



## 2020 Tioga County Public Works Annual Report

The Tioga County Buildings and Grounds Division performed several office renovations for departments in 2020 including the Tioga County Personnel Conference Room, County Attorney Office, Safety Officer Office, Real Property Office and Indigent Legal Services Office. Capital projects included Buildings and Grounds Storage Facility at Corporate Drive, 1<sup>st</sup> floor carpeting at the HHS Facility, new entryway at the HHS Facility, and the Salt Storage Building at the DPW Facility.

The Tioga County Buildings and Grounds Division was also called upon to respond to the COVID-19 Pandemic. Erecting plexiglass shields, reconfiguring areas to minimize spread of the virus, and delivering pandemic related supplies for the Health Department.

The Tioga County Highway Division continues to maintain the Tioga County Highways and Bridges. Several Capital Projects were completed in 2020 including Phases 5 and 6 of our Bridge Maintenance Program. Other major projects include the Halsey Valley Road bridge replacement, West River Drive over Parks Creek bridge replacement, Glen Road culvert replacement, Ellis Creek Road pavement rehabilitation, Ellis Creek Road crossover pipe replacement, and a pipe arch structure was installed on Taylor Road.

The COVID-19 Pandemic negatively impacted the Public Works Department on a large scale. Staffing levels were cut by 50% for six weeks to comply with NYS Governor's Executive Order. The 2020 Public Works budget was cut 10% to offset loss of sales tax revenue. NYS Consolidated Highway Improvement Plan (CHIPS) reimbursement levels were cut 20%. The Public Works budgets for 2021 were cut 10% to offset projected sales tax revenue losses for 2021.

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