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Snohomish County 2021 Public Works Annual Report: *Adapting in an Evolving World* Now Available Online

Online story map format gives residents an interactive experience

EVERETT, Wash., February 17, 2022 – The world around us changes in so many ways and that evolution was front and center during the past year. The Snohomish County 2021 Public Works Annual Report: *Adapting in an Evolving World* 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.

“The challenges of 2021 were persistent and complex, but it brought out the best in our staff,” Snohomish County Public Works Director Kelly Snyder said. “Our employees continued to bring the people of Snohomish County the great customer service they have grown to expect from our Solid Waste and roads divisions. This annual report shows how our employees adapted and evolved with the realities of 2021.”

Public Works staff faced many unique challenges including supply chain delays, winter snow and ice storms, and continued social distancing protocols in the office environment, community engagement, on construction sites, among many others.

Despite these challenges, Snohomish County employees worked on numerous road and solid waste projects during 2021. Public Works highlights include:

- Emergency response to two major winter storms and a heatwave during the summer
- Completion of 12 drainage improvement projects
- Preservation and repair of more than 1,600 miles of county roads
- The acquisition of one of the largest single grants in the country (\$22.1 million) to replace Granite Falls Bridge 102
- The return of the popular Litter Wranglers program
- Processing of more than 560,000 tons of garbage at numerous Solid Waste facilities
- and much more

The report outlines how public resources were utilized in 2021 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 experienced on any internet connected device.

About Snohomish County Public Works

Snohomish County Public Works is responsible for approximately 1,600 miles of county roads, more than 200 bridges and manages about 200 traffic control signals. The department also processes nearly 600,000 tons of garbage per year. Its mission is to focus on safety and mobility while practicing fiscal responsibility and preserving the environment. Public Works has won numerous state and national honors for its work and is the largest department within Snohomish County government with approximately 500 employees plus seasonal staff. Its main office is located at 3000 Rockefeller Ave., Everett, WA 98201.

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