

Village of Dolgeville Engineer's Monthly Update

September 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 the project team to coordinate pavilion construction, site work, utilities, remaining design details, contract items, and funding administration.
- Building on the foundation and underground utility work reported last month, the timber-frame pavilion structure has now been fully erected, representing a major construction milestone for the project.
- Pavilion enclosure work is now advancing, including installation of exterior panels, insulation, and roofing components as the building moves from structural framing into exterior finish work.
- Mechanical, plumbing, and electrical work continued in coordination with the pavilion construction, including permanent electrical service, building systems, and remaining splash-pad and site electrical work.
- Splash-pad construction has substantially advanced, with the underground piping and features previously installed and tested and remaining surface and equipment work being coordinated with the overall site schedule.
- Approximately 75% of the site finish grading has been completed. Topsoil placement and hydroseeding have begun in completed areas, with remaining grading, stabilization, landscaping, and restoration continuing as access around the pavilion and other active work areas becomes available.
- Sidewalk, concrete, drainage, light-pole base, and other site improvements continued during the reporting period, with construction testing and documentation being completed as applicable.
- Building on earlier winterization discussions, the Village and design team continued evaluating equipment and operating arrangements needed to allow the pavilion and splash-pad systems to be appropriately protected during freezing conditions.
- The Village also finalized its preference for controlled pavilion keys requiring authorization for duplication as part of the building security and turnover planning.
- Following preparation of the first NY Forward payment request in August, Payment Request No. 1 continued through Department of State review. Village staff also responded to supporting documentation requests and continued coordination regarding the pending NY Forward contract amendment.
- Village staff continued monitoring the remaining construction budget and contract costs as work progresses, with the project team reviewing remaining scope and equipment decisions where opportunities exist to manage costs without affecting necessary project functions.

Main Street Sewer Replacement Project

- Regular construction progress meetings continued with the Village, Barton & Loguidice, Carver, NYSDOT, and other involved parties to coordinate field work, restoration, testing, traffic control, documentation, and contract administration.
- North Helmer Avenue sewer construction is now underway. As of September 15, mainline installation had progressed from the Horn Street area past Wolf Street and was advancing between Wolf Street and Cavalli Street, with lateral work beginning at Horn Street and following behind the mainline installation.
- South Main Street remains in final restoration and punch-list work. A preliminary walkthrough was completed on September 15 for South Main Street, Baker Street, and Elm Street, with remaining concrete work scheduled to follow and traffic maintained through flagging as needed.

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- North Main Street punch-list work is substantially complete, with turf establishment remaining as the principal closeout item. Fertilizing and seeding resumed in mid-September under improved seasonal conditions, with additional seed placement continuing.
- Barton & Loguidice and the contractor are working toward completion of the remaining North Main restoration and documentation by the end of September so that funding and contract closeout activities can proceed.
- North Main record drawings and redline information are approximately 95% complete and are expected to be finalized as part of the September closeout effort.
- Coordination continued on record information, including field verification of the Green Street hydrant location, review of August construction quantities, and submission of completed inspection documentation.
- NYSDOT confirmed that earlier coordination regarding utility-pole locations associated with its future bridge project has been addressed in the field and returned to NYSDOT for incorporation into its design work.
- Contract administration continued through review of quantities, change items, material documentation, inspection records, and project closeout requirements.

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

- Barton & Loguidice continued development of the updated hydrologic and hydraulic analysis identified in the final-design schedule.
- The analysis is being completed using NOAA Atlas 14 rainfall data and applicable New York State standards, with coordination occurring with DHSES regarding FEMA documentation expectations and any additional analysis requirements.
- DHSES indicated that the design documentation should clearly identify the methodology and standards used in the hydrologic and hydraulic analysis; no separate FEMA-specific climate-change scenario has been identified at this time.
- Coordination also continued with DHSES regarding potential project financing and reimbursement options. The current discussion includes whether eligible financing charges incurred during project implementation may be recovered through future progress payments.
- Final design remains on the previously established path toward the 50% design review, with investigation and design information continuing to be incorporated as it becomes available.

Water Meter Improvements / GIGP Grant Review

- The Village continued preparing the supplemental engineering report and supporting documentation requested as part of the GIGP review, including reconciliation of the original Barton & Loguidice report, Wright-Pierce information (from the Manheim Business Park Water Tank report), grant application materials, meter records, and current system information.
- Coordination continued with HOCCPP on supporting mapping and with Village staff on the existing meter inventory, meter sizes, and documentation of previously installed meters.
- Village staff continued reviewing the supplemental report and appendices for consistency between the engineering documentation, grant materials, mapping, and current system data before submission.
- To allow completion of the supporting mapping and a full internal review, the Village requested several additional days from the grant reviewer, extending the working submission schedule through the end of this week (Friday, September 18, 2026).

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Water and Sewer Utility Rate Study

- A follow-up meeting was held with the Environmental Finance Center to review updated water and sewer rate models developed from the Village's operating, usage, debt, and customer information.
- The revised models now focus on a uniform-rate approach, with a limited number of options for allocating costs among customer types.
- Capital reserve funding remains an adjustable planning input rather than being included in the base-rate scenario, allowing the Village to evaluate its effect before selecting a preferred approach.
- Updated usage assumptions were reviewed, including municipal and facility uses that had not previously been fully reflected in the models.
- The Village will continue evaluating the model assumptions and preferred rate structure before the Environmental Finance Center prepares a final summary memorandum; no final rate structure has been selected at this time, but this new spreadsheet is a fantastic planning tool as we move ahead with water and sewer projects, new billing / metering systems, etc.

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