

The primary function of the Public Works Department is to maintain the public streets, roads, and [stormwater system](#) within the City limits. This is done as efficiently as possible in consideration of safety needs and a limited budget. Major improvements to the City streets system usually relies on State or federal grant opportunities, which the City is actively applying for. The Department also maintains the publicly owned grounds and buildings with a full and part-time staff. Public grounds include the local trails system, much of Trinidad Head, lands at the waterfront, and incidental small properties throughout the City.

For over a decade the City, with funding provided in full or in part by Proposition 84 Areas of Special Biological Significance and Proposition 84 Clean Beaches Initiative Program, undertook a Stormwater Management Improvement Project that implemented a variety of commonly used best management practices to capture, treat, and infiltrate stormwater. The project came to a close in February 2024 with many successes in its diversion of polluted rainwater from the Trinidad Bay. Our Public Works department works hard to ensure that the system is maintained for the future of our Trinidad community. For more information on the project, please click [here](#) to see the Final Project Report. You can view the project's interpretative sign near Town Hall, or by clicking [here](#).

In late 2008, the City Council adopted an Onsite Wastewater Treatment Systems ordinance. Septic systems exist throughout the City because there is no central sewage collection or treatment system.

Any complaints or specific requests for services related to the functions of the Public Works Department should be directed through the City Clerk at (707) 677-0223.

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