



CELEBRATING NATIONAL PUBLIC WORKS WEEK

THEME: "PEOPLE, PURPOSE, PRESENCE"

The American Public Works Association (APWA) and the City of Florence are proud to announce the 2025 theme for National Public Works Week (NPWW): "People, Purpose, Presence." This year's theme highlights the three foundational ideals that drive public works professionals to serve their communities each and every day.

- People are at the heart of everything public works does—meeting their needs gives public works its purpose.
- Often, the work goes unnoticed—when everything runs smoothly, most residents never realize that public works is quietly at work behind the scenes.
- Yet, public works is always present, without pause or fanfare, safeguarding public health, supporting daily life, and enhancing our quality of life.

Florence Public Works plays a vital role in the community, dedicated to maintaining and improving the City's essential infrastructure and public services. Whether ensuring clean water, maintaining safe roads, supporting parks and city facilities, or responding to emergencies, the team is committed to serving the residents of Florence with professionalism and pride.

With 25 full-time employees and 2 seasonal team members, Florence Public Works is a small but mighty team—always ready to respond, and always working to keep our city in motion.

"The Public Works Department is dedicated to professionally maintaining and improving the infrastructure of water, sewer, stormwater, streets, the airport, parks, and City facilities to the highest possible standards. We are continually planning ahead to meet not just today's needs but to prepare for Florence's future."

— Mike Miller, Director of Public Works

As we celebrate National Public Works Week, we honor the dedication, expertise, and quiet commitment of the people who make life in Florence better every day. Join us in recognizing their invaluable contributions to our community.

The Divisions of Public Works

Our Public Works team is a vital part of the City that is dedicated to maintaining and improving infrastructure and services that enhance the safety and quality of life for our City. Inside the Public Works Department there are 7 different divisions that are each responsible for their own part of the City.



Water

The Water Division operate and maintains 13 wells, three water reservoirs and three water pump stations. Water is delivered to over 4,171 customer connections through approximately 67 miles of water mains. Presently, the City is able to produce and treat 3 million gallons of water per day through its state-of-the-art treatment facilities.

Wastewater

The Wastewater Division maintains approximately 70.89 miles of sanitary sewer lines, 30 STEP (Septic Tank Effluent Pump) stations and 39 wastewater pumping stations. Along with the Florence Wastewater Treatment Plant that is designed to treat 1.3 million gallons per day.



Stormwater

The Stormwater Division, maintains, cleans, and repairs the structures and facilities designed for the collection, conveyance, storage, treatment, and disposal of stormwater and surface water runoff. We currently maintain the 34.73 miles of pipes and 4.5 miles of open drainage ways that create the City's stormwater system, in addition to operating the street sweeper.



Street

The Street Division manages 41.22 center lane (82.6 lane miles) of streets. Our long-term goal is to provide and maintain a high quality and efficient multi-modal transportation system which recognizes that every citizen should be able to travel on our roadways and have a variety of transportation choices.



Parks

The Parks Division maintains over 202 acres of park land at 24 different sites, of which 57.57 acres is developed into 15 City Parks. Of the 15 parks, 4 are mini-parks or 'pocket parks,' 2 are neighborhood parks, 8 are special-use parks, and 1 community park.



Airport

The Public Works Director serves as the manager of the Florence Municipal Airport and provides professional management and oversight of the airport, while Public Works staff provide the day-to-day maintenance of the airport as part of their duties.



Admin

The Administrative Division is home to our Facilities staff that clean and maintain all City buildings, our Engineering Tech who performs inspections on our infrastructure projects, and the office staff that handle all the rest and makes sure that Florence Public Works Department runs as smoothly as possible.

