

Village of Dolgeville Engineer's Monthly Update

July 2026

Active Projects

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

- Construction progress meetings continued with Saratoga Associates, Wm. J. Keller & Sons, Village representatives, and other project team members to review field progress, schedule, utilities, design clarifications, funding administration, and coordination items.
- Site work continued to advance, including landscaping, plantings, boulder placement, slope stabilization, pavilion foundation preparation, underground utility work, and other park improvements. Grass is beginning to establish on the reconstructed embankment, and a portion of the embankment was identified as stabilized during the July 13 SWPPP inspection.
- Pavilion foundation and utility work advanced during the month with the contractor removing forms from the concrete piers early this week.
- An existing storm drainage structure and damaged storm pipe were encountered near the pavilion foundation area. The existing pipe was allowing water into the work area and conflicted with the proposed foundations and other underground improvements. The project team reviewed options to intercept and redirect the drainage to a suitable outlet while avoiding additional utility and structural conflicts with the Village DPW completing the work to reroute the pipe.
- Additional meetings were held regarding the proposed sanitary sewer connection for the splash pad and pavilion. The Village and design team reviewed the capacity of the existing six-inch sewer, the condition and suitability of the existing downstream manhole, the availability of recently replaced downstream sewer mains, and alternative connection arrangements.
- Based on the available pipe size and slope information, the anticipated splash-pad discharge represents only a portion of the calculated capacity of the existing six-inch sewer segment.
- The Village requested additional clarification regarding splash-pad and pavilion winterization, including isolation and drain-down provisions, backflow prevention, heated or above-ground equipment, monitoring and alarm provisions, the first-year winterization procedure, and the long-term ability of Village staff to operate and maintain the system. A walkthrough for the winterization process will be provided by the contractor.
- The Village also requested confirmation of the final pavilion plumbing arrangement, toilet selection, water-service layout, sanitary drainage, and provisions for future maintenance. These discussions are intended to resolve operational concerns while utility and foundation work can still be adjusted without substantial rework. Saratoga is working through these items and will be responding to the Village as we continue to move forward.
- Coordination continued with the Department of State regarding reimbursement procedures, budget reallocations, MWBE documentation, and New York State Contract System requirements. A follow-up meeting with DOS is being arranged to review these administrative items with Village staff.

Main Street Sewer Replacement Project

- Carver continued sewer construction and restoration work under the Main Street Sewer Replacement Project. Regular progress meetings were held with the Village, Barton & Loguidice, Carver, NYSDOT, and other involved parties to review construction, traffic control, restoration, testing, documentation, and contract administration.
- North Main Street has moved into final restoration and closeout activities. Turf is beginning to establish within disturbed areas, although the Village and project team identified locations where the placed topsoil contains excessive stone or where vegetation has not established adequately.

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- Barton & Loguidice is preparing and coordinating the North Main Street punch list. Areas with inadequate vegetation or unsuitable surface conditions are to be reviewed, raked or otherwise corrected as necessary, and reseeded.
- Sidewalk restoration details were also reviewed, including the treatment of expansion-joint material and the need to trim or recess projecting joint material and seal the joints where required to provide an acceptable finished surface.
- On South Main Street, sewer main and lateral installation continued. Work progressed through the section between Faville Avenue and Spofford Street, along with testing, partial restoration, top-course paving, and changes to the staged traffic-control pattern.
- CCTV inspection and mandrel testing results continued to be reviewed by Barton & Loguidice. Inspection reports and CCTV documentation are also being coordinated with NYSDOT before final acceptance and restoration of affected roadway sections.
- The project team continued reviewing the required sewer realignment near Brayton Court and West Timmerman Street. The revised alignment generally moves the sewer toward the center of the roadway and reconnects with the previously designed alignment at either end.
- Additional field verification and test pits are required at selected locations to confirm existing sewer elevations, manhole inverts, lateral connections, and other underground conditions before the realigned sewer is installed.
- The realignment plan generally allows the existing sewer to remain in service while the replacement sewer is installed, minimizing the duration of individual service interruptions when laterals are transferred to the new main.
- Coordination continued on roadway restoration, catch-basin modifications, water-main connections, gas-main conflicts, sewer and manhole adjustments, and related work-change directives. Several items are expected to be addressed through existing bid items or Base Bid B rather than processed as separate change orders.
- Carver continues to submit or revise required AIS and BABA certifications, material certifications, shop drawings, CIPP information, manhole-grout information, and record drawings. The project team is also reviewing asphalt, sidewalk reinforcement, topsoil, sanitary lateral connections, and other remaining submittals.
- The next phase of work extends into an area requiring coordination with Herkimer County. Advance notice and traffic coordination are being provided before the work and associated detour changes proceed.
- Contract administration continued on pay applications, allowances, work-change directives, change-order proposals, project documentation, and reconciliation of work completed under the various bid schedules.

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

- With the additional FEMA funding now obligated, the project has advanced into the final design phase.
- Barton & Loguidice continued coordinating final design activities with the Village, DHSES, CME Associates, IPD Engineering, affected property owners, and other project participants.
- Current field work includes survey, geotechnical investigation, inspection of the culvert beneath the former Daniel Green Factory property, and other investigations needed to establish the final repair and replacement design.
- Twelve soil borings are proposed along the intended culvert alignment to evaluate subsurface conditions. Several boring locations are within public rights-of-way or Village-owned property, while others require access to privately owned parcels.
- Most required access appears to be covered by right-of-entry agreements executed in 2022 and 2023. However, two proposed boring locations are on Dolgeville Volunteer Fire Department property and are not covered by the existing agreements.

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- Barton & Loguidice requested assistance from the Village Attorney to prepare or review the required Fire Department right-of-entry agreement so the soil-boring program can proceed.
- The Village Attorney was also asked to review whether the existing agreements adequately cover final design and construction activities, whether successors-and-assigns language should be added, and whether additional agreements should be obtained for properties close to the proposed culvert improvements.
- The proposed FEMA-approved scope includes replacement or repair of the culvert system from the primary inlet west of the Dolgeville Volunteer Fire Department to its outlet at East Canada Creek southwest of the former Daniel Green Factory.
- The project continues to operate under a relatively tight FEMA schedule. Timely completion of access agreements, field investigations, design, permitting, agency review, and Village decisions will be necessary to preserve adequate time for construction.
- A project kick-off meeting is scheduled for July 28th at 2:00 PM.

Water Meter Replacement Project – GIGP Grant

- The Village has submitted all EFC/GIGP grant documentation required before execution of the project agreement and authorization of meter installation. We are now awaiting a response from EFC which will, hopefully, be the final contract for the grant funds.
- The project remains in the grant-documentation and pre-agreement stage. No meter installation work has been authorized at this time.

IDA Water Storage Tank Project – Manheim Business Park

- The Village, Herkimer County IDA, Wright-Pierce, NYSEFC, and NYSDOH met to review the status of the WIIA grant, the September 30, 2026 grant-closing deadline, outstanding agency comments, ownership, project administration, and the proposed financing structure.
- EFC indicated that it intends to continue working with the Village and project team while the recently issued NYSDOH comments are reviewed and addressed. Based on the project's continued progress, EFC advised that the Village should not be overly concerned about the September 30 deadline, provided communication and project advancement continue.
- Wright-Pierce requested an updated checklist from EFC identifying the remaining items needed for grant closing. The project team will use that list to coordinate outstanding legal, financial, engineering, environmental, and compliance requirements.
- The project team confirmed that the completed water-storage and transmission improvements are intended to be owned by the Village. The Herkimer County IDA is expected to assist with project delivery and administration, with ownership ultimately transferred to the Village.
- Because the project involves multiple funding sources awarded to different entities, the Village, IDA, EFC, and project team continued discussing how contracts, payments, reimbursements, and project ownership should be documented.
- EFC confirmed that the Village is the WIIA grant recipient and will be required to enter into the project financing agreement and authorize grant disbursement requests. Intermunicipal agreements and a clear plan of finance will be needed to explain the flow of funds and the respective responsibilities of the Village and IDA.
- The project remains in agency review and funding coordination. The recently received NYSDOH comments are extensive and will need to be reviewed by Wright-Pierce, the Village, and IDA before the project can advance toward final approval and grant closing.

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Water and Sewer Rate Study Support

- The Village continued working with the Syracuse University Environmental Finance Center and Barton & Loguidice on development of water and sewer rate models.
- The draft sewer-rate model was reviewed with Village representatives, including the underlying financial assumptions, customer classifications, usage data, revenue requirements, and potential approaches to allocating costs among users.
- A water-rate model has also been prepared. Syracuse University requested additional Village input to verify water-use assumptions before the model is finalized for broader review.
- Village staff requested another working session instead of resolving the remaining questions by email. A scheduling poll was circulated to find a time when representatives from the Village, Syracuse University, and Barton & Loguidice can participate. We are still working to schedule the meeting, which will likely take place next week.
