

Village of Dolgeville Engineer's Monthly Update

August 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 contract items.
- Pavilion construction and associated utility work continued to advance, including plumbing, water service, sanitary drainage, electrical coordination, and preparation for placement of the concrete floor slabs.
- On August 5, updated direction was provided regarding the pavilion kitchen plumbing layout, including sink, grease-trap, waste, and vent arrangements, allowing the remaining under-slab plumbing work and slab preparation to move forward.
- The current construction schedule anticipates arrival of the timber-frame materials and construction crew on Tuesday, August 18, with timber-frame construction planned immediately following delivery with an anticipated duration of five days.
- Building on earlier utility discussions, the Village continued coordinating with Saratoga Associates and the contractor regarding the final splash-pad and pavilion winterization arrangements, including isolation, drain-down, freeze protection, backflow prevention, monitoring, and long-term accessibility for Village maintenance.
- I continued weekly SWPPP inspections throughout this past period, delivering the draft to Saratoga Associates for final review and distribution to the contractors.
- Site restoration, landscaping, slope stabilization, plantings, and remaining improvements continued to be monitored as work progresses around the pavilion and splash-pad areas.
- Village staff met with Department of State representatives to review reimbursement reporting, budget reallocations, MWBE documentation, New York State Contract System requirements, and other administrative items associated with the Village's NY Forward projects.
- On August 10, Village staff began preparing the first NY Forward payment request for the Center Park project, including the required payment narrative and supporting documentation.

Main Street Sewer Replacement Project

- Regular construction progress meetings continued with the Village, Barton & Loguidice, Carver, NYSDOT, and other involved parties to review field progress, testing, restoration, traffic control, documentation, and contract administration.
- Work continued along South Main Street and toward East Timmerman Street, with sewer installation, lateral work, testing, roadway restoration, and traffic-control changes coordinated as construction advanced.
- The project team continued reviewing CCTV inspection, mandrel testing, and other sewer-main testing documentation before final acceptance and restoration of completed sections.
- Pending satisfactory submission and review of sewer-main testing, Carver planned to pave the completed trench and reopen affected roadway sections as work progressed.
- North Main Street remains in final restoration and closeout. Barton & Loguidice and the Village continued reviewing redline drawings, punch-list items, turf establishment, surface restoration, and other remaining corrections.
- Additional coordination continued regarding the sewer realignment in the Brayton Court / West Timmerman Street area, including verification of existing elevations, manholes, laterals, and underground conditions before installation of the revised alignment.

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- Coordination continued with Herkimer County as construction approached portions of the project requiring changes to traffic patterns and detour arrangements.
- Contract administration continued on pay applications, allowances, work-change directives, change-order proposals, material certifications, record drawings, and reconciliation of completed work.

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

- A final-design kickoff meeting was held on July 28 with the Village, Barton & Loguidice, DHSES, and other project team members to establish the scope, field investigations, permitting, easement needs, financing coordination, and overall project schedule.
- The current project scope includes replacement and/or repair of six of the seven culvert segments, along with repairs to the open-channel portion of Segment 3 in Center Park. For the segment beneath the former Daniel Green Factory, the current concept is to repair the portion beneath the building and replace the remaining portion within the factory yard.
- Survey and base mapping have been completed. Wetland delineation, soil borings, and the drone inspection of Segment 7 beneath the former Daniel Green Factory are anticipated during August, with geotechnical results expected in September.
- On August 10, CME Associates began marking the proposed soil-boring locations along the culvert alignment in preparation for the upcoming geotechnical investigation.
- Barton & Loguidice is coordinating access and scheduling with affected property owners for the field investigation work. Existing right-of-entry agreements are sufficient for the current investigations, although additional temporary and permanent easements will be needed before construction.
- The updated hydrologic and hydraulic analysis is targeted for completion in September and will account for recent changes within the watershed, including the expanded parking areas constructed by the Dolgeville Central School District.
- Design coordination is continuing around utility conflicts and limited-cover conditions, particularly near the fire station and within Center Park. Potential solutions may include utility relocation, adjustment of culvert dimensions, or other design modifications as the final design advances.
- The current design schedule anticipates a 50% design progress meeting in October 2026 and a 95% design progress meeting in January 2027. Permit applications are anticipated near the 90% design stage, with bid documents currently planned for May 2027 and construction award in June 2027.
- The project is presently being scheduled around the existing December 2027 FEMA deadline. DHSES is seeking additional clarification regarding a possible extension of the overall disaster declaration; until any extension is formally approved, the existing deadline remains the basis for project planning.
- The Village, Barton & Loguidice, and DHSES are also beginning coordination regarding project cash flow and reimbursement timing so that financing considerations can be evaluated as design advances. No immediate construction or financing decision is required from the Village at this stage.

Water Meter Replacement Project – GIGP Grant

- The Village has submitted the required project and grant documentation to EFC for the GIGP-funded water meter replacement project.
- At this point, the Village is awaiting return of the State contract.
- Unless EFC requests additional information or revisions, the next anticipated step is receipt of the contract for Village review and execution.

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- Meter installation has not yet been authorized and will proceed only after the State agreement and applicable administrative requirements are completed.

IDA Water Storage Tank Project – Manheim Business Park

- Coordination continues among the Village, Herkimer County IDA, Wright-Pierce, EFC, and NYSDOH regarding outstanding design comments, grant-closing requirements, project ownership, financing, and administrative responsibilities.
- The project team continues working through the remaining NYSDOH comments and EFC closing requirements before the project can advance to final approval.
- The project remains in agency review and funding coordination, with no construction commitment required from the Village at this time.

Water and Sewer Rate Study Support

- A working session was held on July 22 with Village representatives, the Syracuse University Environmental Finance Center, and Barton & Loguidice to continue development of the Village's water and sewer rate models.
- The July 22 discussion focused primarily on the sewer-rate model and clarification of underlying assumptions before the water and sewer models are aligned.
- Follow-up information requested from the Village included significant Village water uses, customer classifications, and expected future sewer-project costs.
- The splash pad was identified as a future municipal water use, with a design operating flow of approximately 37 gallons per minute. Actual annual usage will be better defined after the facility is operational and metered.
- The water-rate model is also being updated as the remaining assumptions are reviewed and coordinated with the sewer model.
- The study remains a planning tool intended to provide the Village Board with understandable alternatives for future consideration. No water or sewer rate change is being recommended for action at this time.
