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It seems like just yesterday Loudoun County endured 34" inches of snow that fell February 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> and the subsequent storm on February 10<sup>th</sup> that dumped 10 more inches. Over \$1.2M was spent on snow removal this winter to keep the Greenway open for public use. That cost does not include the normal operating costs associated with maintaining the Greenway. During the February 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> storm, trucks were on the road for more than 80 straight hours keeping the Greenway passable.

One motorist noted, "...I did want to give you a compliment: the road is in such good condition in contrast to the pot-hole ridden Virginia state maintained roads that lead to it. This must have something to do with your road being built properly to begin with (sic) and the snow and ice being cleared in a timely fashion. It was so smooth to get on the Greenway after having my car beaten up." This winter, over 78" of snow fell, over 10,000 man-hours and 3,000 tons of salt were used to keep the Greenway open.

Local municipalities and the Virginia Department of Transportation are able to apply for reimbursement of a portion of their snow removal expenses through a presidential emergency declaration. The Dulles Greenway is privately owned and does not qualify for the Federal Assistance Program.