



# DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

## HOMELESS CAMP TASK FORCE

# Department of Public Works

- The size of the Homeless Camp will determine what resources are used for clean-up:

- **Medium to Large Homeless Camps** –  
Various Division

- 1 Supervisor, 1  
Correctional Officer, 8 inmates,  
Front Loader, Grab-all  
(Community Service,  
Forestry or Waste  
Collection) Flatbed Truck and  
or Dump Truck (Community  
Service, Urban  
Forestry or Paving &  
Repairs)

- **Small Homeless Camps** – Community  
Service, 1 Supervisor, 1 Crew  
Leader, Community Service  
Probationers, Flatbed Truck, Front  
Loader, if necessary

I-185 SB under Veterans  
Parkway bridge homeless camp.  
3/19/25









# Manchester Expressway WB at Miller Rd exit ramp homeless camp 3/19/25









Milgen Rd at Midland Falls Apartment entrance homeless camp.  
3/14/25









Milgen Rd homeless camp.



3/12/25













# Riverwalk pole 76 homeless camp. 3/13/25









Riverwalk pole 78 homeless  
camp. 3/13/25









# PUBLIC WORKS HOMELESS CAMP

## • CLEAN UP PROCESS

- NOTIFICATION AND CONFIRMATION OF LOCATION
- DETERMINE IF PRIVATE PROPERTY, STATE, CITY PROPERTY, AND OCCUPANCY.
  - IF PRIVATE PROPERTY IS TURNED OVER TO SPECIAL ENFORCEMENT
  - IF STATE PROPERTY NOTIFICATION TO THE STATE IS MADE/CLEAN UP TIMELINE CAN BE UP TO ONE MONTH
- IF OCCUPIED, NOTIFY HOME FOR GOOD & COLUMBUS POLICE
- NOTIFIED FROM HOME FOR GOOD OF DEADLINE DATE OR VACANCY
- ASSESS THE SIGHT TO DETERMINE NEEDED RESOURCES FOR CLEAN UP
- COORDINATE AND SET CLEAN-UP DATE



# PUBLIC WORKS CLEAN UP LOCATIONS

- 2023 YEAR

- 29 TOTAL CAMP IDENTIFIED

- 24 CLEANED BY COMMUNITY SERVICE
    - 5 CLEANED BY COORDINATION OF VARIOUS PUBLIC WORKS DIVISIONS

- 2024 YEAR

- 18 TOTAL CAMPS IDENTIFIED

- 9 CLEANED BY COMMUNITY SERVICE
    - 8 CLEANED BY GDOT
    - 1 CLEANED BY COORDINATION OF VARIOUS PUBLIC WORKS DIVISIONS

- 2025 YEAR

- 15 TOTAL CAMPS IDENTIFIED TO DATE

- 3 CLEANED BY COMMUNITY SERVICE
    - 12 CLEANED BY COORDINATION OF VARIOUS PUBLIC WORKS DIVISIONS



## COMPARISON

- COMPARING THE AMOUNT OF WASTE COLLECTED TO WHAT A GARBAGE TRUCK CAN HOLD.
- ONE GARBAGE TRUCK CAN COLLECT 800 HOUSEHOLDS BEFORE HAVING TO DUMP.
- 12,000 COMPACTED TONS OF WASTE CAN BE HELD IN ONE GARBAGE TRUCK



# PUBLIC WORKS ESTIMATED WEIGHTS

- 2023 YEAR

- 81,000 LBS OF WASTE
- 40.5 TONS
- 3.3 GARBAGE TRUCK LOADS

- 2024 YEAR

- 11,000 LBS OF WASTE =
- 5.5 TONS
- 1 GARBAGE TRUCK LOAD

- 2025 YEAR

- 59,740 LBS OF WASTE
- 29.87 TONS
- 2.5 GARBAGE TRUCK LOADS



# PUBLIC WORKS RECOMMENDATIONS

- CONTINUE WORKING WITH PARTNERS :
  - HOME FOR GOOD
  - COLUMBUS POLICE DEPARTMENT
- ESTABLISH AN MOU WITH THE GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (GDOT) TO ALLOW FOR THE CCG TO CLEAN STATE PROPERTY.
  - SPECIFICALLY, UNDER AND AROUND BRIDGES