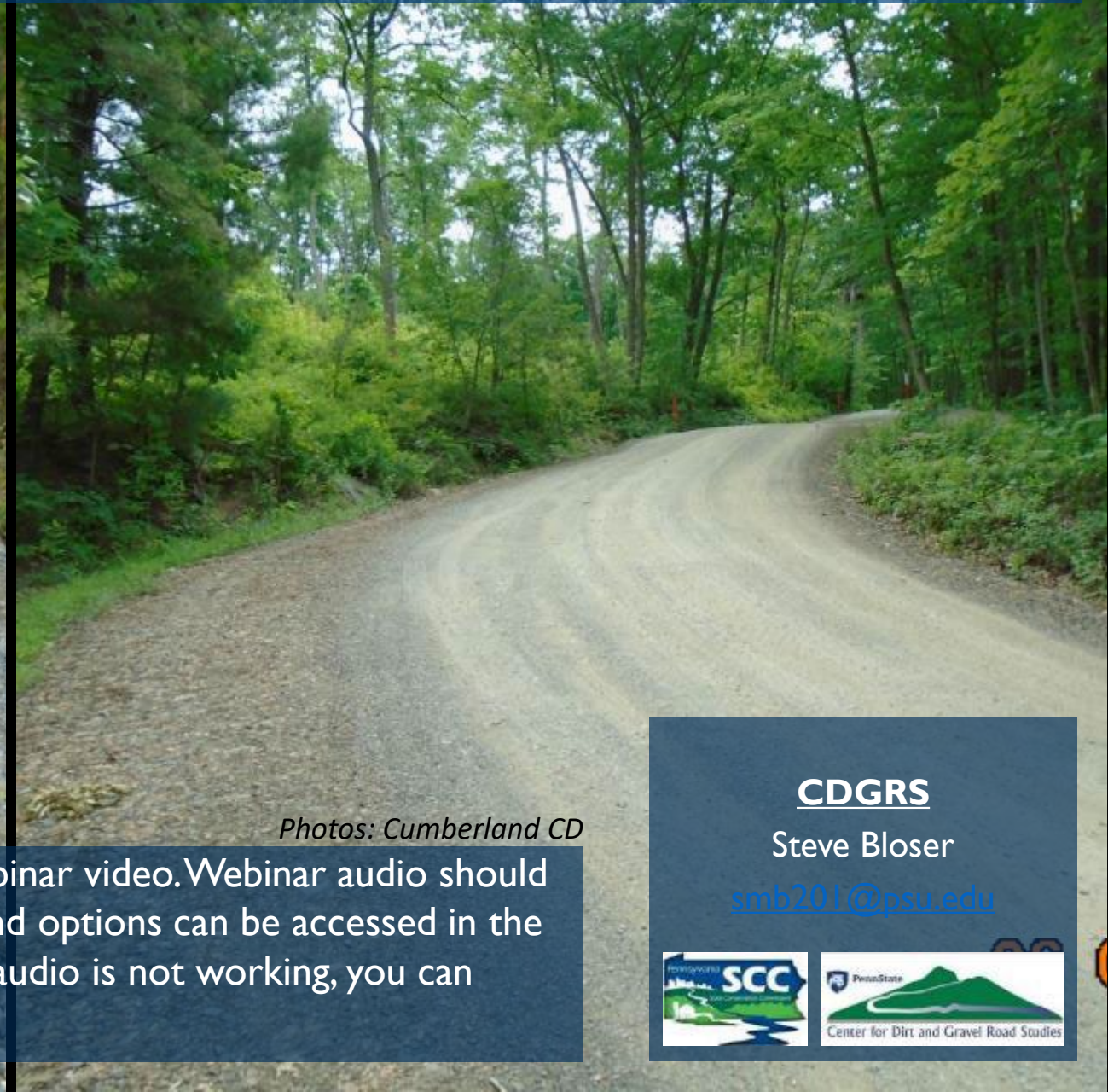


# 2023 Annual Summary Report

Dirt Gravel and Low  
Volume Road Program

## WEBINAR

3/7/24, 9am



*Photos: Cumberland CD*

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**CDGRS**

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# Purpose


**Summarize 2023 Program Status**

**Stop, step back, and look at the  
“Big Picture” Program overview of  
spending and deliverables**



# 2023 Annual Summary Report

- **Annual Report: Financial**
- Annual Report: Deliverables
- CD Financial Status



Warning: lots of graphs and info ahead. Recording and ppt will be available online.



## 368 Projects Completed

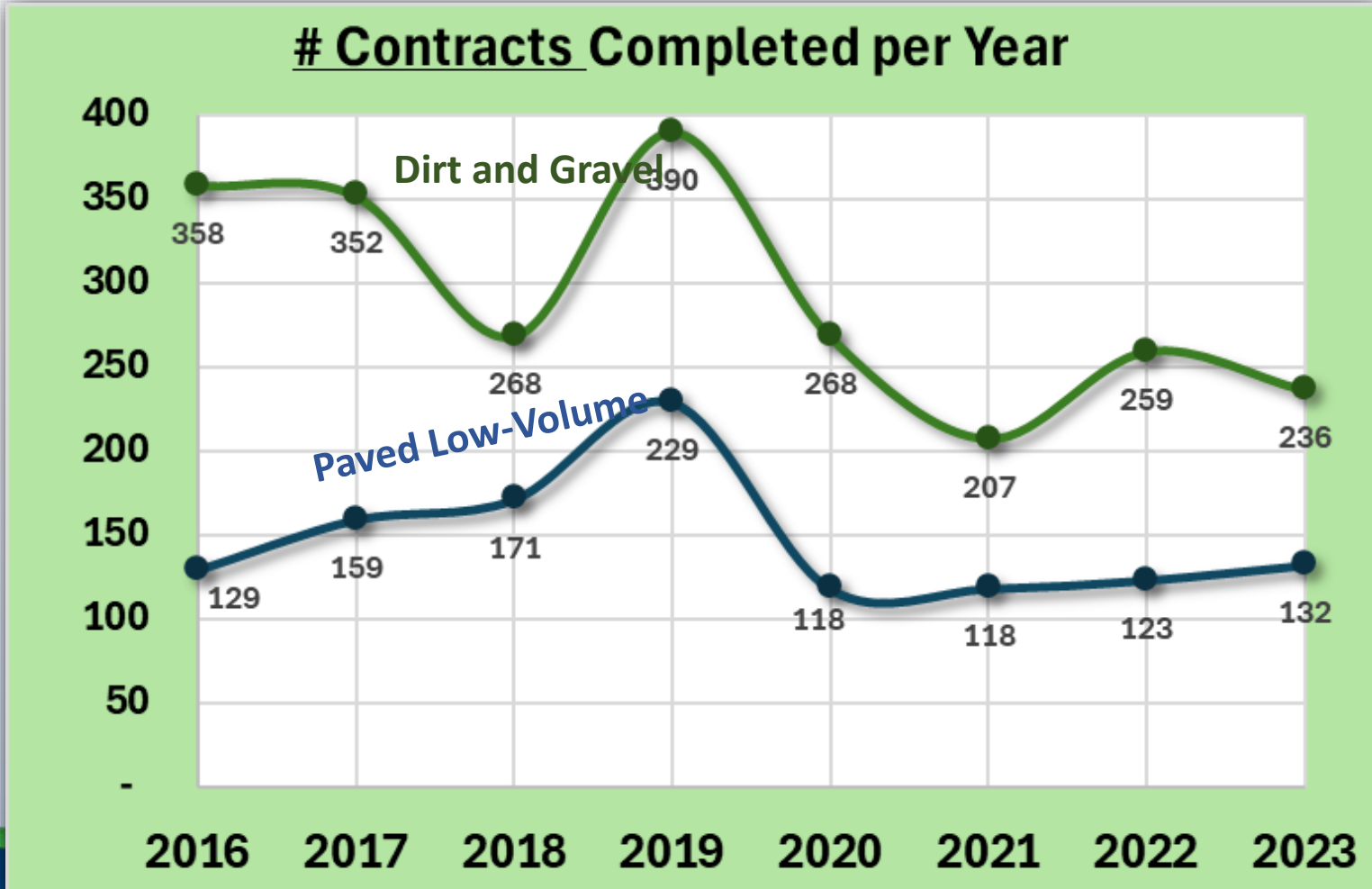
- 236 DGR, 132 LVR
- 416/yr past 5-year average

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**Note:**

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ASR data as of 12/31/2023

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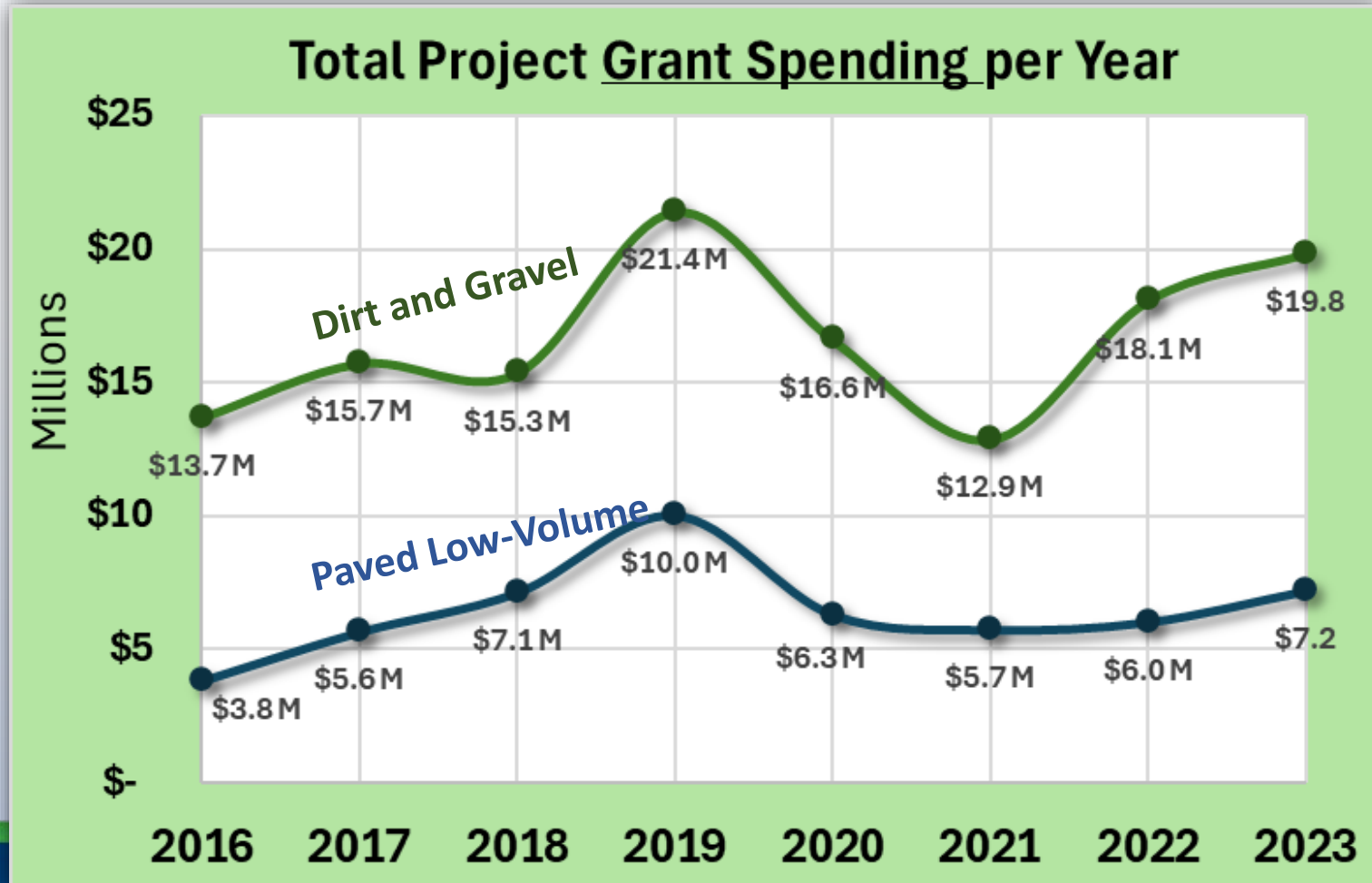
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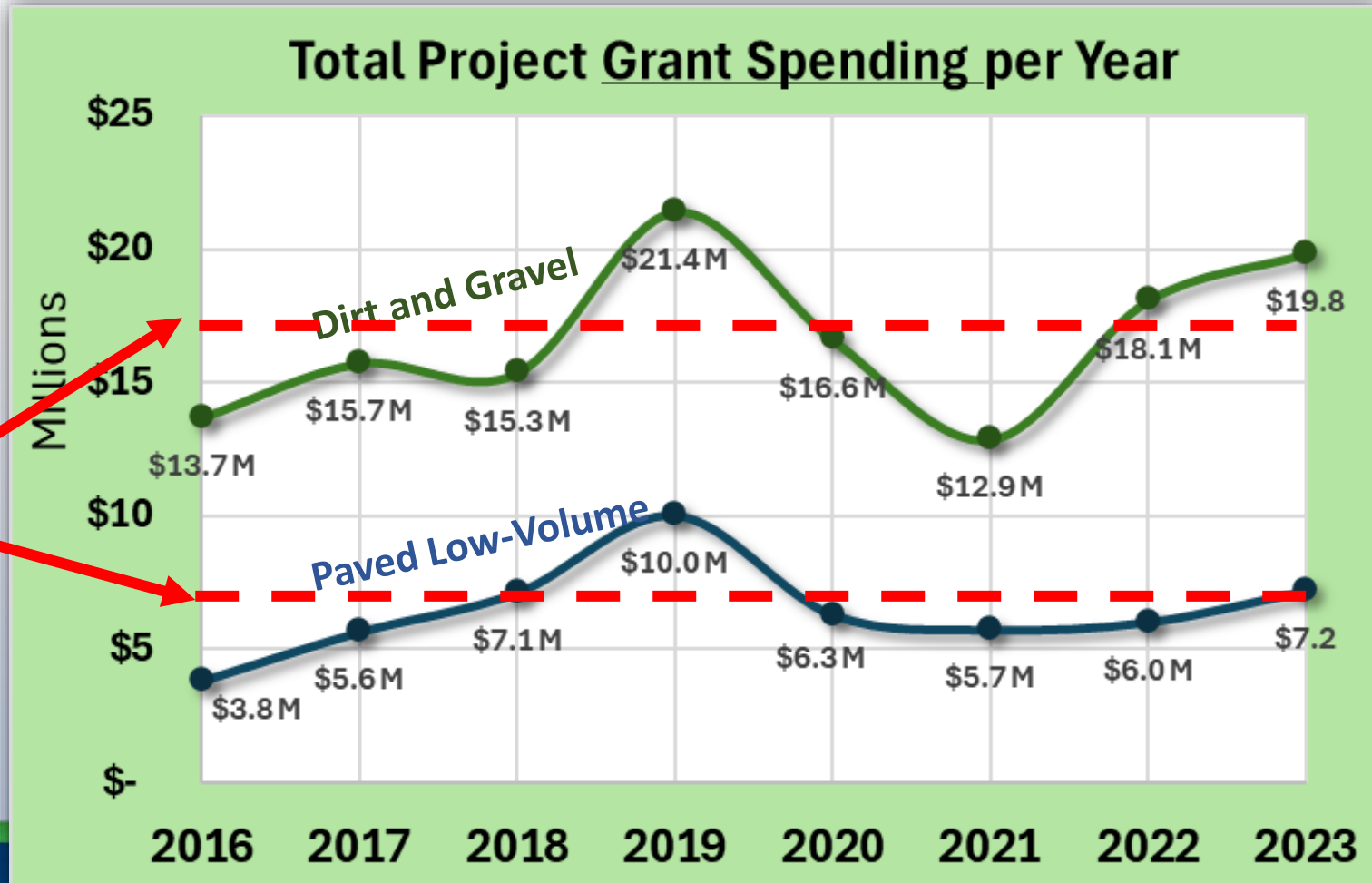
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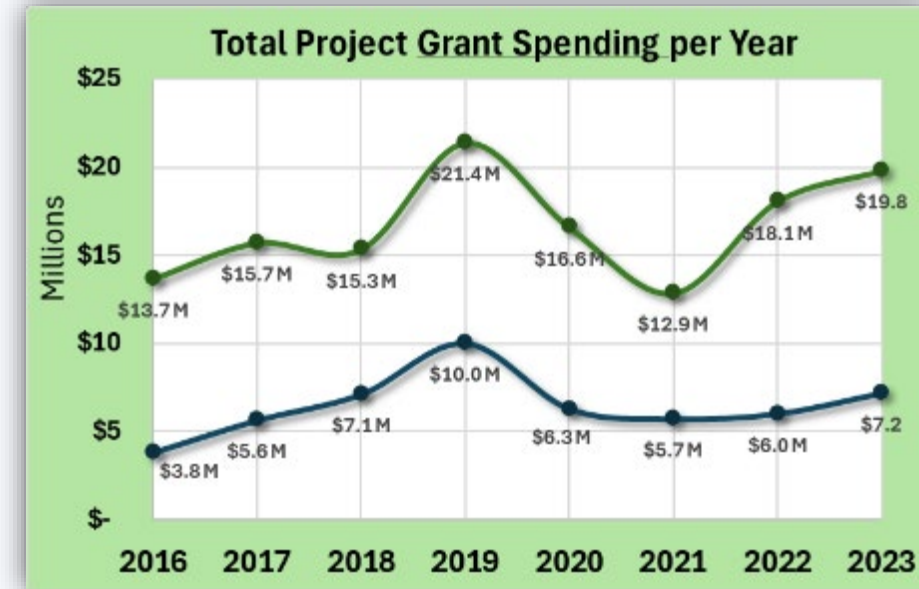


**Likely Spending Equilibrium**

ASR data as of 12/31/2023

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## In Addition, as of 3/4/2024:

- 30 contracts reported complete so far in 2024 for \$2.1M
- **390 current contacts totaling \$34.5M** (133% of annual allocation)
  - \$14M advanced on those contracts
  - \$20.5M encumbered on those contracts

# Annual Summary Report: Financial

**In-Kind**: goods or services incurred by participant but not reimbursed through DGLVR funds

## **\$8.3M In-Kind Spent on Comp. Projects**

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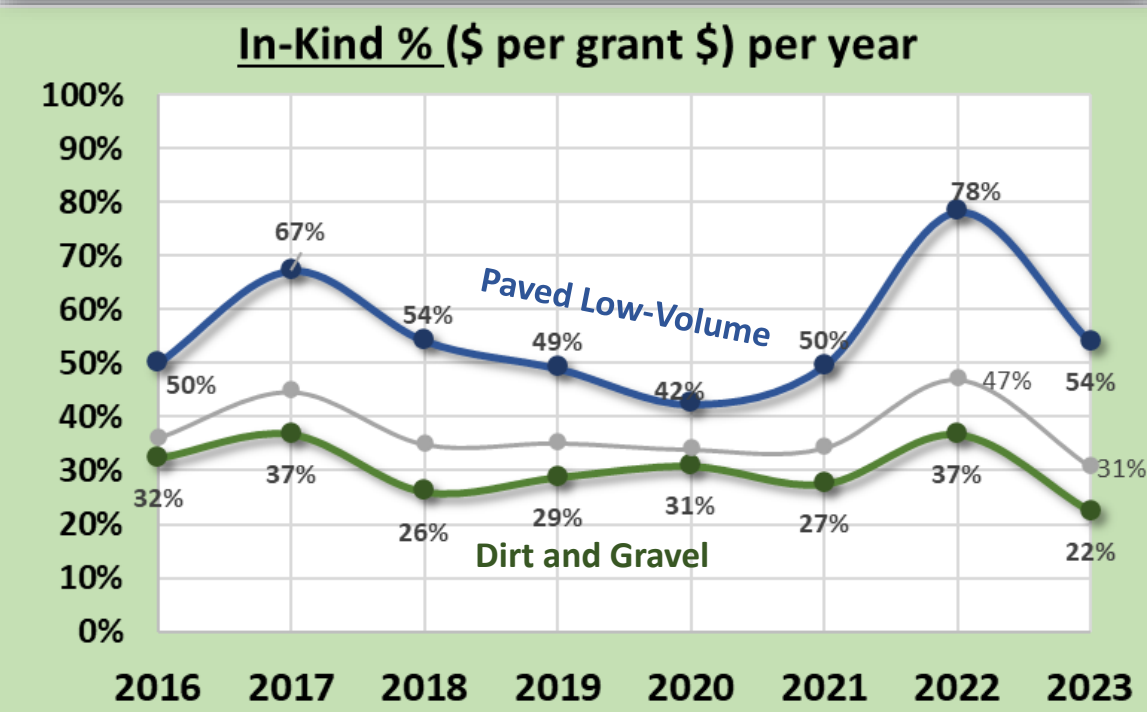
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## 31% In-Kind per Project Dollar

- Down 11% from 2022
- 36% past 5-year average



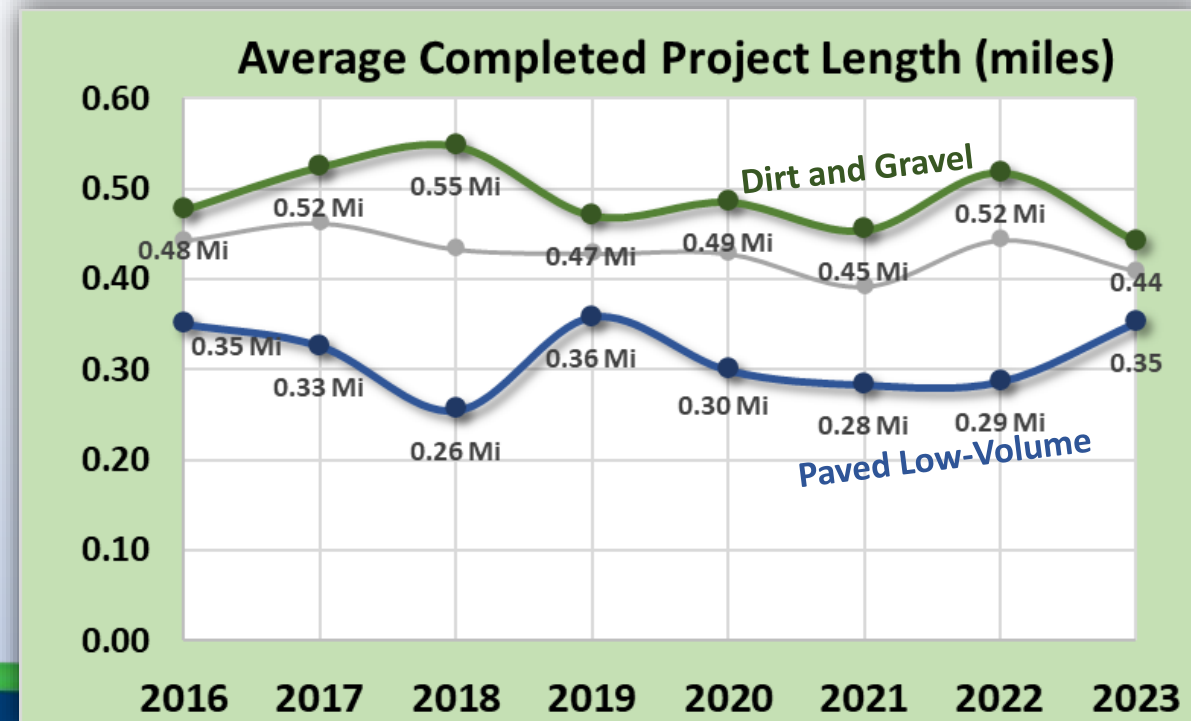
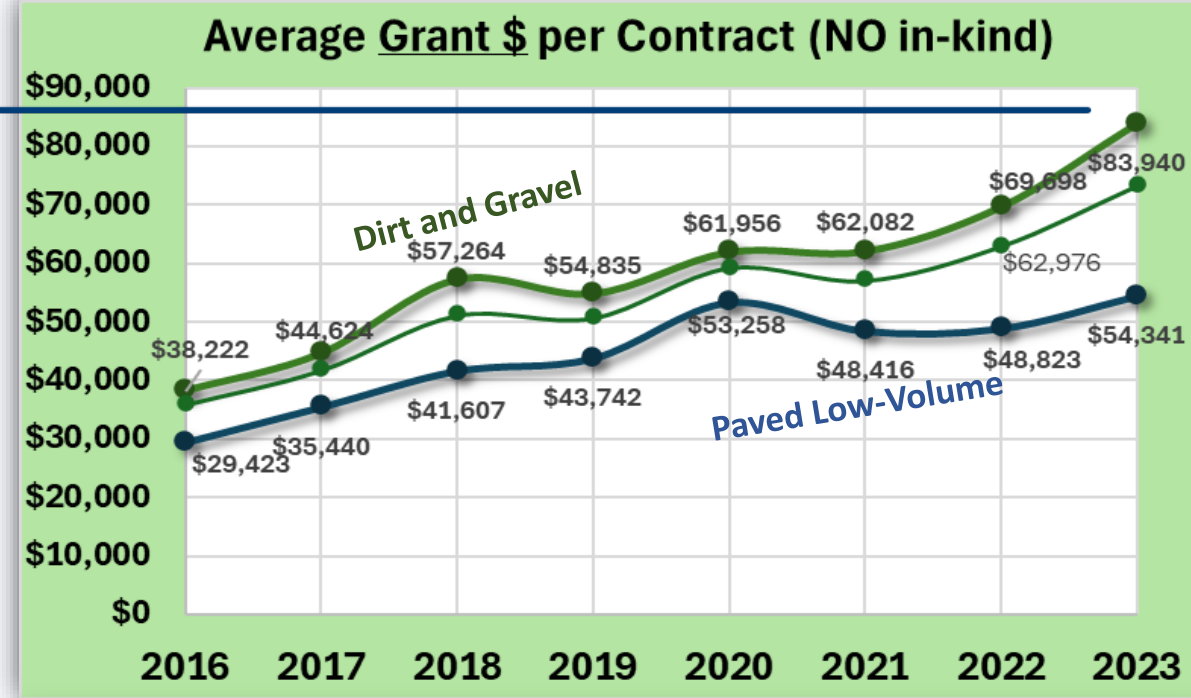
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# Annual Summary Report: Financial

## Average Project Size:

- **Average Completed Site in 2023:**
  - DGR: \$84K grant, \$19K in-kind, 0.44 miles
  - LVR: \$54K grant, \$26K in-kind, 0.35 miles
  - DGLVR: \$73K grant, \$23K in-kind, 0.41 miles
- **Steadily rising since costs:**
  - Larger scale projects
  - More complex and costly projects
  - Increase in material cost

*\* Note we no longer look at cost per mile, largely due to stream crossings skewing the costs*

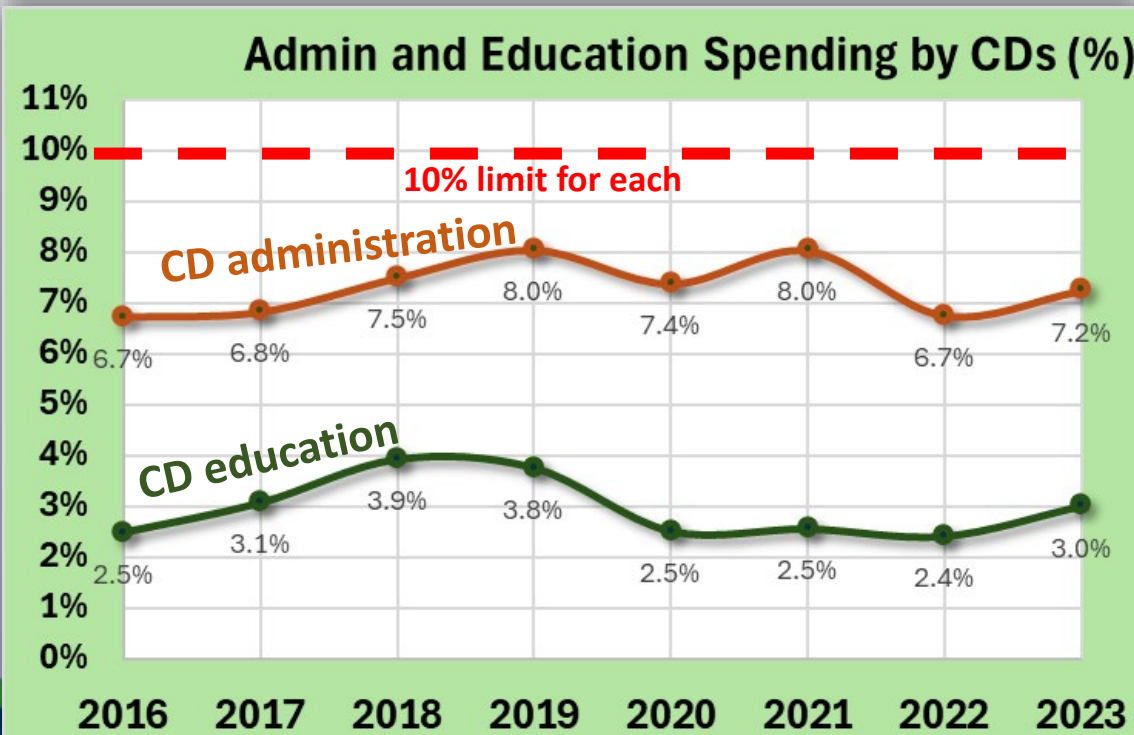
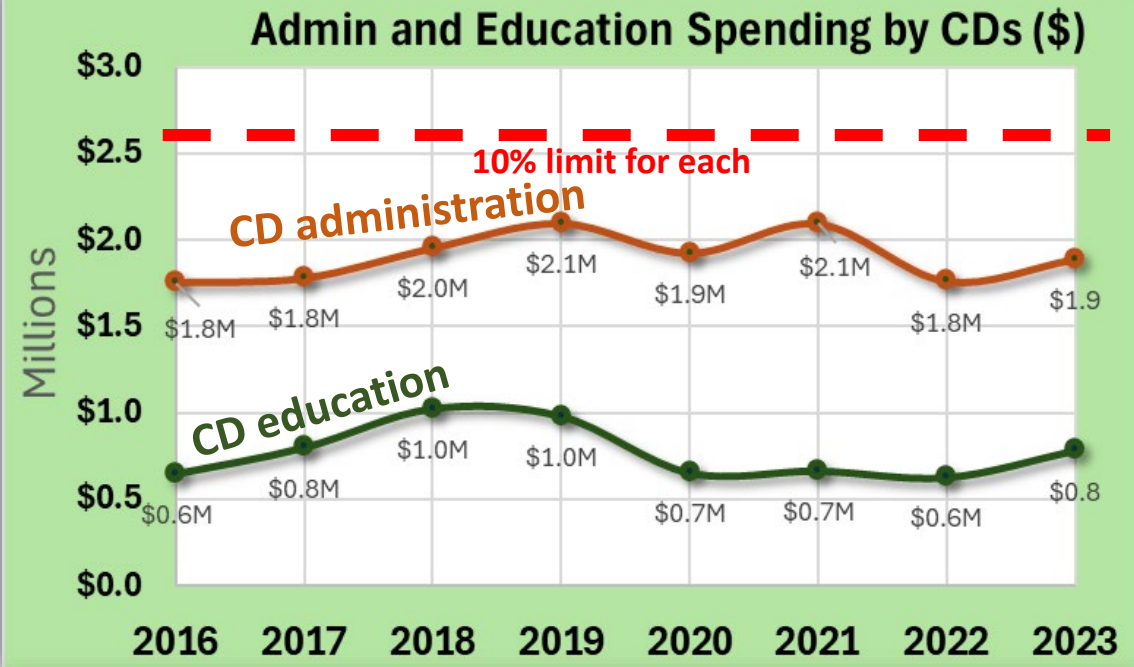


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# Annual Summary Report: Financial

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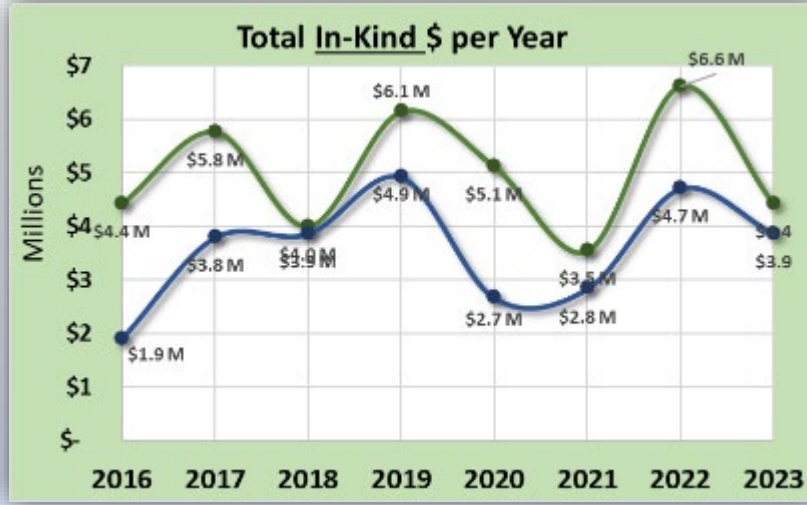
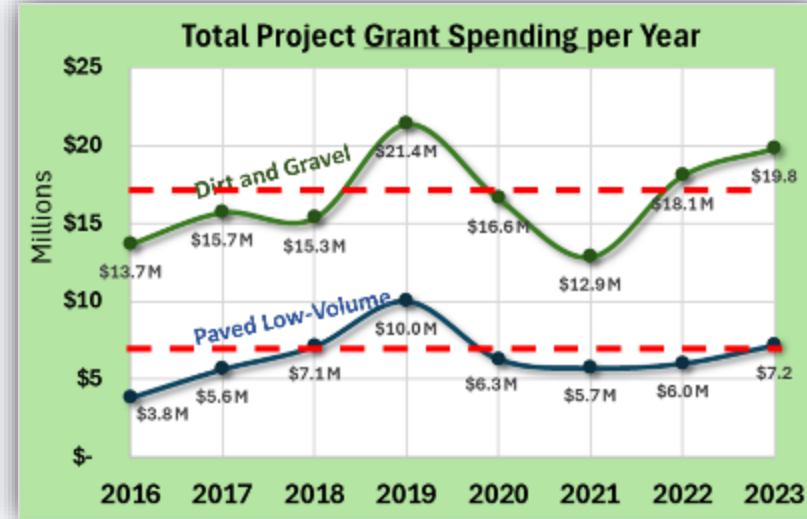
- **Administration**
  - 10% maximum Allowable (of CD allocations)
  - **7.2% in 2023**
  - 7.5% 5-year average
  
- **Education**
  - 10% maximum Allowable (of CD allocations)
  - **3.0% in 2023**
  - 2.8% 5-year average



ASR data as of  
12/31/2023

## Financial Summary

- **368 sites completed in 2021 with \$27M spent**
  - Spending up due to 5-year contract and spending push
- **Currently Contracted: 390 current contacts totaling \$34.5M** (133% of annual allocation)
- **Average completed contract in 2023: \$73K grant, \$23K in-kind, 0.41 miles long**
- **In-Kind: dropped in 2023, still at \$0.31 per grant \$1**



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# 2022 Annual Summary Report

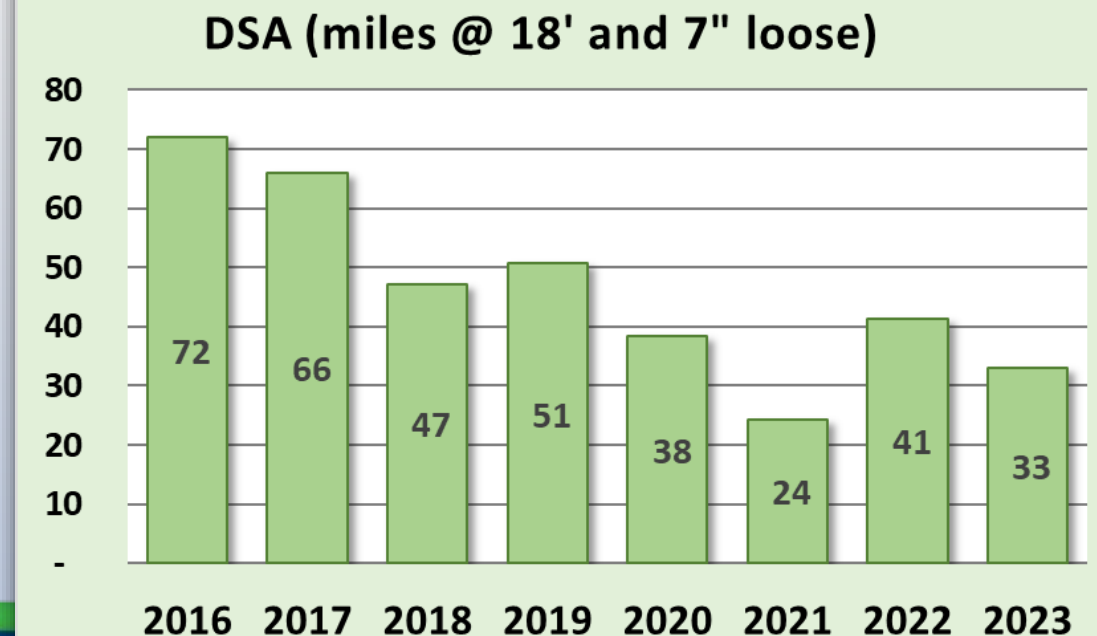
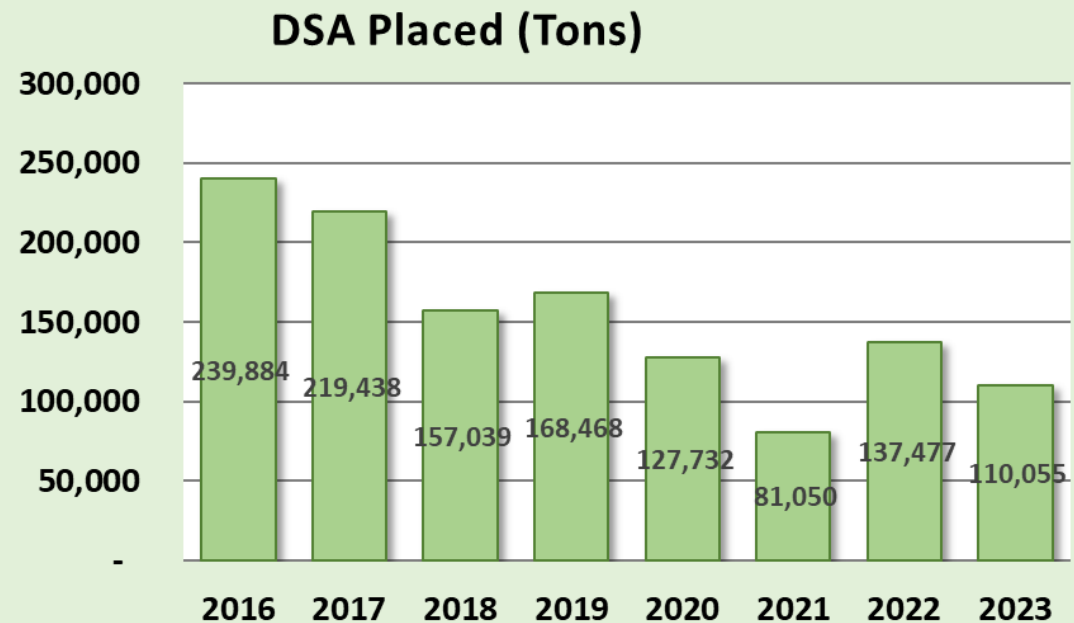
- Annual Report: Financial
- **Annual Report: Deliverables**
- CD Financial Status



# Annual Summary Report: Deliverables

## Driving Surface Aggregate

- Only approved surface w/ DGLVR funds
- **2023**: 110,000 Tons, est 33 miles
- Quantity placed each year slowly decreasing as costs go up.

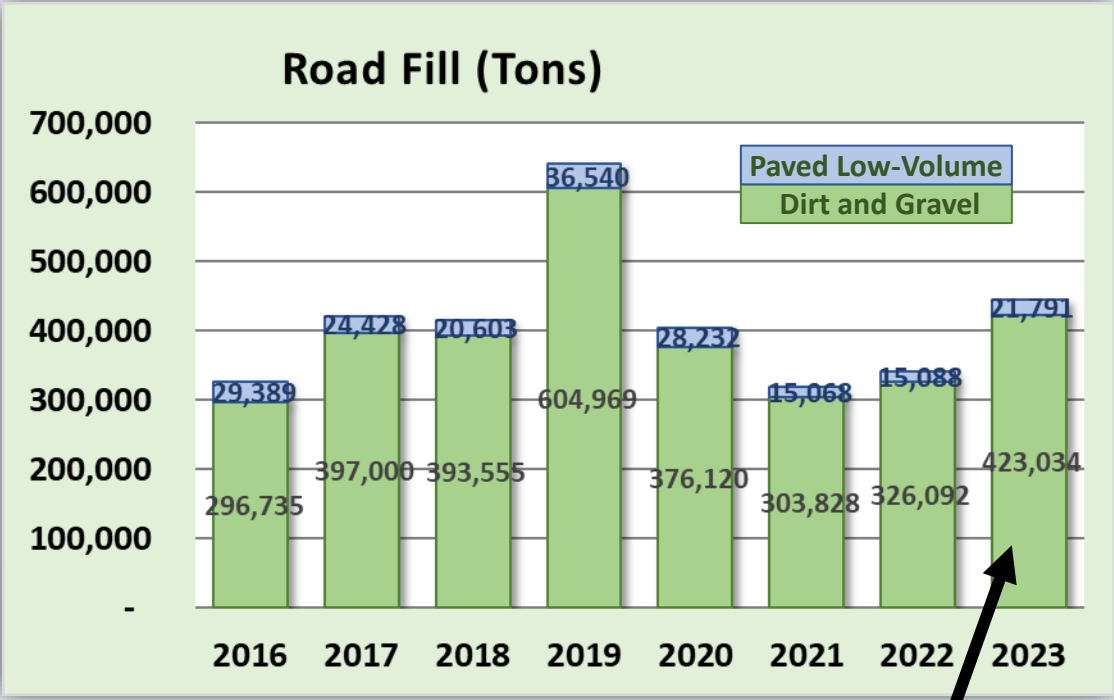


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# Annual Summary Report: Deliverables

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60 miles @ 18' wide  
and 1' deep compacted

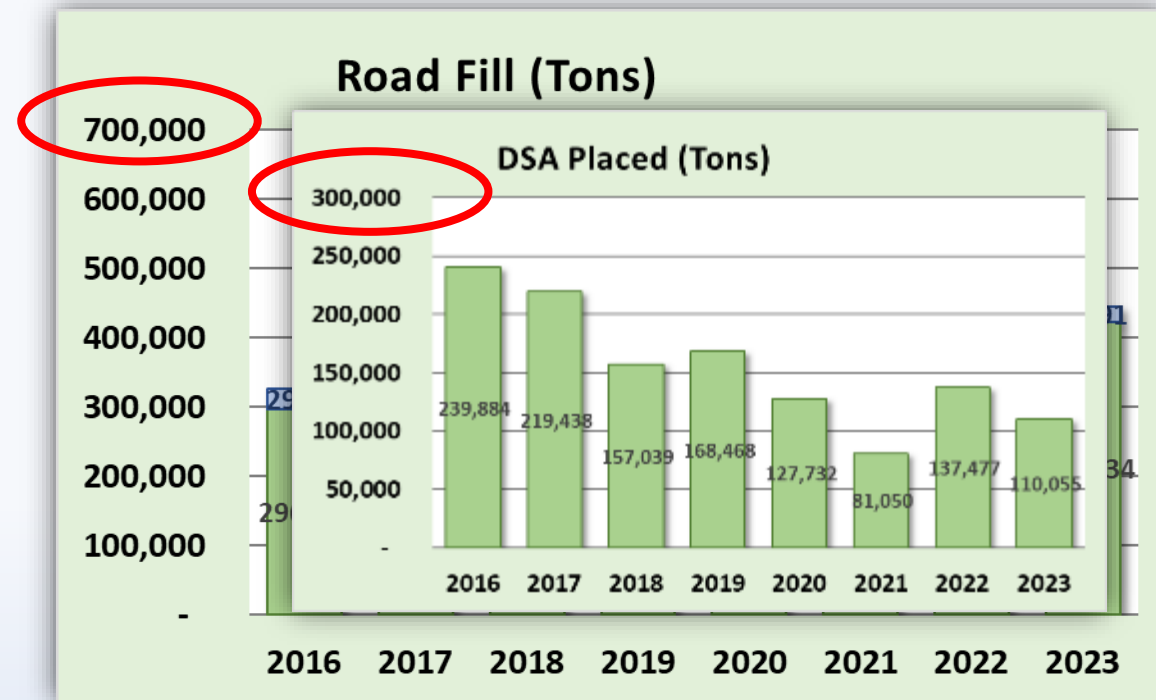
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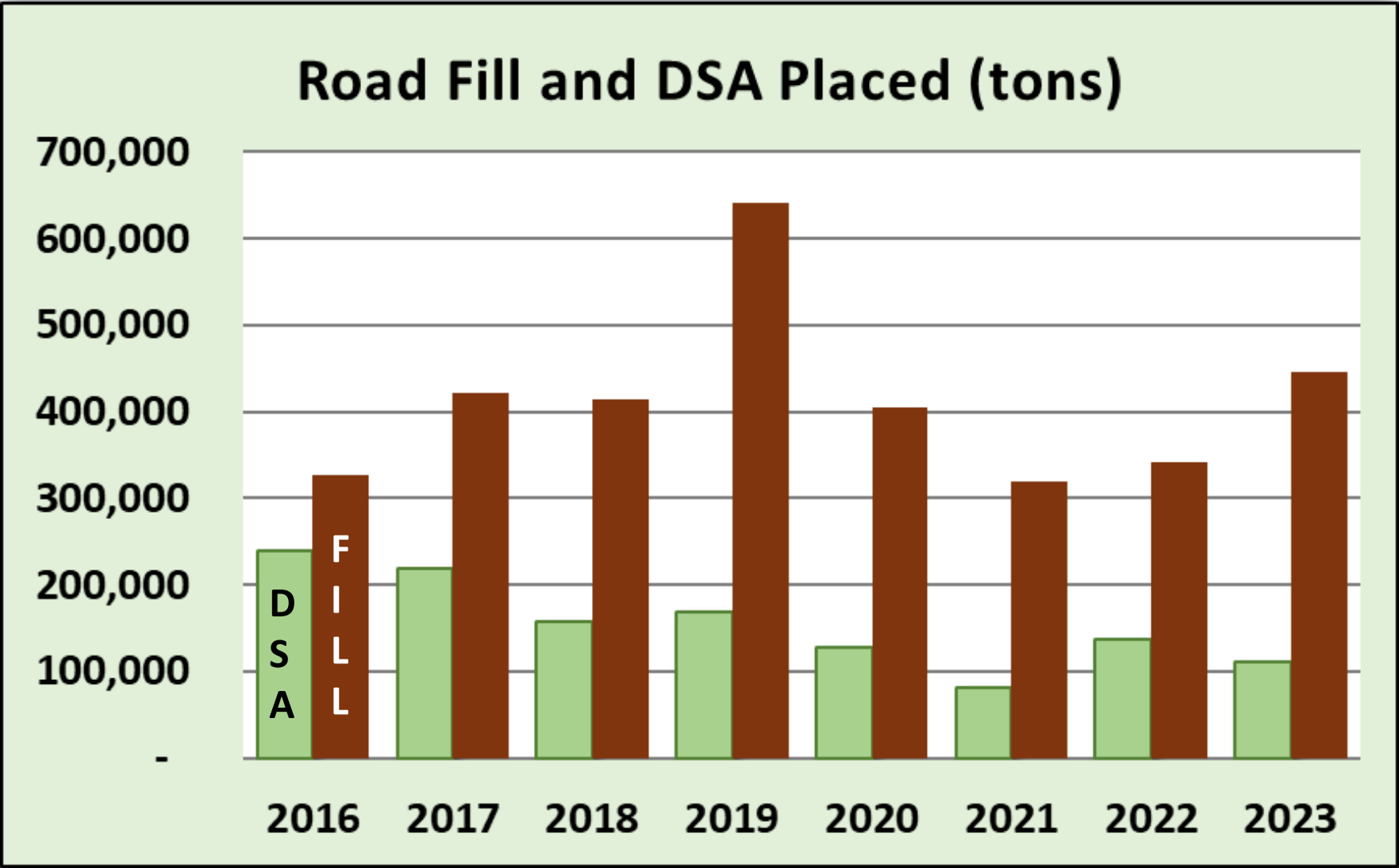
Fill and DSA looks similar but different scales





## Road Fill – vs- DSA

5-year total: 3-4 tons of fill for every ton of DSA



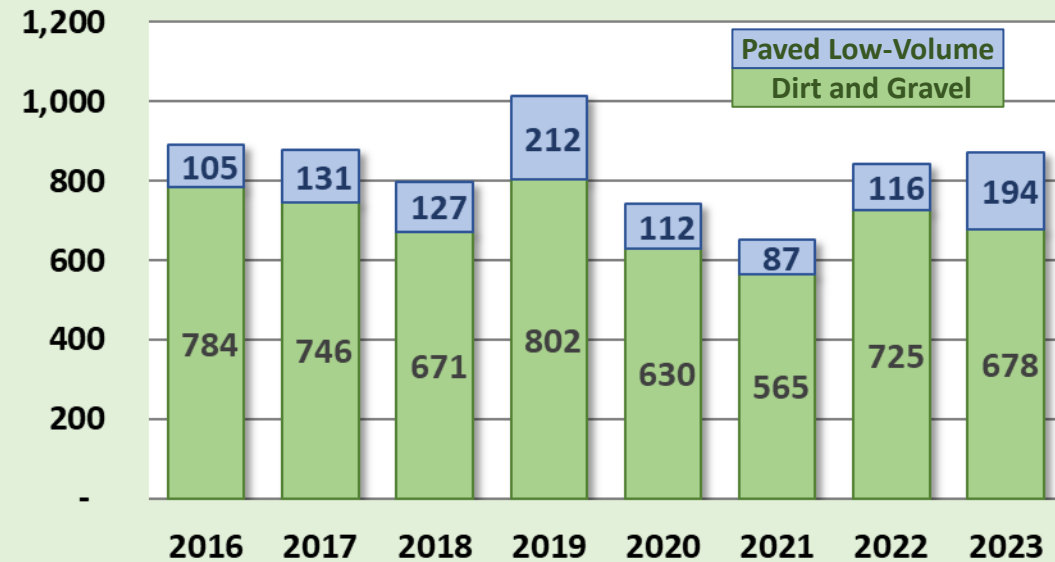
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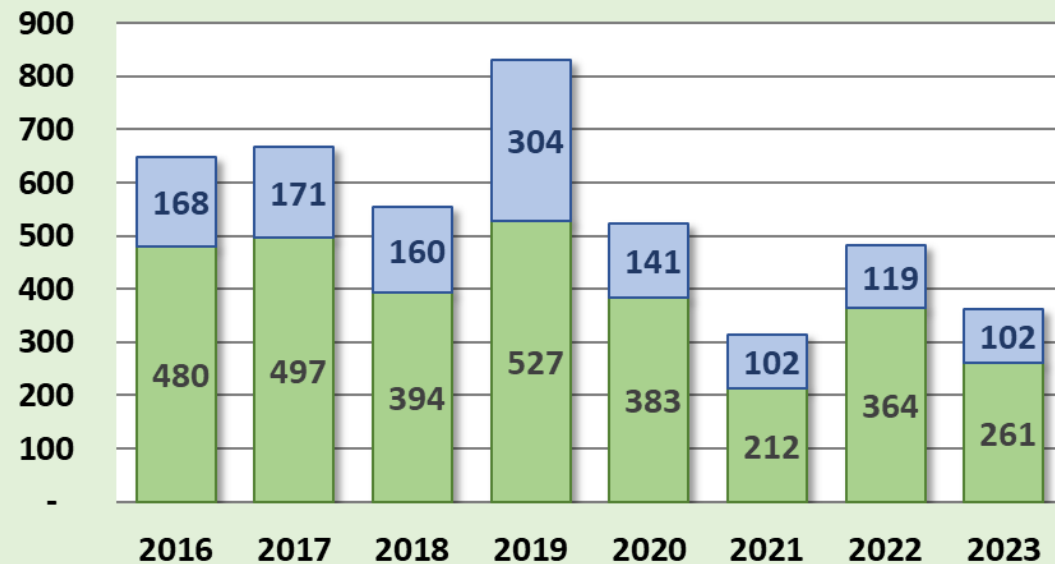
- Fundamental drainage disconnection
- 872 new pipes in 2023
- **Last 5 years:**
  - 4,121 new pipes installed
  - 2,515 pipes replaced



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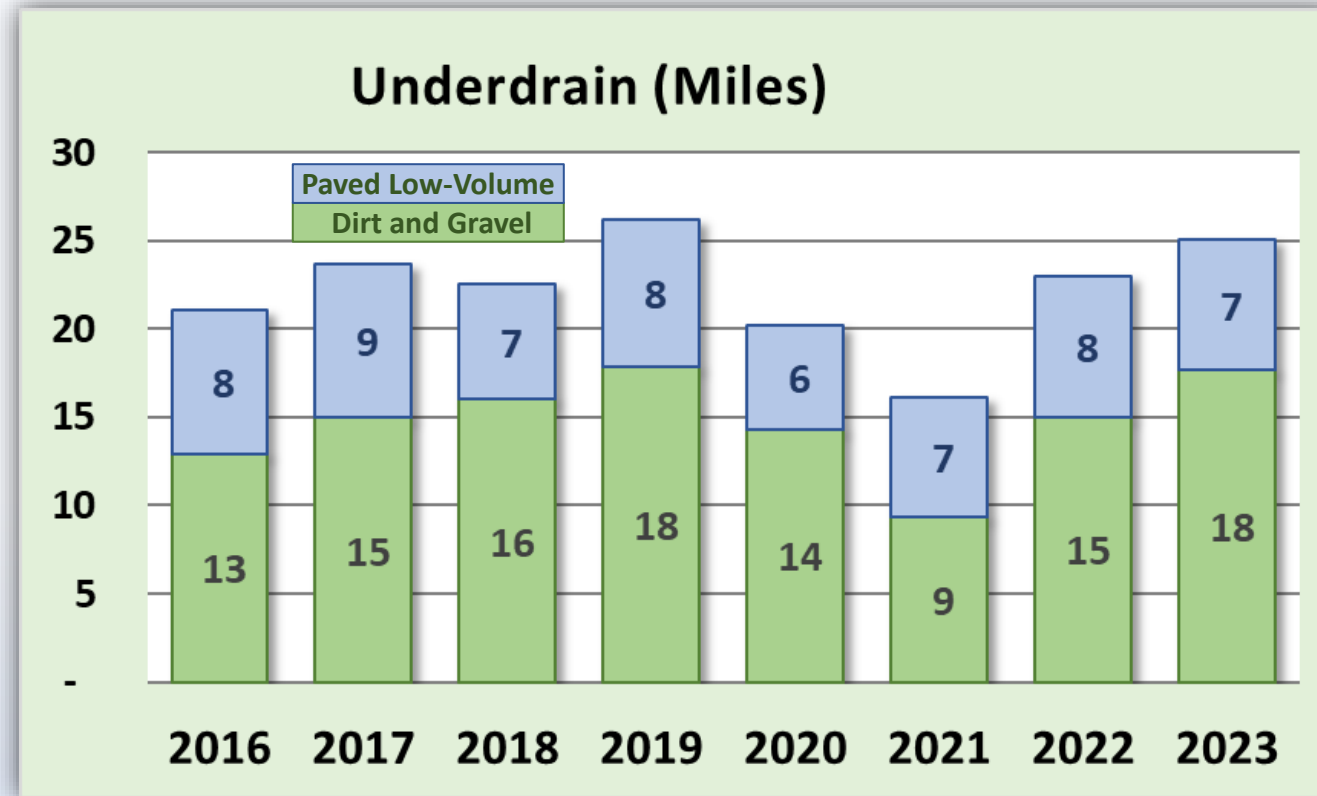


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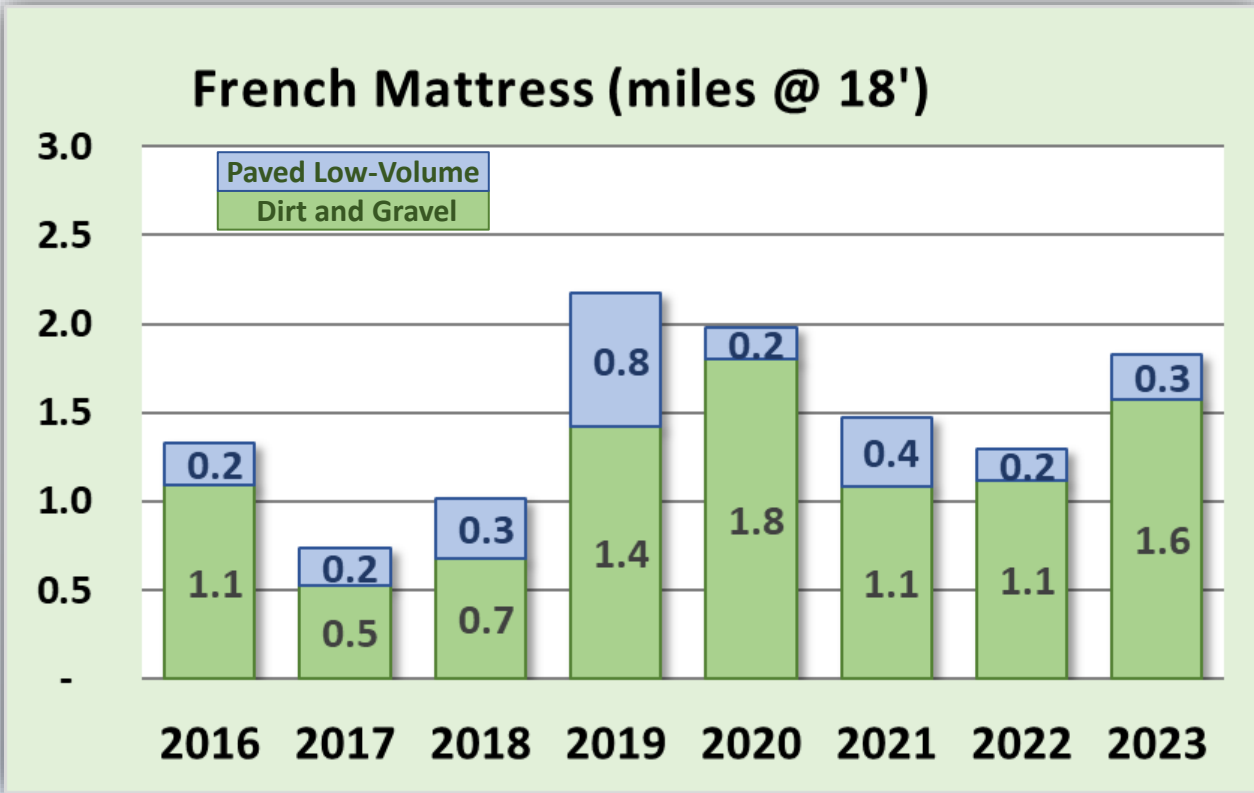
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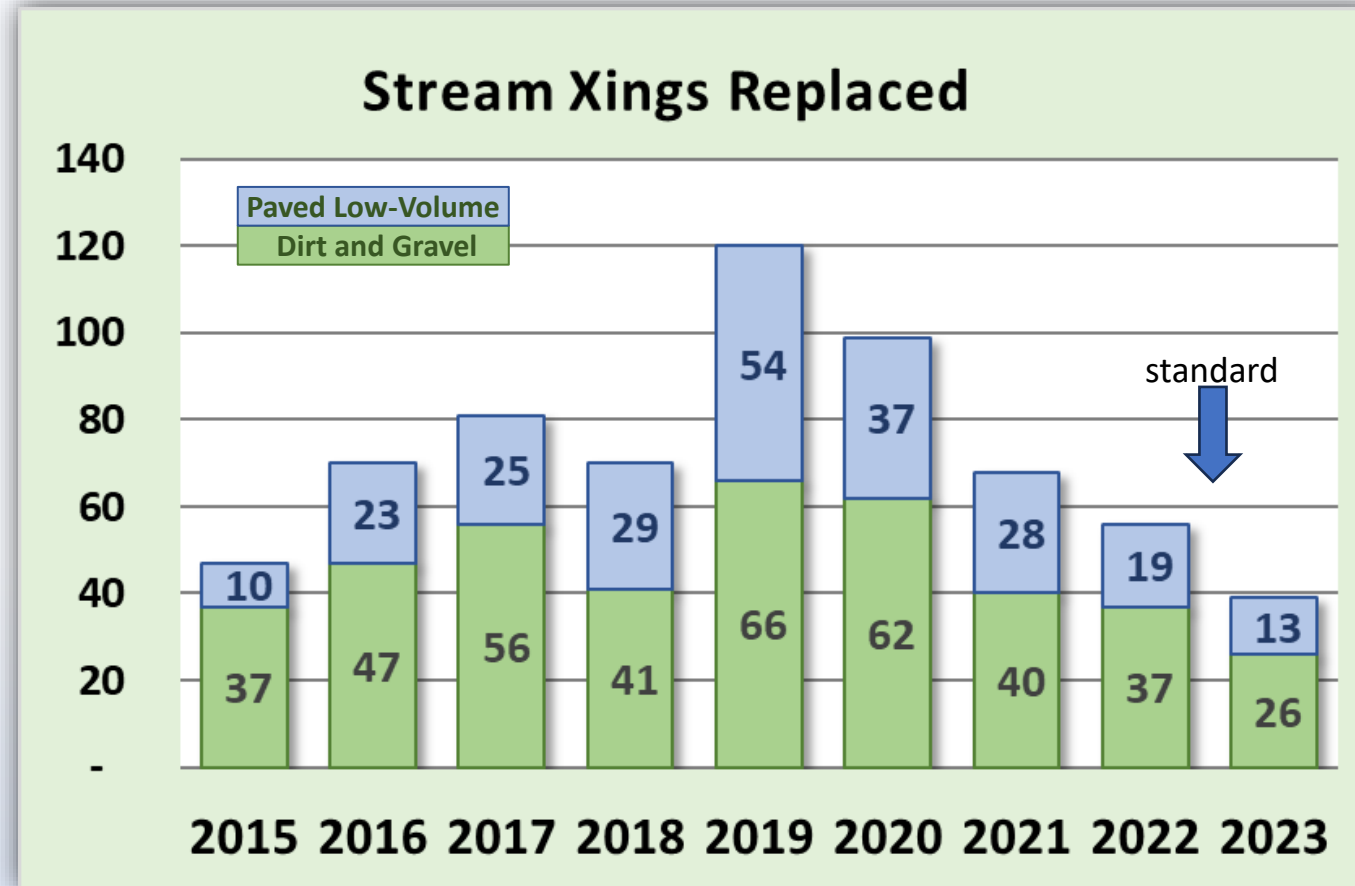
## Subsurface Drainage: French Mattress

- Used to allow water to drain through road and provide base support
- Generally increasing trend



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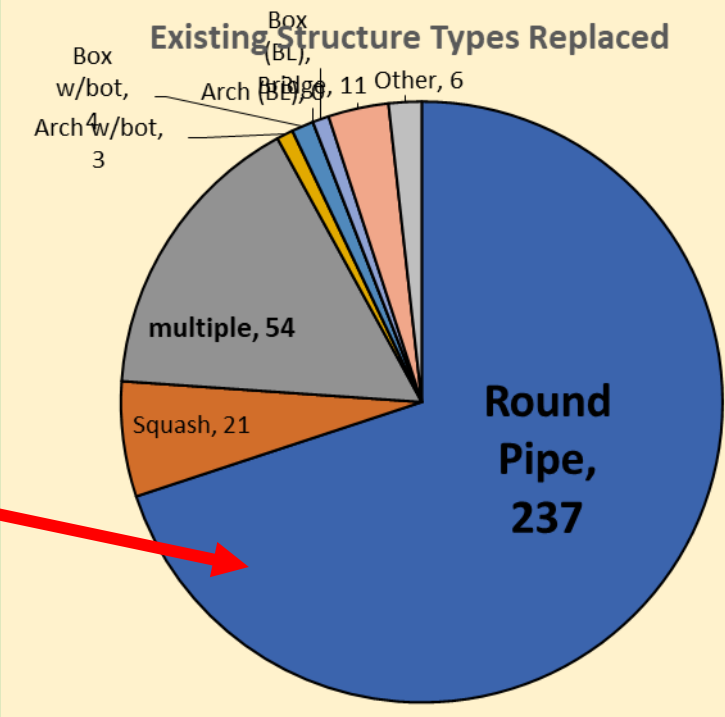
- Decreasing 5-year trend
- 39 replaced in 2023: all contracted pre-standard
- More prevalent on LVRs
- Improved data collected starting July '19...



# Annual Summary Report: Deliverables

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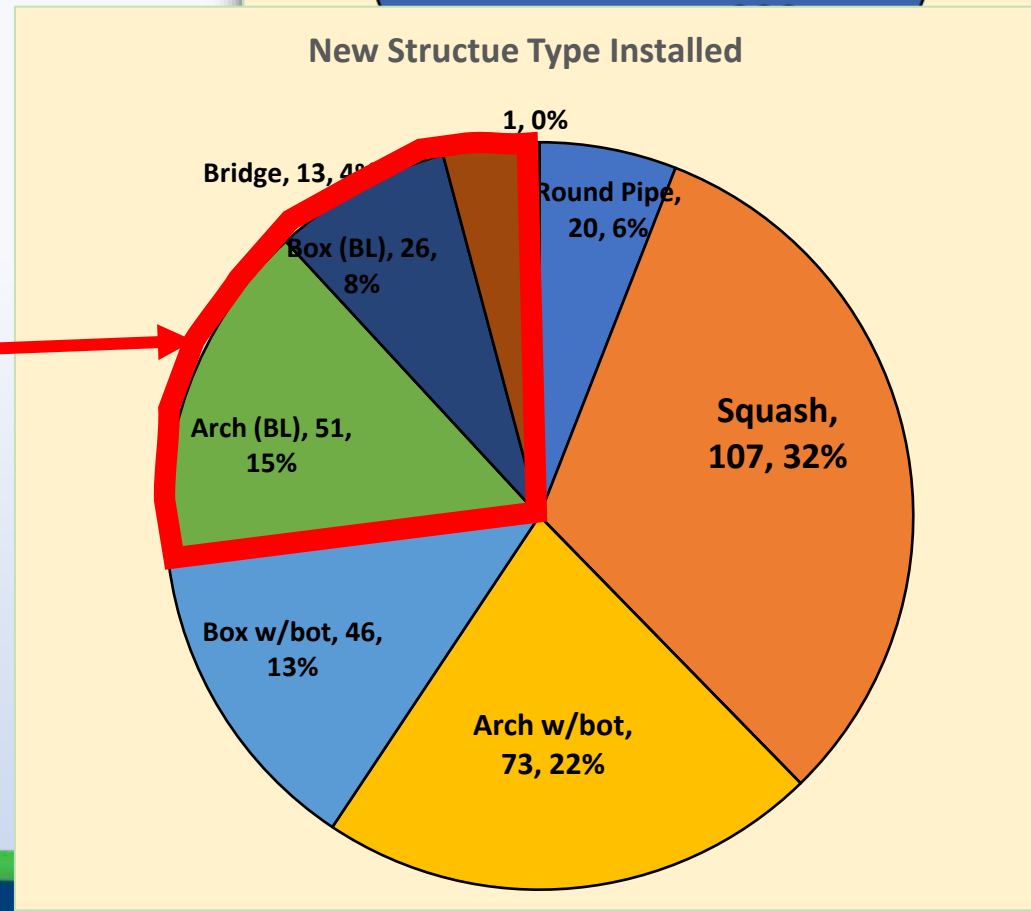
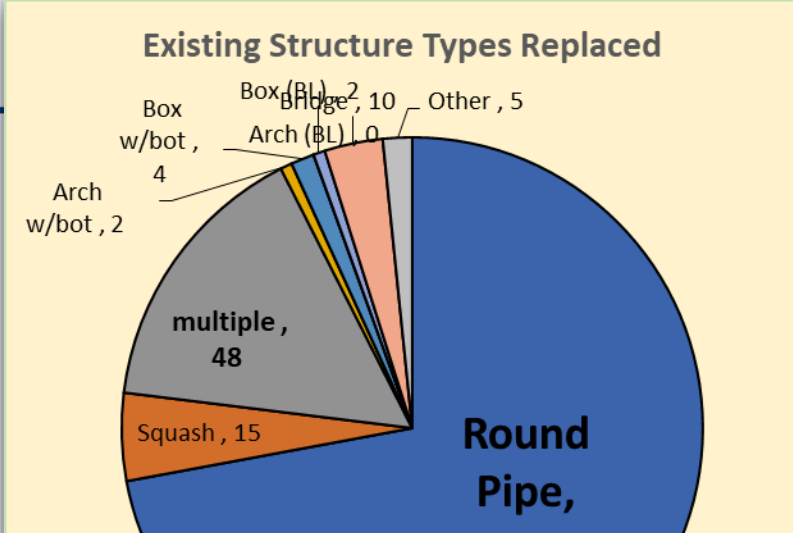
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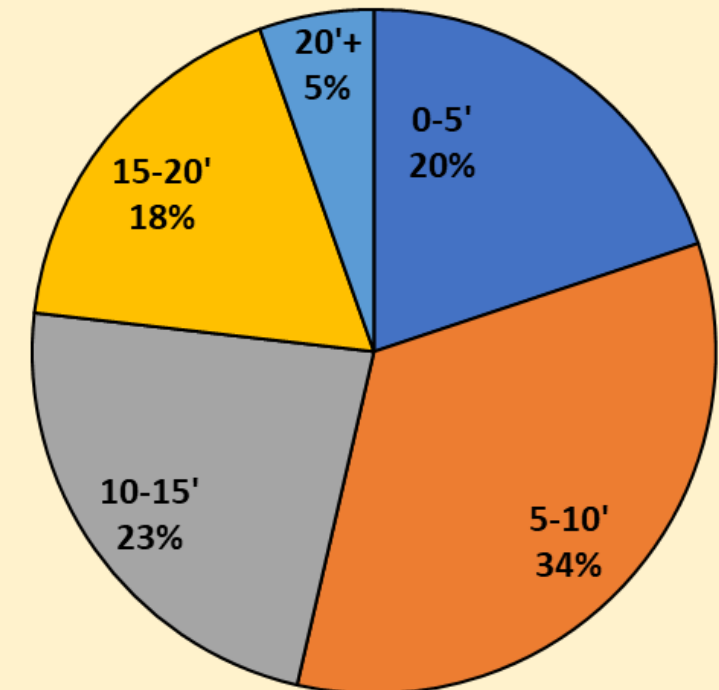
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    - Average new structure width = 11.2' (118%)

New Structure Opening Width

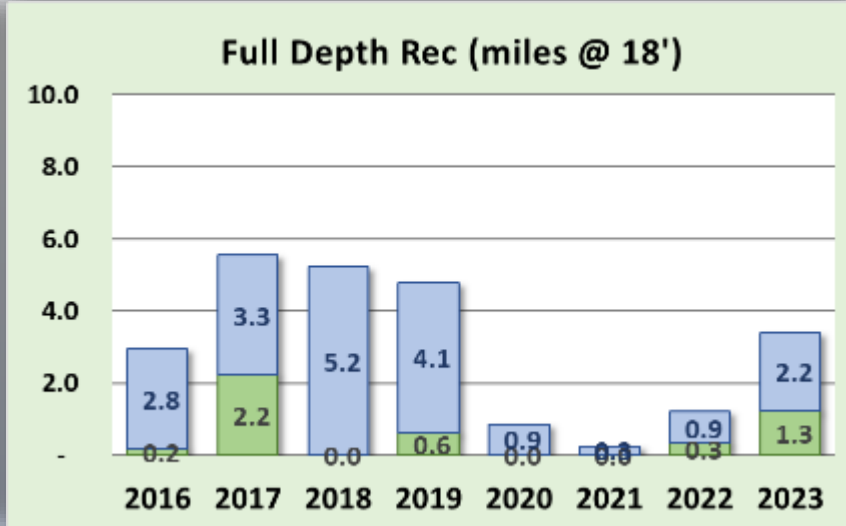
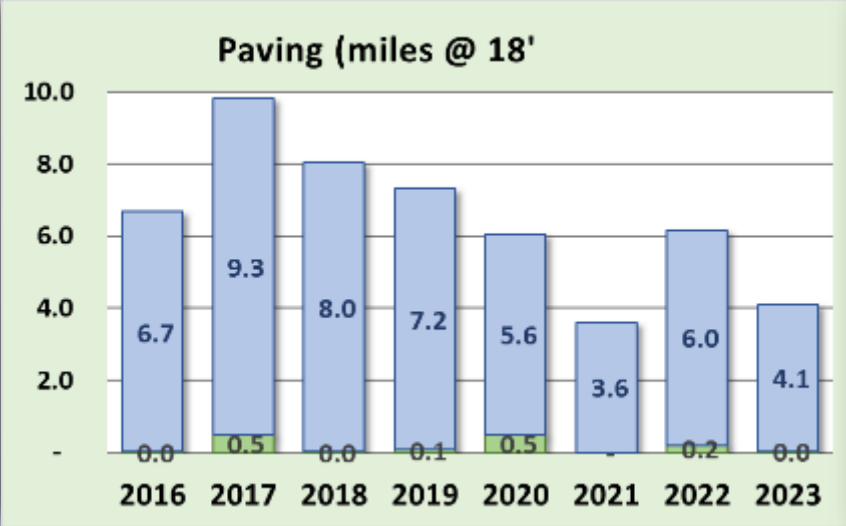
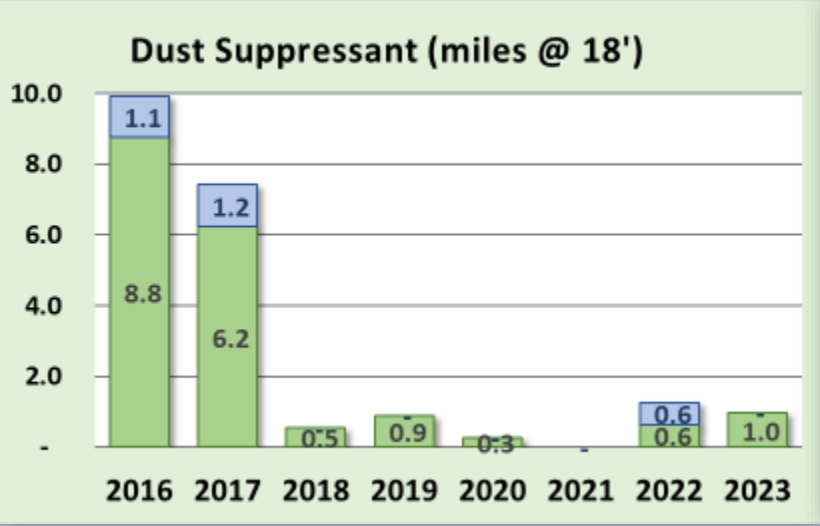




## Very Minor Players (even with in-kind)

- Dust Suppressants: decreased to almost no use
- Full Depth Reclamation: additional requirements in 2019 decreased use
- Paving: most CDs only pay for what they disturb in fixing drainage. Note much of paving in graph below was in-kind.

Dirt and Gravel  
Paved Low-Volume



# Annual Summary Report: Deliverables



## Where did these numbers come from, and can I do this for my county?

Annual Summary Report

Funding Source: **Dirt and Gravel**

Date Submitted: 01/31/2023

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2023	0	0.00	0.00	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	
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ASR Overview (2022/2023)      Report Checklist      Center Use Only

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This table converts reported units into approximate length (miles)

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- Numbers came straight from GIS
- YES, you can do the same thing and more for your county

- Two 2019 Webinars recorded

- March 7, 2019
- March 21, 2019



### *CDGRS – education and training – webinars – past webinars*

- **March 21: Detailed GIS Data Analysis Demo in Excel**
  - This webinar spent some time doing more detailed summarization and analysis of one county's GIS data in excel. It went into more detail on sorts, summarizations, formulas, and graphs, and other functions in excel.
  - [Webinar Download](#) (134 MB): MP4 format (~ 48 minutes)
  - Presentation Downloads:
    - [Adobe PDF](#) (809 KB)
    - [MS Powerpoint](#) (942 KB)
- **March 7: Analyzing GIS data for CDs**
  - Overview of GIS Reporting tools and tips and hints with analyzing GIS data for CDs.
  - [Webinar Download](#) (101 MB): MP4 format (~ 45 minutes)
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# 2023 Annual Summary Report

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- **CD Financial Status**



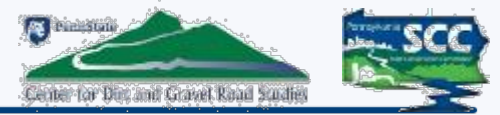
## Reminders / Overview

- **Allocations to CDs**
  - \$26.1 Million Annually
  - \$130 Million through this 5-year agreement
  - At least 80% required to go to projects, ~90% does
- CDs get ½ their allocation up front, other ½ remains in Hbg for replenishment
  - CDs receive DGLVR funds BEFORE they spend them
  - When spending is reported in quarterly reports, the 50% advance is replenished
  - Replenishments are different from reimbursements

## Reminders / Overview

- CDs have two years to spend funding
- Currently in FY 2023-24, year 1 of 5-year agreement between SCC and CDs
  - Funds from previous 5-year agreement must be spent by 6/30/2024
- FY 2024-25 allocations will be taken to the SCC in July 2024 (after the spending deadline)

# Annual Summary Report: Spending update (5-year)



- **Green:** all funds from 2018-23 agreement have been spent
- **Yellow:** all funds from 2018-23 agreement have been committed
- **Red:** some funds from 2018-23 agreement have not been committed

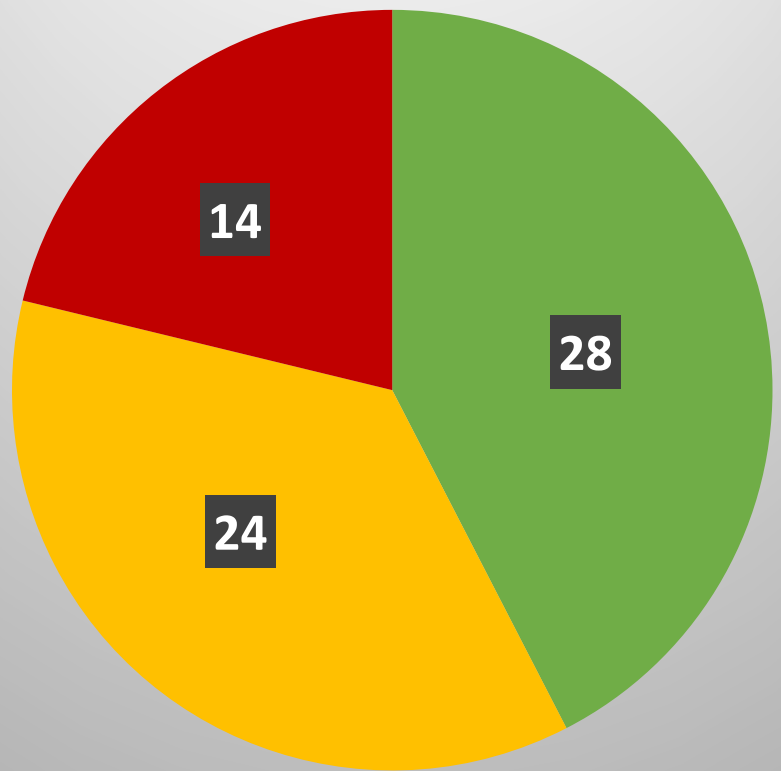
*(Committed = active contract in GIS)*

If your “balance remaining” is more than your “committed remaining” in your GIS quarterly report, you are **yellow** or **red**

Spending Status		Previous 5-Year Agreement	
Unreported Advance: \$	0.00	"Old Money" Balance: \$	4,443.13
Unreported Replenishments: \$	0.00	Currently Spent: \$	0.00
Current Balance: \$	51,121.09	Balance Remaining: \$	4,443.13
Committed Remaining: \$	0.00		
Uncommitted Balance: \$	51,121.09		

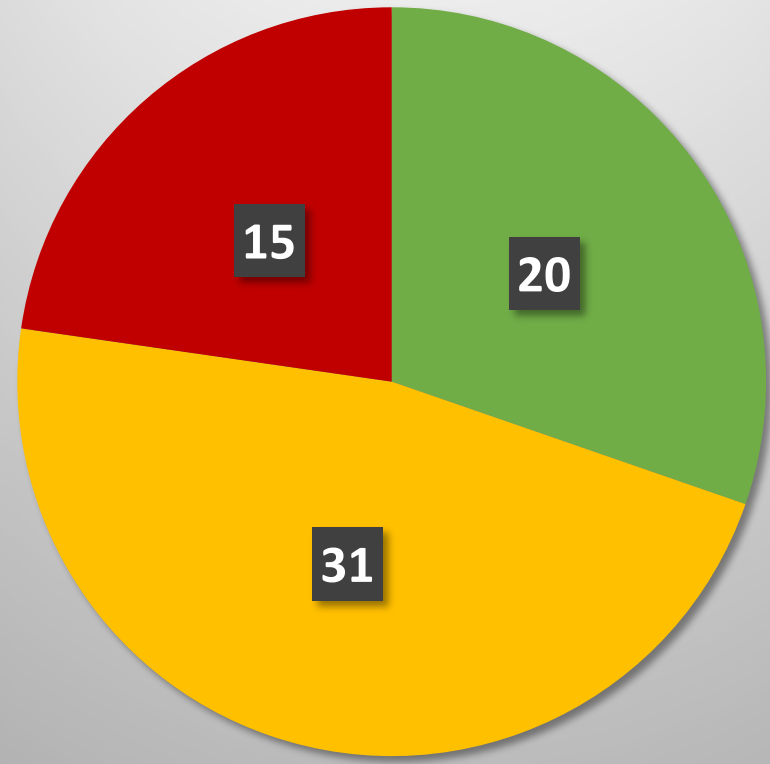
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## Dirt and Gravel



■ Spent All ■ Committed All ■ Not Committed All

## Low Volume





## Question:

What do you consider “spent”?

## Answer:

Spent: when DGLVR Funds leave your Program account

- An admin/edu expense has been paid with Program funds and reported in quarterly report
- A check has been written to the grant recipient and entered in GIS
  - Advances, partial payments, final payments

## Question:

What if funds are not spent by 6/30/24?

## Answer:

Per conditions of the existing 5-year agreement (section 1.3): “...*the funds will revert back to the control of the Commission for future apportionments, or the District may, at the discretion of the Commission, be ineligible for future allocations, or the amount of such funds may be deducted from any future apportionment to the District.*”

Contact Roy, Sherri, Andy, and Ken to discuss



## Reminders:

- No webinar next week (SE admin training)
- Looking for comments on new hire guide

### 2024 Webinars

- **February 29: New Hire Guide for CD DGLVR Technicians**

- Staffing turnover at conservation districts can cause significant disruptions to CD projects and programs. The Center has worked with the SCC to develop a “New Hire Guide” for new Conservation District DGLVR Technicians to facilitate their orientation to the Program. This webinar reviewed the new guide which will be made available.
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  - [MS Powerpoint](#) (1.28 MB)

# Annual Summary Report: Spending update (5-year)



## Reminder: Course Attendance Tracker

The screenshot shows the website for the Penn State Center for Dirt and Gravel Road Studies. The header includes the Penn State logo and the text "PennState Center for Dirt and Gravel Road Studies". A navigation bar contains links for HOME, PA PROGRAM RESOURCES, GENERAL RESOURCES, EDUCATION/TRAINING, and other options. The "EDUCATION/TRAINING" menu is open, with "Course Attendance Tracker" highlighted by a red box and a yellow arrow. The main content area features a large green banner with the text "Course Attendance Tracker" and a breadcrumb trail "Home » Education/Training » Course Attendance Tracker". Below this, there is a sidebar with a list of navigation items: Education/Training, Remote Learning Center, Course Attendance Tracker, and ESM Course >. The main content area also includes two images of people in a meeting or training session.

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Search Certifications:

- ESM
- Stream Training
- Admin Training

The screenshot shows a web application interface for searching certifications. At the top is a green navigation bar with links: HOME, PA PROGRAM RESOURCES, GENERAL RESOURCES, EDUCATION/TRAINING, NEWS & EVENTS, BOF, CENTER, a search icon, and a user icon. Below the navigation bar is a grey sidebar menu with the following items: ESM Course >, Program Administration Training >, Annual Maintenance Workshop, Webinars >, Assessment Training >, ESM Boot Camp, Stream Crossings >, and Project Work. The main content area features a header image of a group of people in a meeting. Below the image are two search input fields: 'Search current certifications' and 'Search people'. A text block below these fields reads: 'Use the drop-down menus below to find individuals that are actively certified from in or more of our course/training offerings.' There are three dropdown menus: 'Course Type' (with 'Program Administration Certified' selected), 'Choose a County' (with 'View all Counties' selected), and a third dropdown menu. Below the dropdowns are two green buttons: 'Search for eligible participants' and 'Download a CSV of this result'. At the bottom, it shows '203 total results' and a pagination control with links for 1, 2, 3, and Last. A table displays the search results.

County	Organization	Name	Class #	Certification Date	Expiration Date
Adams County	Adams County Conservation District	Musselman, Debra K	3046	01-29-2021	12-31-2024
Allegheny County	Allegheny County Conservation District	Kinney, Riley E	3046	01-29-2021	12-31-2024

## Reminders:

- No webinar next week (SE admin training)
- Looking for comments on new hire guide

### 2024 Webinars

- **February 29: New Hire Guide for CD DGLVR Technicians**

- Staffing turnover at conservation districts can cause significant disruptions to CD projects and programs. The Center has worked with the SCC to develop a “New Hire Guide” for new Conservation District DGLVR Technicians to facilitate their orientation to the Program. This webinar reviewed the new guide which will be made available.
- [Webinar Download](#) (99.8 MB): MP4 format (*~45 minutes*)
- Presentation Downloads:
  - [Adobe PDF](#) (1.33 MB)
  - [MS Powerpoint](#) (1.28 MB)