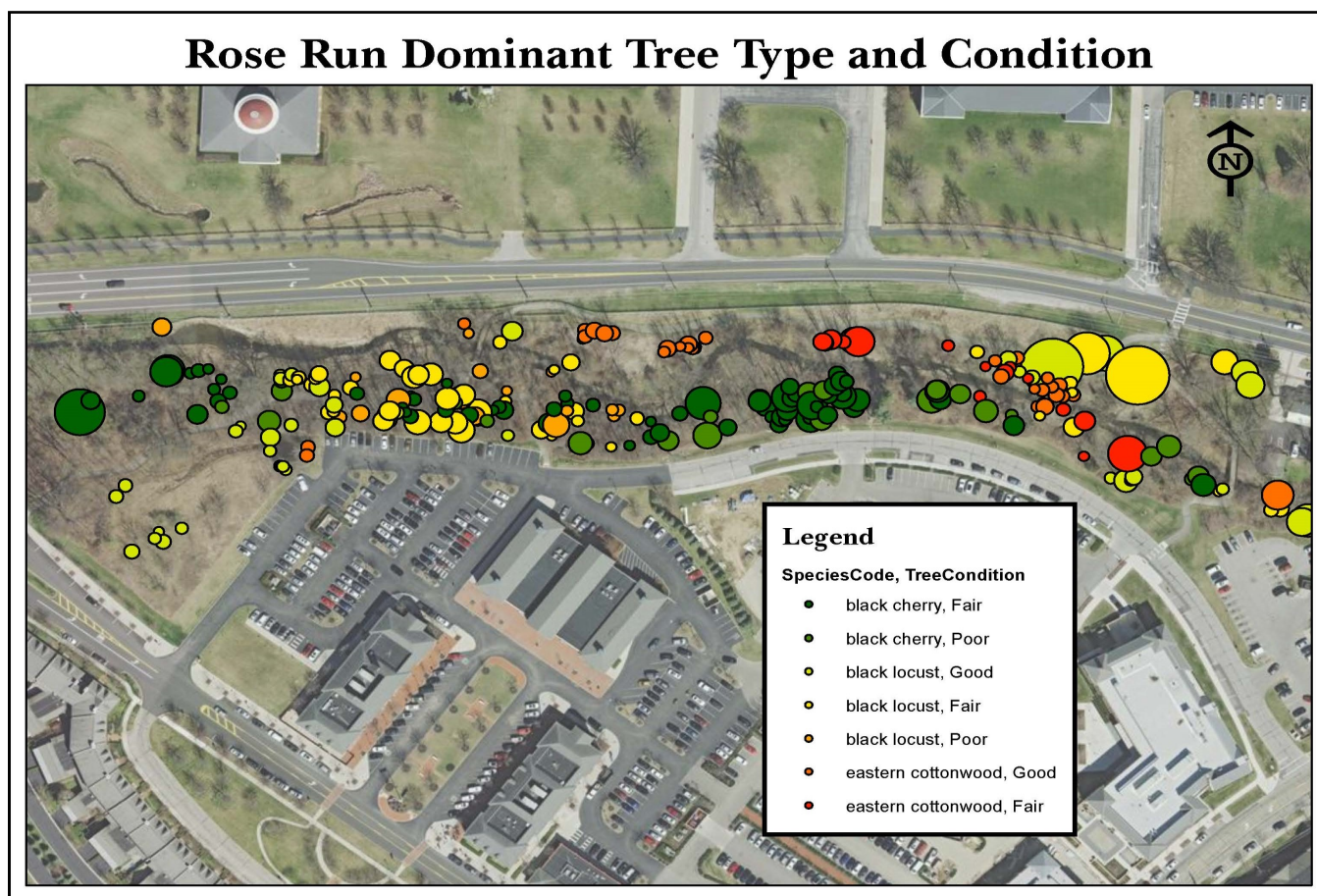
- Inventory is done throughout the year when pruning cannot be done

Project Description:

In order to properly manage our urban forest, an accurate inventory must be obtained. There are 20,000 +/- street trees in New Albany to manage. Tree location, size, species and condition are collected and the data is analyzed to improve our management strategies. The data is also used in our work order system to assign assets, or individual trees, to work orders. This allows us to track the resources spent on a specific tree, collect data on resources needed per tree and ensure accuracy on the job.

Project Status:

Ninety-Five percent of the street tree inventory in the city is complete.

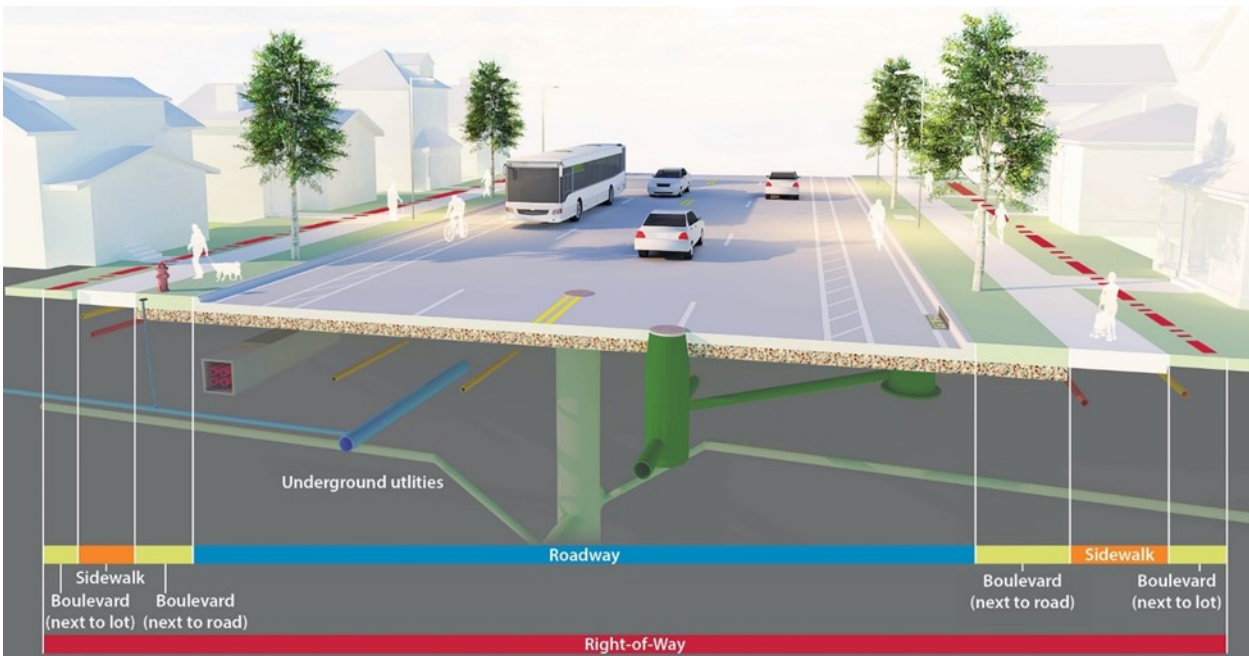


RIGHT OF WAY DIVISION

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What is right of way?

Right of way refers to a portion of land that is owned by the city and generally includes a roadway, tree lawns and sidewalks, bike lanes, street trees and street lights. Right of way also functions as a public and private utility corridor. Public storm sewers, sanitary sewers, waterlines and fiber optic lines are located within the right of way. Private utility providers are also permitted to locate within the right of way. The most common private utilities that locate in the right of way are electric, natural gas, telephone, cable and fiber optic. They can be located underground or above ground on poles.



As residential and commercial developments in New Albany continues, so too does the amount of public and private infrastructure located within the public right of way. The public service department is responsible for managing the efficient use and maintenance of the right of way.

Right of way is managed by the following staff members:

Engineering Technician, Brian Walkenspaw
Maintenance Supervisor, Nick Cichanowicz
Maintenance Worker, Jordan Gambill

The following is a consolidated list of responsibilities and services that are provided by the right of way division:

- Populate and maintain GIS data of city owned utilities and assets
- Process and oversee the issuance of right of way permits
- Review and process special hauling permits (oversized load, heavy load)
- Provide the physical marking of utilities owned by the city
- Actively manage and oversee the efficient use of the right of way

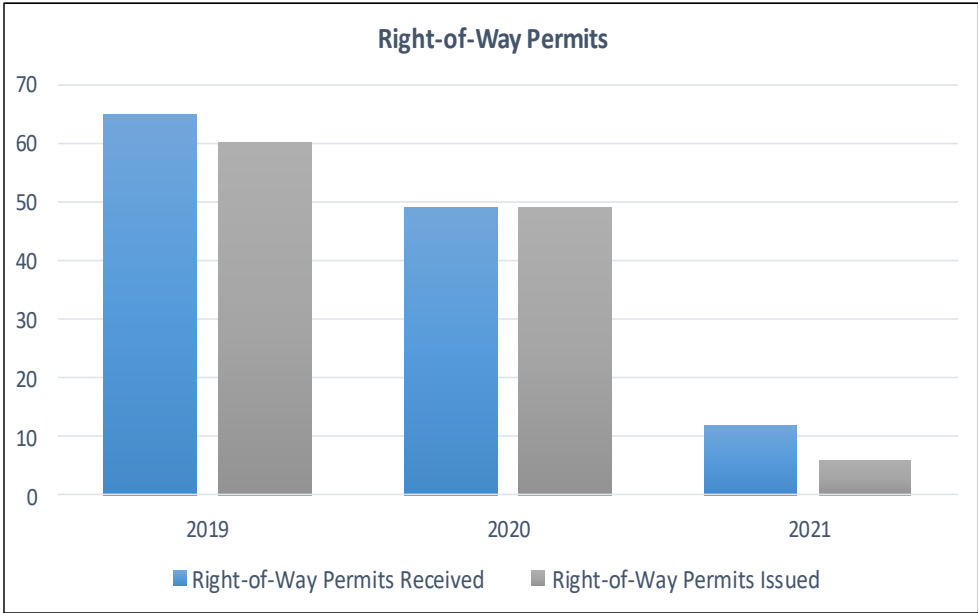
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Right of Way Permitting

In order for a utility to be installed within the right of way, a right of way permit must be issued by New Albany. This process is managed by the public service department in accordance with section 907 of New Albany’s codified ordinances.

A private utility provider requesting to locate within the right of way must first obtain a certificate of registration. Unregistered utility providers are not permitted to locate within the right of way. There are currently 20 providers with active registrations.

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Hauling Permits

Section 4513.34 of the Ohio Revised Code (ORC) requires jurisdictions to issue special permits for the operation of vehicles exceeding the maximum roadway weight limitations. Vehicles and loads exceeding the maximum allowable weight, width, height and/or length measuring 86’L x 8’6”W x 13’6”H are considered oversized. Vehicles which weigh over 80,000 lbs. are categorized as overweight and vehicles that weigh over 120,000 lbs. are identified as a superload.

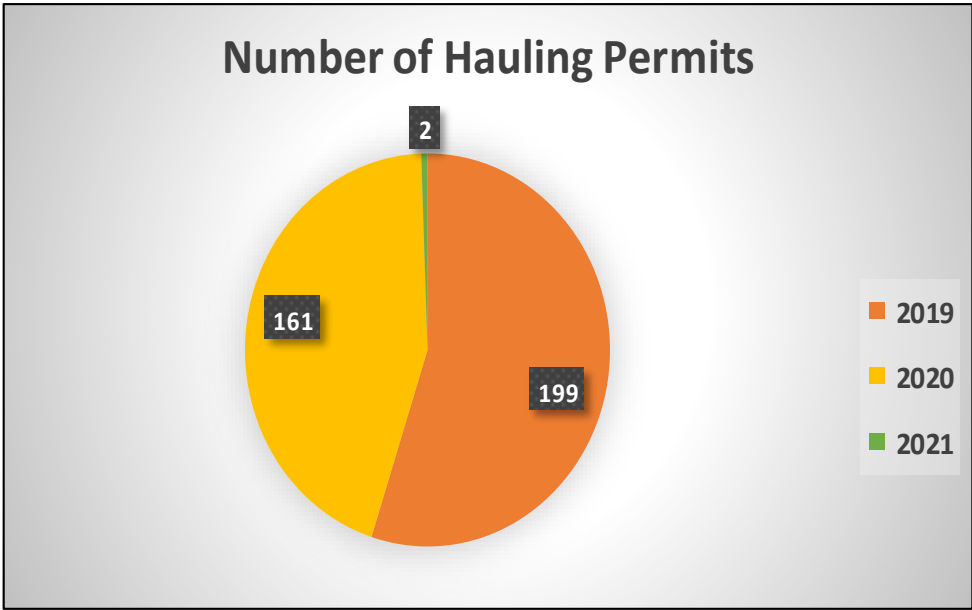
New Albany charges a fee of \$75 to applicants to cover the cost of issuing a permit and/or inspecting the roadway condition before, during and after the permitted movement.



Superload



A transformer is carried into the Google site by a Goldhofer trailer



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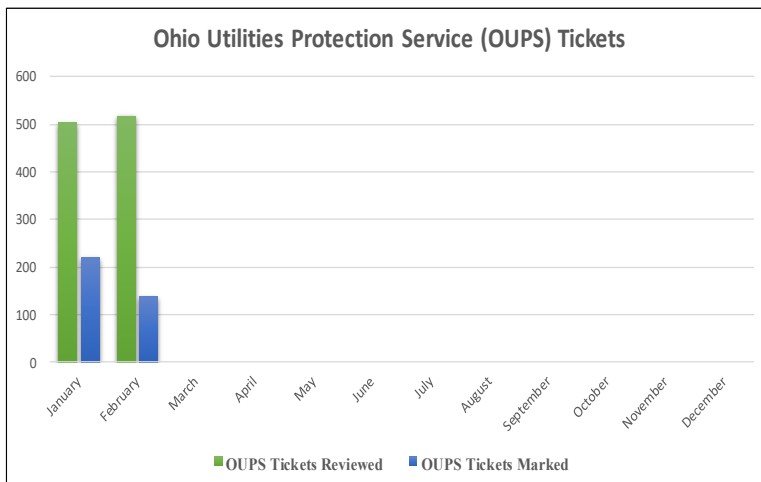
Utility Locating—Ohio Utilities Protection Service (OUPS) Tickets



Call 811 before You Dig

Utility locators identify and map location and depth of utilities such as water, sewer, gas, cable, oil and electric lines. It is important that each utility locator follows a checklist of best practices to identify utility lines.

Utility locating is one of the most important steps in any excavation. It represents the groundwork that determines everything excavators need to know about the job site. Without locating utilities first, digging would be extremely dangerous as it puts vulnerable underground utility lines at risk.

Once utility lines are located, locators use temporary markings to identify them. Typical markings may include stakes, flags or paint.





**Know what's below.
Call before you dig.**

Know the Color Code

WHITE:	Proposed Excavation
PINK:	Temporary Survey Markings
RED:	Electric Power Lines, Cables, Conduit and Lighting Cables
YELLOW:	Gas, Oil, Steam, Petroleum or Gaseous Materials
ORANGE:	Communication, Alarm or Signal Lines, Cables or Conduit
BLUE:	Potable Water
PURPLE:	Reclaimed Water, Irrigation and Slurry Lines
GREEN:	Sewer and Drain Lines

COMMUNITY RESPONSE UPDATES

FEBRUARY 2021

Innovation Campus Way West Sewer Backup

On February 2, the public service department received a call from a business located on Innovation Campus Way West with the report of a sanitary sewer backup. Our utility team responded promptly and was able address the immediate issues that were impacting this business. After a thorough field evaluation and detailed pipe camera inspection, the source of the problem was located approximately 1,500' downstream. The problem was found to be a large piece of concrete that was likely pushed into the sanitary sewer system as a result of nearby construction activity. Our utility team was able to successfully remove the obstruction. Many thanks to this team for a job well done in frigid conditions!



New Albany Bike Share Program

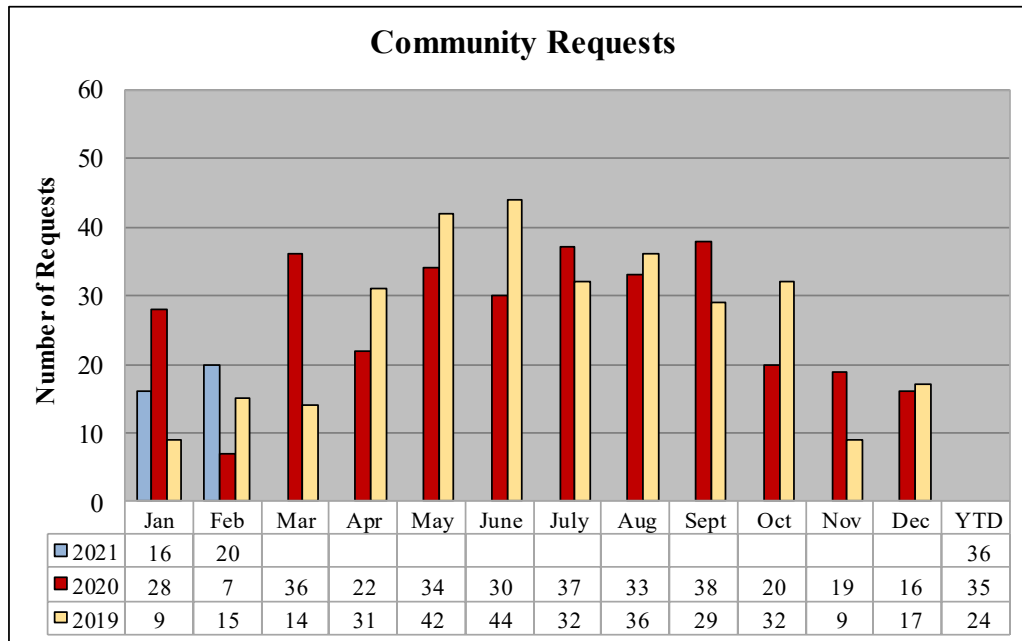
City staff has been working to implement a bike share program that makes bicycles available to the general public for short term use. This effort is intended to benefit not only our residents, but also the many people working in the business campus. A total of ten bike will be stationed along Walton Parkway, just west of SR 605, as the program debuts this spring.

This program is sponsored by Pizzuti, who purchased the bikes and related equipment. The public service department installed the concrete pad that will accommodate the bike station, assembled the bikes for use and will ultimately own and maintain the equipment.

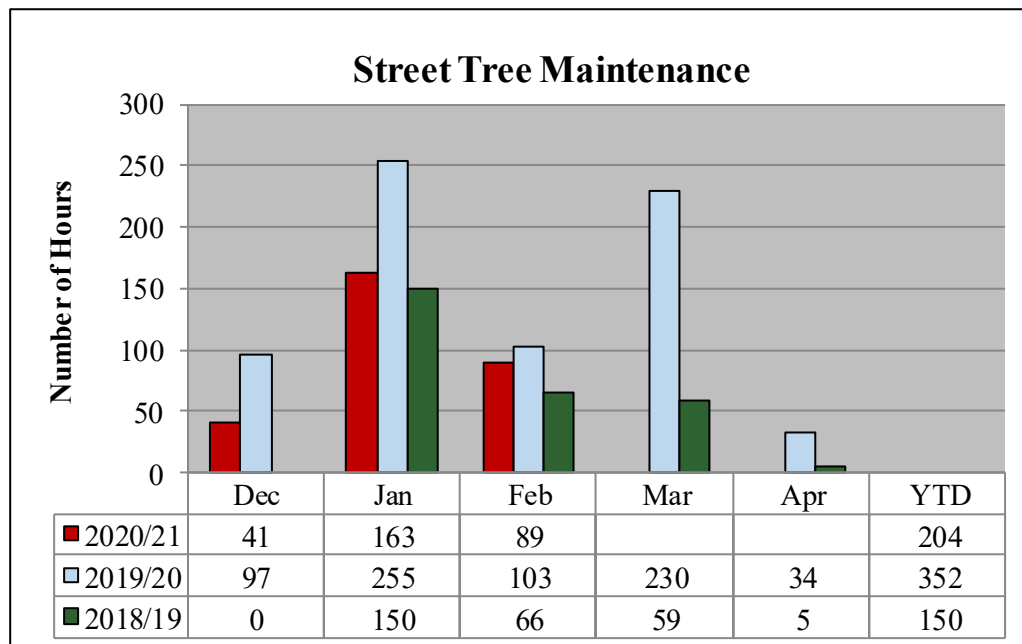


COMMUNITY RESPONSE STATISTICS

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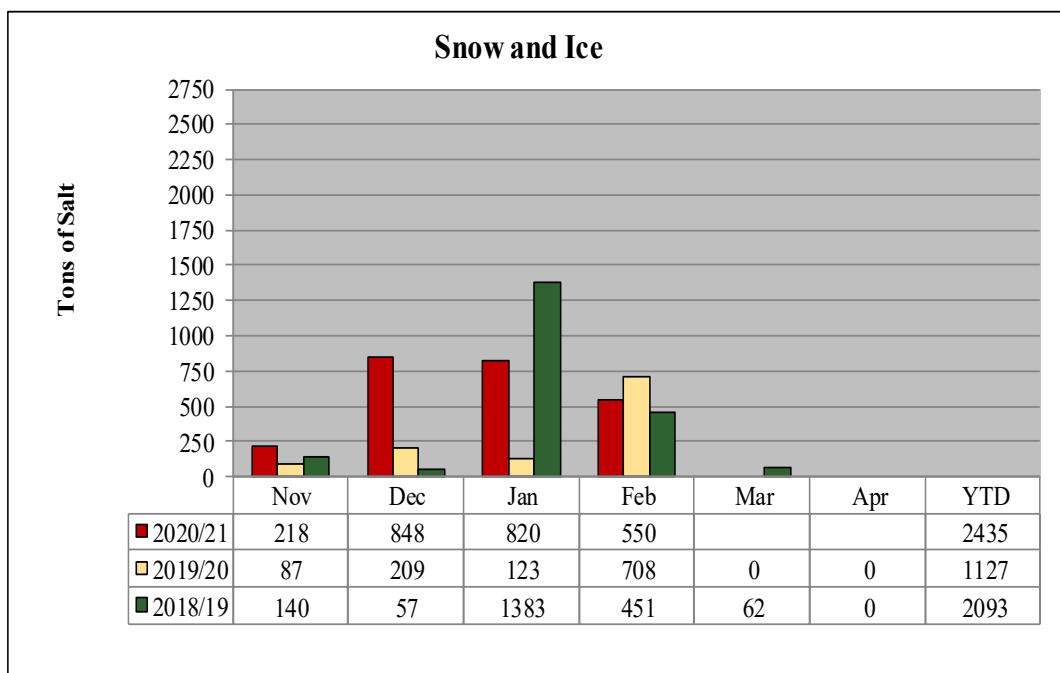
The community requests graph represents phone calls and emails received from residents requesting service.



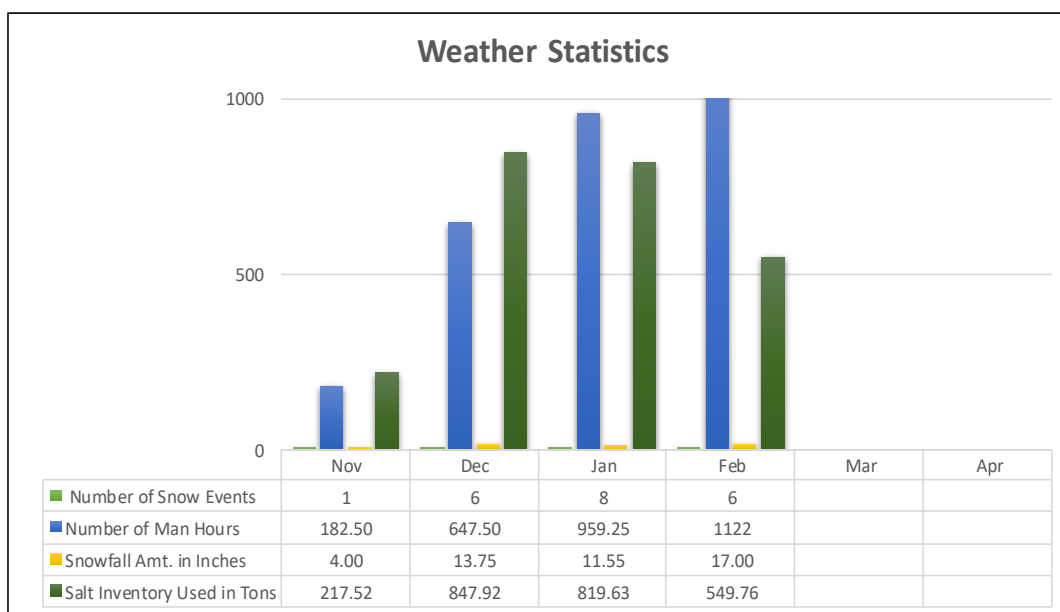
The street tree maintenance graph represents the number of street trees the urban forestry division has attended to by month.

COMMUNITY RESPONSE STATISTICS

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This chart represents the use of road salt over multiple years.



This chart represents seasonal weather statistics broken down by number of events, man hours, snowfall amount in inches and salt usage.