A photograph of four workers standing in front of a white pickup truck equipped with a snowplow. The workers are wearing high-visibility safety gear: three are in bright yellow-green jackets, and one is in a blue jacket. The truck has a snowplow blade attached to the front, with the word "SNOWDOG" visible on the blade. The background shows an urban setting with buildings and a paved area.

# Road Paving, Concrete Sidewalk/ Curbing and Accessible Curb Ramp Program

*Ten Year Progress Report*

# How The Program Began

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- In 2013, the Borough introduced the Concrete Infrastructure Program to improve walkability, safety and quality of life throughout the Borough.
- The goal of the program was to establish and document a plan to maintain and improve the safety and walkability of the sidewalks and ADA curb ramps throughout the entire Borough.
- Coordinating the Concrete Infrastructure Program and the Annual Paving Project enabled all parties to capitalize on the benefits of scheduling and economies of scale associated with construction coordination.
- Addressing the non-code compliant sidewalk and curbs in conjunction with the annual Borough paving project allowed for a systematic approach to the complex issues involved.



# The Assessment of Roadways and Responsibility of Property Owners

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- All roads were evaluated by the Borough Engineer and ranked by condition on a scale of 1 to 5 with 5 being in the worst condition. As the project progressed, the conditions of the roadways were monitored and reprioritized when necessary due to accelerated deterioration of some roads that can be caused by many factors.
- ‘It is the responsibility of the property owner whose property is abutting a public roadway in the Borough to maintain the curb and sidewalk in safe and good order’.
- As stated in **Jenkintown Borough Code, Article II, 156-11 Maintenance Required** “it shall be the duty of all owners of property abutting on any street or state highway within the Borough to grade, construct, drain, pave, repave, repair and keep and maintain in a safe and usable condition, free of obstructions to pedestrians and in good order, condition and repair sidewalks, curbs and gutters or any of them at their expense on their properties along such street or state highway.”
- **Through this program the Borough strives to notify property owners early giving them as much time as possible prior to the paving taking place.**



# Concrete Standards & Criteria



## **SIDEWALK**


- Shall be stable, firm without vertical offsets greater than  $\frac{1}{2}$ " (No tripping hazards)  
ICC/ANSI A117.1-2003
- No excessive spauling or deterioration,  
2012 IPMC 302.3 & Ord.No. 76-8 / 156-17




## **CURB**

- No vertical or horizontal offsets creating hazardous conditions.  
2012 IPMC 302.3 & Ord.No. 76-8 / 156-17
- No excessive spauling or deterioration.  
2012 IPMC 302.3 & Ord.No. 76-8 / 156-17
- Vertical reveal adequate to accept paving application.  
Ord.No. 76-8 / 156-17

# Compliance Notices, Violations and Penalties

All efforts are made to obtain voluntary compliance, and enforcement is defined by Borough Code.

1. Enforcement Action upon Noncompliance 156 – 29. Any person failing or refusing to comply with the provisions of this article or any notice issued pursuant to the authority contained herein . or who shall unlawfully construct or repair any sidewalk, curb or gutter shall, upon summary conviction before a court of competent jurisdiction, be sentenced to pay a fine of not less than \$50 and not more than \$600 and costs of prosecution.
2. Actions upon Noncompliance (Lien of the Property)  156 – 28. Upon the failure or neglect of any property owner to comply within 60 days after service with the requirements of any notice given in accordance with § **156-26** above and with any of the foregoing provisions of this article, the Borough may either by its own employees or by an independent contractor do the work required and collect the costs thereof and 10% additional, together with all charges and expenses, from such owner in any manner prescribed by law.

Initial Notification		September/October
Official Notice of Required Repairs		January
Notice of Violation (60 Day)		June

# Program Progress Thus Far

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- Through the first 10 years the Borough has completed paving of **7.4 miles** or approximately **70%** of the non-State, Borough owned roads.
- In conjunction with the roadway paving nearly **15 miles** or approximately **70%** sidewalks and curbs have been addressed for code compliance.
- Additionally, the Borough has now installed approximately **262 ADA accessible curb ramps** largely through Montgomery County Community Development Block Grant funding.
- Original plans to complete the entire project in ten years have been hindered by the Covid 19 pandemic and associated shutdown, budgetary limitations caused by the increase in material & labor costs, and supply chain issues.



# State Road Paving

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- The State Roads throughout the Borough (*York Road, Township Line Road and portions of West Avenue, Walnut Street, Greenwood Avenue*) make up approximately 1.5 miles of the 12.3 miles of roadway within Borough limits.
- Due to various State activities and infrastructure upgrades, more than 85% of those roads have been paved since the inception of this program.
- In conjunction with the State Roads being paved by PennDOT the Borough instituted the Concrete Infrastructure Program on Greenwood and West Avenues.



14 YORK ROAD, LOOKING SOUTH, JENKINTOWN, PA

# What's To Come

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- As stated, 70% of Borough owned roads have been completed. Re-evaluations are being finalized of the remaining 30% of the Borough roads.
- The Borough Engineer and Public Works are finalizing the evaluations of the remaining roads, and a final schedule of the remaining roads will be brought to the Public Works Committee.
- Conditions permitting, the Borough's intent is to complete the initial paving of all Borough roads during the 2029/2030 paving season.

