



## 2025 Tioga County Public Works Annual Report

### Executive Brief

#### Key Accomplishments and Successes

From Buildings and Grounds:

- Two new boilers were installed in the Public Safety Building.
- A new wooden sign was crafted in-house and then installed at the Ronald E. Dougherty County Office Building.
- A new boiler was installed at the Court Annex
- Created Indigent Legal Services offices in the Court Annex
- Installed new carpet in the first and second floor hallways of the Ronald E. Dougherty County Office Building.
- Remodeled the Legislative Offices at the Ronald E. Dougherty County Office Building.
- Partial remodeling and partial new carpet in the District Attorney's Office.
- Acted as the General Contractor for the HVAC updates in the Ronald E. Dougherty County Office Building. Offering significant savings over hiring the work done.
- Air handling units were installed on the roofs of the Court House and Court Annex.
- An updated energy efficient HVAC System was installed in the Court Annex.
- An updated energy efficient HVAC system was installed in the Southern section of the Ronald E. Dougherty County Office Building.

From the Highway Department:

- The Harnick Road Bridge was replaced.
- A bridge on East Spencer Road was rehabilitated.
- Eight miles of West Creek Road was repaved and two large culverts were replaced.
- Goodrich Road was repaved and a large culvert pipe was replaced.
- Four miles of Sulphur Springs Road was repaved and a large culvert was replaced.
- Two miles of East River Road were oiled and stoned.
- Roadway shoulders were reestablished on all roadways that were repaved.
- A large culvert was replaced on Straits Corners Road.



### Major Challenges and Constraints

The budgetary constraints and financial responsibilities associated with upgrading vital building mechanical equipment in County buildings. HVAC component costs went up substantially and delivery delays impacted project schedules. Providing and securing quality systems and services for the County at reasonable prices was a challenge. The cost of Roadway salt increased and there were salt supply shortages that Tioga County managed to avoid for the most part based on our ability to stockpile roadway salt.

### Ongoing Priorities and Goals

To Continue to provide, in the most fiscally conservative manner possible, safe and efficient Buildings and Roadway systems for the residents of Tioga County. Building on successes and learning from the mistakes of each year. Financial responsibility of our operations. While next year will likely bring even greater financial challenges, our priorities will be delivering the best value for the County's residents in every aspect of our daily functions. As we move into 2026, the Department of Public Works will continue to maintain the County-owned facilities and perform the work needed on County highways while being critical stewards of the taxpayers' dollar. To continue to maximize New York State and Federal funding options to minimize the financial burden to Tioga County Taxpayers.

### Narrative Departmental Report

50% of the Public Works Administrative staffing retired or resigned within a matter of two weeks during the summer months of 2025. This sudden adjustment required the remaining employees to cross-train, prioritize efforts, and change the way the department operated in an extremely short period of time. We are currently fully staffed and operations are running efficiently.

Building and Grounds is fully staffed and operating within budget for this time of year.

Building and Grounds operations for 2025 included:

- Snow removal from County parking lots.
- Mowing County lawns.
- Cleaning County buildings.
- Furniture building and office renovations.
- Maintenance of County building systems.

Major projects for 2026 in Buildings and Grounds include:

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- Finishing the HVAC renovations at the Ronald E. Dougherty County Office Building.
- Delphine Street County wash facility upgrades.
- County Courthouse and Annex roof replacement.
- Public Safety Building HVAC control system upgrades
- Public Safety Building car wash upgrades.
- County Courthouse planter reconstruction.
- Small pole barn construction at the Highway facility.

The Highway Department is fully staffed and operating within budget for this time of year.

The Highway Department operations for 2025 included:

- Snow removal of County roadways.
- Maintenance of County roadways which includes roadside mowing, pothole patching, ditching operations, pipe replacements, tree removals, guide rail repair, to name some of the work.
- Maintenance of the County automotive and heavy equipment fleets.

Major projects for 2026 in the Highway Department include:

- Repaving Straits Corners Road.
- Repaving the Corporate Drive Entrance.
- Large culvert replacement on Straits Corners Road.
- Replacing a bridge on Glenmary Drive.
- Repaving Stanton Hill Road

Public Works Administration currently has several primarily New York State and Federally funded projects in the design phases:

- Day Hollow Road large culvert replacement.
- Glenmary Drive Bridge Replacement.
- Straits Corners Road Bridge rehabilitation.
- Brown Road Bridge replacement.
- Halsey Valley Road large culvert replacement.

Public Works looks forward to continuing to serve the residents of Tioga County.