

Village of Dolgeville Engineer's Monthly Update

April 2026

Active Projects

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

- Building on last month's funding and scope coordination, Saratoga Associates continued working with DOS and OPRHP on the documentation needed to move the project into construction contracts.
- The project team confirmed that the current awarded scope includes the base bid park improvements, including the pavilion, splash pad, site lighting, walks / parking area, seating, and landscaping.
- The restroom building, kitchen / concession space, and pavilion enclosure remain outside the current awarded scope while the Village continues to evaluate funding options.
- Contract documents were issued to the general, electrical, mechanical, and plumbing contractors for signature, with a pre-construction meeting to be scheduled once contracts are fully executed.

Main Street Sewer Replacement Project (Construction Progress / Contract Administration)

- This month, Carver, the Village, Barton & Loguidice, and NYSDOT continued detailed coordination on 2026 construction sequencing, inspection coverage, and work within the NYSDOT right-of-way.
- Outstanding contractor documentation remains a major focus, including sewer testing, post-construction CCTV review, AIS / BABA documentation, asphalt pavement submittals, and 2026 plant certifications.
- Following project restart, Barton & Loguidice recommended a temporary pause on work within the NYSDOT right-of-way until several quality-control, inspection, communication, and documentation items could be clarified.
- Follow-up discussion with Carver focused on trench backfill, compaction testing, bypass pumping notifications, field communication procedures, and the need for timely submittal review.
- Coordination also continued on pending allowance authorizations, change order items, North Main Street layout modifications, stone dust trench backfill, NYSDOT paving details, and weekly traffic management notifications.

Fink Creek Storm Drainage System Project – FEMA Project No. 4472DR-NY [130884]

- FEMA issued notice that the current period of performance for the Fink Creek Storm Drainage System project expires on June 30, 2026.
- The notice confirmed that any extension request will need to include prior extension information, justification for the additional time, and a projected completion date.
- This will need to be coordinated with Barton & Loguidice and DHSES so the project schedule and funding path remain aligned with the current design and construction timeline.

Dolgeville BioChar / Dolgeville Organics – SEQR and Planning Board Review

- This month, the Village is beginning early coordination related to the proposed Dolgeville Organics / BioChar project, including wastewater, air permitting, solid waste permitting, stormwater permitting, Planning Board review, and SEQR considerations.
- I have been providing assistance to the Planning Board over the past month as this process moves forward.

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Van Buren Street Extension Embankment Failure

- A new embankment failure at Van Buren Street Extension was reviewed with DPW following reports that the failure was progressing toward the roadway.
- I reviewed available historical information and aerial imagery, which suggests that prior stabilization work in this area was likely completed following the June 2013 flooding.
- Based on discussion with DPW, the nearby sewer line and water line should continue to be monitored while the Village looks for prior construction records or repair documentation.
- Discussed an interim repair with DPW which they will construct to protect the utilities

Water Meter Replacement Project – GIGP Grant

- Following comments on the draft project budget, the Village continued organizing materials needed for the GIGP water meter project submission.
- EFC's project checklist was reviewed, and the Village will need to assemble remaining documentation before the June 30 submission deadline.
- I also recommended confirming whether SEQR documentation was completed with the grant application or whether it needs to be started now as part of the project file.
- I am meeting with the Village's project team next week to finalize the EFC submission.

IDA Water Storage Tank Project (Manheim Business Park)

- Wright-Pierce continued coordination with NYSDOH, EFC, the IDA, and the Village regarding the agency review submission for the Manheim Business Park water storage tank project.
- NYSDOH requested revisions to clarify that the Village of Dolgeville public water system is the applicant / owner for DOH review purposes.
- EFC also clarified that, because the anticipated Project Finance Agreement will be between EFC and the Village, only the Village can submit disbursement requests to EFC.
- Additional coordination will be needed among the Village, IDA, Wright-Pierce, DOH, and EFC to align the construction specifications, funding administration, and ownership language before the project advances further.

Water / Sewer Rate Study Support

- The Village continued participation in the Syracuse University Environmental Finance Center rate study cohort.
- This month's session focused on utility budgeting, including operating costs, capital costs, debt service, reserve planning, and how these items affect future water and sewer rate discussions.
- Future sessions are expected to move from budget review toward rate structure options and the effect of those options on different customer classes.

Sewer Cleaner / Vector Funding and Procurement

- I created and submitted Congressionally Directed Spending applications for sewer cleaner equipment which were submitted to Senator Schumer and Senator Gillibrand's offices this month.

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- The application materials were updated to emphasize the Village's need to respond quickly to sewer blockages, protect stream-adjacent infrastructure, and reduce reliance on outside emergency contractors.
- I also assisted with emergency purchase language for replacement of the Village's 1988 sewer cleaner, focusing on public health, environmental protection, and maintaining the Village's ability to respond to sewer main blockages without delay.
