

Public Works Report April 2024

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- The gangway was installed on April 5th. Staff pressure washed the entire deck surface on the dock, and we are now fully functional for 2024.
- The hazard trees behind City Hall were removed by David Walker Tree Service last week. They did a fantastic job. Thank you to Councilor Porter for the recommendation to use them.
- RCAC spent 3 days training staff and gathering field data points to input into a new GIS system. Most of our valves and hydrants have been input into the map. We will do all of the meters at the same time that we do the lead service line inventory this summer. Once all of the water mapping is complete, staff will focus on doing the stormwater system. This will be extremely useful for the city in the future for operations and asset management. RCAC deals with rural communities with populations under 10,000. The technical assistance program through RCAC was free of charge, and funded by the EPA.
- The Rector Street retaining wall is underway. The site has been excavated and the rebar inspection for footings will happen on 4/16. Paving this area will not be able to happen until the summer. The edge of the road will be compacted gravel until paving can happen. A 75' length of waterline that has sustained breaks at various times in the past will also be replaced before paving occurs.
- Rexius Company will be delivering wood chips to the playground area at Upper Park next month. Staff have cleared some of the sand and weeds and will be laying down fabric in preparation for the delivery. The City will be paying for this through excess funds from the CIS Recreational Immunity Grant that was received. If possible, it would be nice to replace the swings which have been badly chewed up by dogs over the years.