

Village of Dolgeville Engineer's Monthly Update

August 2025

Active Projects

Center Park Rehabilitation – EPF Parks Grant #EPF-182340 & NY Forward

- On July 24, 2025, the Village submitted an extension request letter to the NYS Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation for the Center Park Rehabilitation project, seeking to amend the contract scope to focus on select, shovel-ready elements that can be completed within the agency's 18-month completion window.
- The request asks that the grant deadline be extended to December 31, 2026, while retaining the full EPF grant allocation.
- A follow-up inquiry to Parks was sent to Grants Administrator Sunshine Jenkins on August 11, 2025, to check on the status of the request. The Village is awaiting a formal response regarding the extension and the ability to retain the full award under the reduced scope.
- If the agency requires a proportional reduction in funding or does not approve the amended scope, the project schedule and construction budget may need to be revised to align with available resources and contract deadlines.
- Next steps:
 - Saratoga Associates to update drawings and estimate for reduced-scope bid, August 2025

Main Street Sewer Replacement Project

- The Main Street Sewer Improvements Project continues to advance, with significant installation progress and key coordination efforts underway. Work between MH-12 and MH-17 is complete, with all new sewer mains and laterals tied in. Installation of the sewer main between MH-11 and MH-12 is ongoing, with two remaining laterals (one in front of the bakery and one in front of the hair salon) still to be connected.
- At the August 4th progress meeting, Carver Construction proposed a change to the planned installation method for the sewer casing pipe between MH-65 and MH-66. Instead of the originally specified jack-and-bore method, Carver and BP Excavation recommend completing the work via open cut in conjunction with the Beaver Brook culvert replacement.
- Under the coordination plan, BP Excavation will handle water bypass pumping, removal of the existing stone arch, and culvert installation within the DOT contract scope, while Carver will install the new sewer main and casing pipe, backfilling to the culvert subgrade. Final road and site restoration within the culvert project limits will be completed by BP Excavation; Carver will restore areas outside those limits.
- Other project updates include:
 - **Permitting:** DOT, floodplain, and stream disturbance permits are secured. Fulton County permit coordination is ongoing for Phase 2 detours.
 - **Quality Control:** Compaction testing occurs regularly; all laterals are being replaced except in cases where recent installations are in good condition.
 - **Restoration:** Temporary paving (sidewalks and roadways) has been waived in favor of final restoration at project phase completion, anticipated by the end of September.
 - **Approvals:** NYSDOH approval was received in April 2025; NYSEFC/NYSDEC approvals remain pending.

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- **Change Orders:** Several items are approved or in review, including replacement of lined sections and new sanitary service cleanout covers.
- **Schedule:** The project remains on track, with updated schedules to be issued in the coming weeks. Beaver Brook culvert coordination work is anticipated to start September 2, 2025.

Water Meter Replacement Project – GIGP Grant Award

- The Village of Dolgeville has been selected to receive a \$664,000 grant through the New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation's Green Innovation Grant Program (GIGP) to support the Water Meter Replacement Project. This long-awaited initiative (nearly 20 years in my history with the Village) will replace aging water meters with modern, accurate metering technology, improving water conservation efforts and supporting fair, usage-based billing practices.
- The grant requires a minimum 25% local match of eligible project costs. To fully utilize the award, the Village must provide \$221,333 in matching funds. The Village may choose to perform all meter installation work using its own Department of Public Works staff under a Technical Force Account (TFA), subject to EFC approval of the proposal and required certification. The value of approved TFA work would be credited toward the local match requirement, and this approach is expected to be far less costly than contracting the work out, making the overall project more financially viable.
- The program operates on a cost-incurred basis, allowing disbursement of grant funds upon submission of approved invoices. *The Village will not need to bond the full project amount, but must provide documentation for the required local match and any additional funds necessary to complete the work.*
- The Village must sign and return the Award Acceptance Form to EFC by August 29, 2025, to secure the grant.
- Design work will proceed first, after which the Village will determine whether to proceed with a TFA approach or contract installation services.