

# SNOW REMOVAL PLAN

## October 2003

### Operations:

Run operators, shift supervisors, and at least one mechanic and one worker in twelve-hour shifts in order to keep operators from wearing out. Allow at least an eight-hour break between shifts for those working over. Working schedule is set by the Superintendent. Call in workers prior to going home or require a "call-in and check" if weather is expected to begin overnight.

"Pre-icing" can be tried if winter weather is forecast with some certainty. This entails putting down chemicals prior to or just at the very beginning of winter precipitation. The Goode's Ferry Road Bridge over the Bypass is a prime candidate, and is the only bridge maintained by Town forces.

### Primary Roads:

These are the first to have chemicals applied, and the first to be plowed. These roads are critical to keep open for the Town.

East Atlantic Street	West Atlantic Street
North Mecklenburg	South Mecklenburg
West Danville Street	North Thomas Street
Buena Vista Circle	Chaptico Road
South Hill Avenue / Goodes Ferry Road	

### Secondary Roads:

These roads are main secondary highways and major collectors for major residential or commercial areas. These are the next roads that will be salted / sanded / plowed. These include:

Goodes Ferry Road between South Hill Avenue and West Danville Street		
Westover Avenue	Locust Street	Windsor Street
West Main Street	East Main Street	Maple Lane
West High Street	Raleigh Avenue	Binford Street
Pace Drive	Forest Lane	Plank Road
Opie Road	Halifax Street	Thompson Street
Old Highway 58	Union Mill Road	Clover Road
Alpine Road	Country Lane	Smith Street
Franklin Street	Pleasant Street	Hammer Street
Lunenburg Street	Brunswick Avenue	East Ferrell Street
McCracken / Lombardy	Peebles Street	East Danville Street
Dortch Lane	Brook Avenue	South Hill Industrial Park
Interstate Industrial Park (Butts & Raines Streets)		

Streets with extreme hills should also be included in the secondary list. These include:

Tanglewood Drive	Valley Road	Park View Drive
Meadow Street	Brook Avenue (South of Danville Street)	

After primary and secondary streets have been plowed, attention can be given to clearing out neighborhood streets.

The primary streets should be as clear as possible. Other streets should be focused on one travel lane in either direction becoming clear, but not necessarily all the way from curb-to-curb. After an initial plow has taken place on all streets, then attention can be given to widening travel lanes on secondary, neighborhood, and other interior streets.

When widening, care can be given to attempting to avoid blocking driveways if possible. This can be done with a tandem plow effort, (e.g. one truck plows and another follows and takes out driveways) if enough personnel are on hand. Blocking driveways will be unavoidable with initial plow efforts.

**Sidewalks and Parking Lots:**

Generally speaking, the Town cannot be responsible for private parking lots. The Town is responsible for several public parking lots, including:

Department of Motor Vehicles	Southside Planning District Commission
Library	South Hill Municipal Building
South Hill Volunteer Fire Dept. (if requested)	South Hill Police Department
Southside Rescue Squad	Chamber of Commerce

This effort includes sidewalk clearance (or, if not possible, salt or sanding) at these locations. This clearance should take place in the day of or day after (if snow comes that night) the event, once the workers (as opposed to equipment operators) can be dispatched to these sites.

The Town will also have to clear the sidewalks in front of public property, which includes the area between the Harris, Matthews, and Crowder building and the library on West Danville Street and the Chamber of Commerce / South Hill Municipal Building area and Southside Planning District Commission area (including the Colonial Theater) on South Mecklenburg Avenue.

**Removal:**

The Town generally will not have to engage in removal for light snows, which will be followed by warm days. However, for heavier snows (e.g. 4-6” or greater, but use our judgment) and snows followed by cold days where melting will not occur, the Town will have to engage in removal of snow. The snow will be removed from downtown areas (particularly where there is heavy shade) and also from intersections where plows have made larger piles that will take a long time to melt. Snow should be removed to the parking lot at Parker Park.