

MARIO BENAVIDES

CONTACT



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PROFILE

Experienced municipal public works professional with 20 years at the City of Aurora, including nearly 5 years as an operator and 5 years in a supervisory role. Skilled in managing complex infrastructure projects, emergency response, interagency coordination, and workforce leadership. Proven track record in overseeing large-scale operations, snow command logistics, and special events support. Seeking to transition into the Assistant Superintendent of the Street Division to further contribute strategic leadership and operational oversight.

EDUCATION

Waubensee Community College

Associate Degree- 2000

Aurora Central Catholic High School

Diploma- 1998

SKILLS

PROFESSIONAL	TECHNICAL
Effective Leadership Qualities	UKG
Attentive Communication	JULIE
Effective Collaborator	Microsoft Teams
Professional Strategist	Microsoft Word
Relationship Building	Microsoft Excel
Resident Advocate	Microsoft Access
Team Building & Motivation	Microsoft PowerPoint

CERTIFICATIONS

- Street Operations & Infrastructure Leadership
- Urban Forestry & Environmental Stewardship
- Emergency Management & Snow Operations
- American Heart Association – CPR, First Aid, Blood Borne Pathogens
- ACRT Arborist Training – Electrical Hazard Training

LEADERSHIP & PROJECT ROLES

- COVID-19 Pandemic Response: Set up and supported vaccine sites.
- Special Events Coordination for major city events.
- Legal Coordination for property damage investigations.

EXPERIENCE:

CITY OF AURORA-STREET DIVISION

Assistant Superintendent 2025 to Present

- Filling in daily executive roles
- Inputting and overseeing payroll
- assisting in assigning daily tasks to managers
- coordinating with engineering on various street maintenance projects
- Filling in for the Superintendent as needed

Labor Supervisor, 2020 – 2025

- Manage daily operations, snow command, special events, and interdepartmental coordination. Lead supervisor for crews and emergency response; oversee day to day operations, trains, and mentor other supervisors.
- Manage and schedule all crews; serve as liaison with other city departments.
- Oversee the City's Sign Shop and Sign Truck operations.
- Direct citywide snow operations, coordinating city and subcontractor routes.
- Provide training for supervisors on new technologies and assist with payroll.

Arborist / Forestry Lead, 2006 – 2024

Maintenance Worker I – Street Maintenance Division 2006 – 2016
Maintenance Worker II – Street Maintenance Division 2016 – 2018
Maintenance Worker III – Street Maintenance 2018 – 2020

- Managed Emerald Ash Borer response efforts.
- Performed entry-level street maintenance, tree work, and sign installation.
- Oversaw all tree maintenance for Wards 4, 5, & 6.
- Supported Arbor Day and tree planting initiatives.
- Took on increased responsibilities in operations as an operator and project work.
- Advanced role with leadership in technical duties, operating heavy machinery, and training.
- Administered 50/50 and free tree planting programs.

Maintenance Worker / Operator, 2005 – 2020