



# Department Report

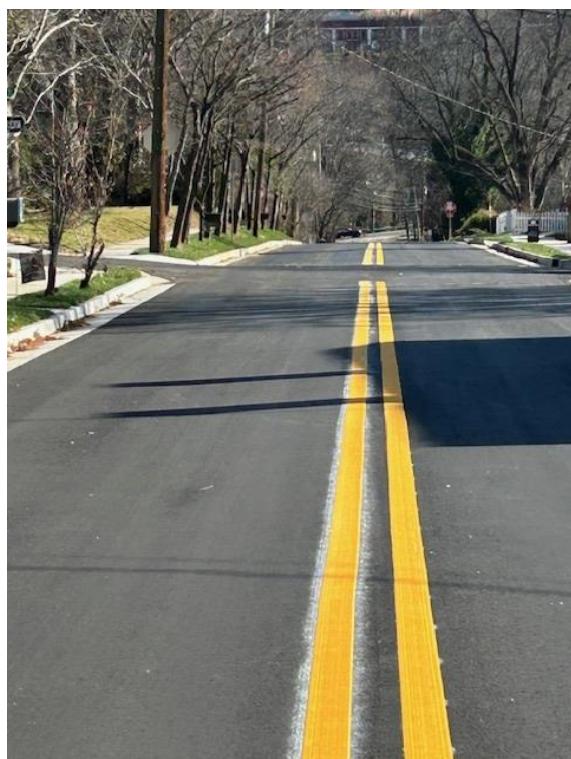
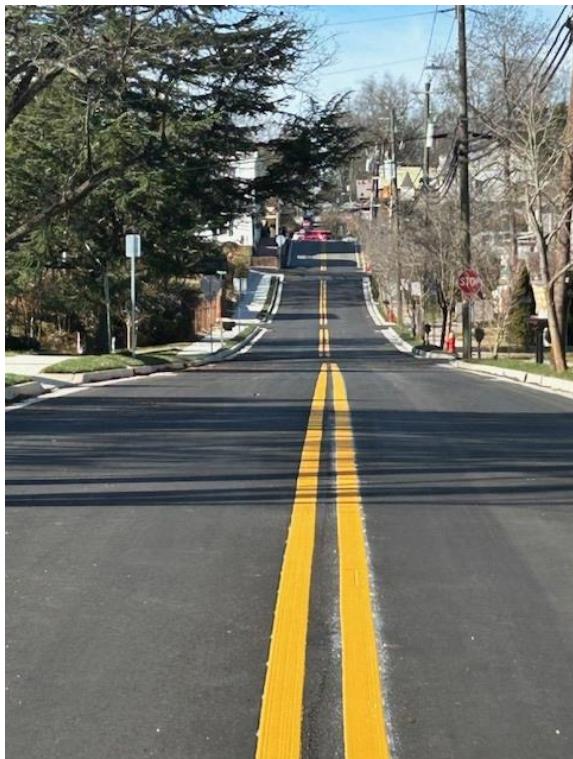
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Report Title: Public Works—December 2025

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Recently Completed:

- Park Street Utilities. With the application of permanent striping, this project now only lacks dogwood plantings.





- Removal of downtown Christmas decorations. While not as cumbersome and complex as the placement of these items, the removal is still quite an undertaking for the Streets team.



Ongoing:

- Morrison Moore Pedestrian Bridge & Sidewalk.



- Memorial Park Cemetery lot layout. New lots have been preliminarily laid out and await installation of plot markers by volunteers with City staff guidance. Following this, staff will work with City legal counsel to determine following steps to prepare the plots for sale and present to City Council.



- East Main sidewalk widening and improvements. City staff has completed the widening aspect of this project and Windstream has helped by relocating the offending guy wire. In the coming days, a new handrail will be installed, completing the project.



- Golden Avenue storm drain. The culvert and street redesign files have been sent to GDOT for coordination into the Yahoola Bridge project.
- Phase 2 of the North Grove sidewalk project from Subway to Skyline Drive. The Notice of Award has been provided and Notice to Proceed is imminent. Ground-breaking ceremony is scheduled for January 14, 2026.
- Hot mix and cold-patch small asphalt repairs are currently ongoing throughout the city by our Streets crew, based on weather conditions.



- PForest clearing at Memorial Park Cemetery. At this time, there is no interest in gaining burial plots in this area, it is a simply a clean up of dead, dying and decaying timber. Before and after photos below:



Upcoming (these projects are currently either in concept, design or construction phase):

- Planting of native dogwoods on Park Street to come in several weeks/months as directed by nursery.
- Concrete work along Choice Street.
- Concrete work and resurfacing of Warwick Street between Park and Chestatee.
- Coordination with GDOT regarding Yahoola Bridge replacement, South Chestatee slope repair in multiple locations and the Auraria/Torrington intersection improvements.