

# Village of Dolgeville Engineer's Monthly Update

September 2025

## Active Projects

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

- On August 18, 2025, the Village Board of Trustees adopted Resolution #126-2025 authorizing final design, bidding, and construction administration services with Saratoga Associates. This contract covers all remaining design updates, pre-bid and construction-phase support services required for project delivery.
- The Village is working with Saratoga Associates to revise the project's Attachment B-3(A) capital-based budget. The revised amendment reflects a simplified contract format required by NYS Parks and consolidates match funds into each budget category. Predevelopment costs have been confirmed at \$123,919.02 and will remain unchanged, as that amount has already been reimbursed. Additional coordination is underway to confirm administrative elements and the final construction budget.
- As a reminder, Parks has indicated that December 31, 2026, will be the final eligible completion date under this grant. Construction must be completed (and all reimbursements submitted) before that date.
- The consultant is currently preparing updated cost estimates for the construction scope. A revised quote for the splash pad feature has been requested from the intended supplier (Vortex), and the Village is considering breakout pricing for this element to allow for potential private or alternative funding. A donor has expressed early interest, and a final price will support fundraising conversations.
- Next steps:
  - Finalize and submit revised Attachment B-3(A) budget amendment to NYS Parks
  - Obtain updated splash pad quote from Vortex and incorporate into bid alternates
  - Advance final drawings and specifications for bidding (anticipated Fall 2025)

### **Main Street Sewer Replacement Project**

- Sewer main installation between MH-65 and MH-17 has been completed. Crews have now begun work south of MH-65, where shallow bedrock has caused slower progress. Despite subsurface challenges, Carver Construction opted to maintain the original invert elevation at MH-65, foregoing a proposed revision to raise it.
- Active coordination continues at the Beaver Brook culvert crossing with NYSDOT and BP Excavation. Work at this site was accelerated to accommodate NYSDOT's construction schedule.
- The realignment of the Village water main beneath the Beaver Brook culvert was identified as an issue that ended up needing immediate coordination with NYSDOT and NYSDOH. Following concerns raised by the Village over a lack of prior notice and review, full design plans were requested and submitted. After review, NYSDOH confirmed that the proposed work qualifies as a "replacement in kind," thereby not requiring formal DOH approval, provided all testing, disinfection, and installation standards are met. The Village has stipulated that thrust blocks must be installed per the original design, regardless of the use of restrained joints.

NYSDOT has committed to meeting all AWWA and DOH requirements. The Village Water Treatment Operator has been consulted, and the contractor has been directed to complete pressure testing, flushing,

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and bacteriological sampling in full accordance with state standards. Work on the realignment was completed by September 5, 2025.

- Field inspections determined that all sewer lateral bends must use long-radius fittings. Carver has been directed to revise and resubmit the associated details accordingly.
- An EPA site visit is tentatively scheduled for September 22, 2025. Barton & Loguidice is preparing project documentation for the visit.
- Pending Change Orders:
  - COR #9902 (N. Main water issues) – under B&L review
  - COR #9903 (N. Main connection) – revisions requested
  - COR #9908-02 (open cut across Beaver Brook – credit) – under review
  - COR #9909 (additional CCTV work) – approved; change order pending
- A pre-paving coordination meeting is being scheduled. NYSDOT will have daily onsite presence during the restoration phase.
- Next meetings:
  - Onsite: September 15, 2025 at 10:00 AM – Village Hall
  - Virtual: September 29, 2025 at 9:00 AM – Zoom

## **Water Meter Replacement Project – GIGP Grant Award**

- On August 18, 2025, the Village Board passed a formal resolution to accept the Green Innovation Grant Program (GIGP) award from the New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation (EFC).
- The next step is to receive and review the official grant agreement from EFC. Once received, the Village will begin internal planning discussions to determine the most effective use of the awarded funds.
- As part of this planning phase, the Village will evaluate how much of the work can be completed in-house to maximize cost efficiency and align with local operational capacity.

## **North Main Street Waterfront Park – GRG Grant Project**

- A public information meeting was held on September 2, 2025, to review the preliminary design for the North Main Street Waterfront Park project and receive public input. The project is supported by a \$1.75 million GRG grant with a required 10% local match (approx. \$195,000). Highland Planning and Colliers led the presentation and Q&A session.
- The proposed park design includes accessible pathways, swing gardens, a pavilion with electric service, fishing access, solar lighting, a small play area, and parallel parking along North Main Street. The design is intentionally flood-resilient, in accordance with FEMA site restrictions (no permanent foundations are included, and the shoreline will not be elevated).
- Public feedback focused on concerns regarding historical flooding, sediment buildup, potential ice jams, insurance impacts, and long-term maintenance. Clarifications were provided regarding FEMA restrictions,

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coordination with NYSDOT's bridge replacement project, and opportunities for in-kind contributions to satisfy local match requirements.

- Next steps include further coordination with FEMA and grant administrators, refinement of the construction scope, and final decision-making regarding acceptance of the grant and local match commitments.