



Who is Public Works and how does the Engineering Division fit in?

The Engineering Division is the team of Civil Engineers that provides the following responsibilities/activities/services of the Engineering Division: Review of proposed designs for compliance with Andover’s standards; development of designs to improve Andover’s infrastructure; construction oversight and inspections; survey; various investigations; design and construction of sidewalks; maintain design & construction records; development of plans to convey information to other departments, design engineers, or the public; assist other departments with their engineering needs; answering questions from the public such as property lines, construction projects in Town, inquiries into the utilities in their neighborhoods, street paving, and a multitude of questions that have to do with problems on their property or nearby.

The Engineering Team spends their days working both in the office and in the field. They work with private contractor from small local firms, to larger companies including but not limited to providing paving and utility infrastructure work. Oversight and inspection of construction is an important role they play to ensure the quality and integrity of the work completed and to be sure that it meets Massachusetts Department of Transportation Standard Specifications.



Emergency Services

The Engineering Division will get involved in emergency situations such as: Floods – measuring and tracking flood waters and documenting impacts; water or sewer backups – assisting the water & sewer

division in gaining an understanding of the situation and assisting with a plan for repair; gas explosions – working with contractors to facilitate unprecedented efforts to repair 20 miles of damaged gas lines in a short period of time.