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## **Snohomish County 2020 Public Works Annual Report Chronicles A Year of Resiliency**

*Online story map format gives residents an interactive experience*

**EVERETT, Wash., February 19, 2021** – The events of 2020 required adaptability, toughness and ingenuity to overcome daunting obstacles. The Snohomish County 2020 Public Works Annual Report: *A Year of Resiliency* chronicles the accomplishments of the largest department in the county despite a challenging pandemic, weather emergencies and more. The report is now [available online](#) and presented as an interactive story map.

“Our extensive preparation for emergency situations and the perseverance of our employees helped us to thrive during one of the most difficult years in recent memory,” Snohomish County Public Works Director Kelly Snyder said. “From the work of plowing county roads during the snowstorm to constructing major capital works projects in the summer, this annual report shows how our employees streamlined services to cope with the realities of the pandemic and overcome the challenges of 2020.”

The challenges for Public Works related to the pandemic included a temporary state-wide shutdown of construction projects, the need for Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) for staff, and social distancing protocols in both office work, community engagement and on construction sites. Public Works also lent support to the Department of Emergency Management (DEM) and assisted with community projects such as the East-West Food Rescue Program.

Despite these challenges, Snohomish County employees worked on numerous road, solid waste and surface water-related projects during 2020. Public Works highlights include:

- Completion of eight storm damage repair projects
- Replacement of 11 culverts
- Preservation and repair of more than 1,600 miles of county roads
- Publication of the Snohomish County Americans with Disabilities Act Transition Plan
- Processing of more than 560,000 tons of garbage at Solid Waste facilities and more

The report shows how public resources were utilized in 2020 and how the county leveraged local, state and federal grants to stretch local tax dollars.

The digital document is best viewed in the Chrome web browser and can be experience on any internet connected device.

**About Snohomish County Public Works**

The Snohomish County Public Works Department constructs and maintains county roads; controls and manages surface water quantity, quality, and fish habitats; and oversees the recycling and disposal of solid waste. The department's main office is located at 3000 Rockefeller Ave., Everett, WA 98201. For more information about Snohomish County Public Works, visit [www.snohomishcountywa.gov/PublicWorks](http://www.snohomishcountywa.gov/PublicWorks).

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