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Meet Jacob Dodge

Jacob Dodge started his Public Works career with a trial-by-fire, or, more appropriately, a trial by Maine winter. His first day of work as a truck driver coincided with a snow storm, which meant that he had to learn his plow route as he plowed. Fortunately for the City, this didn't deter him from the job.



Eighteen years later, Jacob is now our City Foreman. Working under the leadership of Public Works Director Lee Leiner, Jacob manages a constant stream of work requests and oversees a ten-man crew of mechanics, heavy equipment operators, and truck drivers.

"I work with a lot of good, hardworking guys," Jacob said. "They all have a good sense of humor. It's my job to help them prioritize work, check in on them, and keep things organized."

Jacob's team is divided into a street crew (which oversees City streets, sidewalks, and road signage) and a sewer crew (which oversees the City's sewerage collection systems and storm water drainage system). In 2018 alone, they completed 566 work requests and spent the rest of their time performing maintenance and improvement projects around the City.

"Public Works are the magicians behind the scenes that make things happen, mostly out-of-sight," said City Manager Peter Owen. "When things don't go well it affects lots of people. Jake is one of those dedicated employees who endeavors to make things go well. The City is lucky to have him."

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