

NY FORWARD APPLICATION MOHAWK VALLEY REDC

Village of Dolgeville Main Street Dolgeville

Herkimer & Fulton County

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Boundaries:

The Dolgeville NY Forward Downtown is located in the heart of downtown Dolgeville, an easily walkable space with the Village's main street running through its center. While its proximity to the East Canada Creek and High Falls creates environmental and infrastructure challenges, such as flooding and poor sewer conditions, these unique features helped shape the Village's character. Today, the Village of Dolgeville features a walkable downtown that is close to recreational amenities and acts as a gateway to the Adirondack region. The NY Forward area is wholly inclusive of the Brownfield Opportunity Area (BOA) and comprises some of the Village's most unique features, characterized by industrial uses along the East Canada Creek, a strategic location that holds to the first Mohawk Valley hydro-electric plant. The Village's unique combination of natural resources and innovative infrastructure cement the space as a center of industry within the Village. While the Dolgeville community has experienced historic population decline and stagnant economic growth, the NY Forward Downtown area is well positioned for revitalization when considered in a region-wide context. Existing vacant and underutilized lots provide opportunities for new recreational spaces, while the potential for diversifying housing options will not only help to retain existing residents, but also attract new people to the area. The region is home to a wealth of existing amenities that draw people to the area, which when leveraged will encourage economic growth.

Vision Statement:

The Village of Dolgeville strives to be a healthy, safe, inclusive community that draws on its unique features as a gateway to the Adirondacks and its central location to the East Canada Creek, supporting relaxation, recreation, tourism, and an overall healthy lifestyle. Building upon its storied history, the Village's vision is to restore its economic, commercial, cultural, and artistic vibrancy, and its historic Main Street district, leading the Village into a prosperous, sustainable future.

Public Support:

On September 19th, the Village held a community meeting centered on the NY Forward program. 10 people attended online and in-person, providing input on the greatest assets and challenges for the community. This input noted that while Dolgeville has a strong "sense of community, a lot of small businesses, [and] walkability", but suffered from infrastructure challenges, dilapidated buildings, and a lack of cohesiveness. In 10 years, the community sees downtown as a "vibrant, thriving, mixed-use" area, welcome and well-occupied.

This built upon past community engagement sessions, which were mainly held to develop the Brownfield Opportunity Area and the Comprehensive Plan. Based on feedback from public meetings, including two Dolgeville Farmer's Market Pop-Ups hosted for the BOA Nomination Study, improvements to multimodal infrastructure, an all-ages accessible community center, and better connections between businesses and residential areas were noted. Residents were also asked to respond to questions related to the "Eight Elements of a Thriving Community." Those elements include: Safe and Affordable housing, Adequate nutritious food, Access to quality healthcare, A livable wage to support self and family, Affordable and available community activities, Universal and quality education, High quality, affordable childcare, and Freedom from physical harm as well as mental and emotional coercion

Synthesizing these elements and feedback from the community engagement sessions, the Village noted a significant concern among residents with regard to housing infrastructure. 60% of survey participants said that there is not adequate housing stock in the Village, while 74% said that more diversified housing options are needed. Senior living, single-family homes, and affordable/subsidized housing were identified as the top housing types needed in the Village. These needs were incorporated as a part of our project opportunities. Residents also noted the need for pedestrian enhancements, accessibility to recreation, creek restoration, and 'activation' of vacant/underutilized sites.

Past Investments, Future Potential:

The Dolgeville downtown is able and ready to capitalize upon prior investments. Through public and private support, the community has seen a surge in support.

Recently completed projects include:

- \$150,000 for the Dolgeville Fun and Fitness Area. This included complete renovation of the playground including new playground equipment (slides, swings, climbers, zip line, etc.), SMART exercise stations, refurbishing large merry-go-round, and covering area with mulch. This project was funded with grants, donations, fundraisers, and in-kind services. The complete area was constructed by volunteers and Village public works employees through a series of community builds.
- Sponsored by First Source Bank and the United Way of the Mohawk Valley. - Early Learning Station at Dolgeville Fun and Fitness Area. The stations teach-preschool aged children basic awareness of letters, numbers, shapes, colors, and other early learning skills to prepare them for school and life. The stations include ideas for parents to encourage their children to interact physically and verbally and use their senses.
- As directed by the New York State Department of Health, the Village must submit an inventory of all water service lines in the Village that contain lead. The Federal Government is providing grant money to the State to assist with completing this inventory along with the next step of replacing public and private lead service lines found through the inventory. Initial inventory completed June, 2022, with submission to DOH by October 16, 2024.
- The Dolgeville Greenway Trail was constructed using funding from Herkimer County HealthNet through the York State Department of Health Creating Healthy Places to Live, Work and Play grant, an initiative that focuses on the prevention of obesity and Type 2 diabetes through projects and messages that aim to increase good nutrition and physical activity. The trail begins on South Main Street and extends 1.2 miles through woodlands to its terminus on West State Street. Once a railroad bed, the wide grass trail is walkable and has benches at intervals for resting. The trail is accessible to bicycles and strollers.

Ongoing projects include:

- \$455,000 in matching grant with NYS Parks and Historic Preservation for Center Park Project. To be completed in 2023, the project includes a fenced-in basketball/pickleball court, a splash pad, and an open-air pavilion. The Center Park Project area will be connected to the entire park area, including the Dolgeville Fun and Fitness Area and adjacent parks. There will be adequate parking and lighting to support community events and programs, including the Summer Youth Recreation Program, Pop Warner Football, the Dolgeville Farmers' Market, and Scouting programs, to name a few programs. The entire area will also be walkable and handicapped accessible.
- A second phase of this project is ongoing, with the Village seeking additional funding through the Consolidated Funding Application. The second phase includes a commercial kitchen, three ADA compliant bathrooms, and doors to enclose a portion of the pavilion in the event of inclement weather and to allow for four-season use.
- \$1.9M in FEMA flood damage remediation. In October, 2019, the Village sustained heavy flooding that caused extensive damage to over 20 homes on North Main Street. Many of those homes sustained so much damage that they have been condemned.
- \$140,000 grant from DOS to complete a Brownfield Opportunity Area (BOA) Nomination Study, which is expected to be complete by the end of 2022.

- Sewer Maintenance to begin in 2023. The Village of Dolgeville's water and sewer systems date back to the late 1800s, and the system on the entire length of Main Street is in need of replacement. Monies to complete these projects will come from multiple sources, including bonding, congressionally directed funding, and NYSDOT. The Village will contract for the replacement of the sewer system, due to its extreme depth, while Village employees will replace water lines at the same time. A Water Infrastructure Improvement & Intermunicipal (WIIA) grant will be pursued in 2023.
- The Village of Dolgeville currently has no water metering system, which creates inequalities in billing and the inability to track water usage. To be able to bill residents and businesses for usage and to promote water conservation, the Village is proposing to install water meters throughout the Village. The Village has submitted an application through the Consolidated Funding Application (CFA) process, specifically the Green Innovation Grant Program (GIGP). The Village expects to learn of application status in December, 2022.
- In the Spring of 2022, the Village of Dolgeville annexed the property owned by Herkimer County Industrial Development Agency (IDA). As part of the annexation, the IDA has secured funding to erect a water tower. This water tower is essential to improving water pressure at the southern portion of the Village and to providing adequate water supply for industry. The IDA is currently seeking additional funding through Northern Borders and WIIA to complete the tower and provide necessary infrastructure at the site.
- Dolgeville's Main Street is State Route 167, and therefore the responsibility of NYS Department of Transportation (DOT). Once the water and sewer lines are repaired/replaced, NYSDOT will assist the Village in the complete and re-pavement of Main Street, including ADA compliant sidewalks and crosswalks, increasing the overall walkability of Main Street.
- The New York State Department of Transportation is proposing the replacement of the bridge that spans the East Canada Creek and connects Herkimer and Fulton Counties in the Village of Dolgeville. Replacement will also require realigning the bridge since the current bridge is too narrow and requires sharp turning for tractor trailers to access the bridge.

Job Growth:

The history of Dolgeville was prosperous until the late twentieth century. By the year 1999, Dolgeville entered an economic downturn as a result of the Daniel Green Company shutting down its factory, which was the largest source of employment in the Village. Today, the Village of Dolgeville is still home to a number of factories, including Rawlings, North Hudson Woodcraft Corp, Gehring Tricot and other companies. Although the Village and Downtown Area still struggle with disinvestment and limited growth, change is happening. In 2020, the Dolgeville Mill (formerly the Daniel Green Factory) was purchased by private investors. The owners plan to completely revitalize the property, though the final use is still to be determined.

Over the past 5 years, Herkimer and Fulton Counties have consistently experienced lower levels of labor force participation than either the state or nation. For the first half of 2021, Herkimer and Fulton Counties had labor force participation rates of 55.7% and 51.9%, respectively. This is lower than the State's participation rates at 59.9%.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, in Herkimer and Fulton Counties and throughout the state, 17% of workers were without a job in April 2020. In 2021, approximately 7.4% of the population 16 years and older in the selected area were unemployed. This is less than the Village's 8.2% unemployment rate, however, it is comparable to Herkimer and Fulton Counties at 7.7% and 7.2%, respectively.

The sharpest decline in jobs in Dolgeville was seen in the Arts, Entertainment and Recreation sector which shrunk by nearly two thirds (down 63.6%). Through 2021, overall declines continued with only tepid support coming from the Educational Services and Health Care sector. The Village of Dolgeville is a net exporter of workers. In other words, more people leave the Village to work than enter the Village on a daily basis. Out of the Village's total workforce, less than one out of five (17.7%) live within the Village.

Quality of Life:

The Village of Dolgeville is located in the eastern portion of Herkimer County and the western portion of Fulton County and is bisected by East Canada Creek. It is situated in the Mohawk Valley, a one-of-a-kind region positioned between the Adirondack Mountains and Catskill Mountains. Tucked away at the foothills of the Adirondack Mountains, and a short distance to the I-90, the Village of Dolgeville acts as a gateway to the Adirondack region and a connection to regional cities including Rome, Utica, Saratoga Springs and Albany. With a median age of 39.7 years, the Downtown's population is younger than both Herkimer and Fulton County's population, which have median ages of 44.7 and 44.0 years, respectively. This differential is driven in part by Dolgeville's notably higher proportion of residents aged 0 to 19 (23.8%) as compared to Herkimer County with 21.8% and Fulton County with 21.3% in this age cohort. As compared to the state, the differences are most striking at the upper end of the age spectrum. For New York, only 17.8% of the population is aged 65 years and older. This proportion jumps to 21.3% for the Village, 21.8% for Herkimer County and 20.8% for Fulton County. The Village of Dolgeville, like its neighboring counties, is overwhelmingly composed of a population that identifies as white. This is in contrast to the state where more than 1 out of every 4 residents consider themselves part of the minority race. The populations of Herkimer and Fulton Counties are predominantly white (95.3% and 94.0%, respectively). Comparatively, the proportion of New York State's population that identifies as white is 62.7%.

Herkimer County reports a significantly lower share of residents holding a bachelor's degree or higher (22.5%) as compared to the state (38.4%). Fulton County is even lower still at 19.5%. The proportion of the population with a bachelor's or advanced degree is even lower in the Village of Dolgeville and Dolgeville BOA (14.4% and 12.9%, respectively). The community does, however, see a higher proportion of its working-age population having completed high school (or equivalent). For the state, the proportion not completing high school is 12.0%, while for Herkimer County it comes to just 9.6% and in the Village of Dolgeville and Dolgeville BOA this measure drops even further to 9.2% and 7.1%, respectively. Fulton County measures closer to the state share at 11.7%. The BOA's average household size is smaller than New York State, which has an average size of 2.55. This is likely due to the Village's limited housing stock and lack of housing diversity.

The median income for the Village of Dolgeville and the BOA are comparable at \$50,035 and \$50,663, respectively. In the Village, 44.0% of households have incomes in the \$50,000 to \$150,000 range, similar to New York State with 43.1% of household incomes falling in this range. At the lower end, however, the disparity becomes apparent with nearly one in three households (32.1%) earning incomes below \$35,000. For New York State, that ratio is closer to one in four (26.0%). Conversely, one in five New York State households (20.7%) earn incomes at or above \$150,000 but for the Village of Dolgeville that measure is less than one in sixteen (6.1%). At \$50,000, annual median household income in the Village of Dolgeville is relatively low. The Village's median household income is \$22,000 lower than the State's (\$72,000) and \$6,000 lower than Herkimer County's (\$56,000) median household incomes. Median Household Income The median income for the Village of Dolgeville and the BOA are comparable at \$50,035 and \$50,663, respectively. In the Village, 44.0% of households have incomes in the \$50,000 to \$150,000 range, similar to New York State with 43.1% of household incomes falling in this range. At the lower end, however, the disparity becomes apparent with nearly one in three households (32.1%) earning incomes below \$35,000. For New York State, that ratio is closer to one in four (26.0%). Conversely, one in five New York State households (20.7%) earn incomes at or above \$150,000 but for the Village of Dolgeville that measure is less than one in sixteen (6.1%).

As of 2021, a small portion of the BOA's housing units were vacant - only 13% compared to 6.4% in the Village, 23.5% in Fulton County, and 24.4% in Herkimer County. Just over 52% of the housing units in the BOA are owner-occupied, which is comparable to the Village and Herkimer and Fulton Counties' owner occupancy rates of 56%.

The median home value of the 79 owner occupied housing units in the BOA is \$84,239, and the median home value for the Village is \$86,883. In Fulton and Herkimer Counties, the median home values are significantly higher at \$131,747 and \$120,047, respectively. Of the 79 housing units in the BOA, nearly 60% of the home values range from \$50,000 - \$99,999. Similarly, 55% of the Village's housing stock ranges in value from \$50,000 - \$99,999. More than 63% of housing units in the BOA were built prior to 1939, which is comparable to the Village with 62% of units built before 1939. Older housing is generally more expensive to maintain, requires significant investment to update with modern amenities, and is frequently characterized by environmental contaminants (e.g., lead-based paint, asbestos). According to the 2010-2014 American Community Survey, there have been only 5 new housing structures built since the year 2009. The limited number of newer homes within the BOA may be a factor for potential residents in their decision-making to locate within the BOA and/or Village. The development of new, modern housing with amenities may help to attract new residents.

Supportive Local Policies:

In embracing policies that increase livability and quality of life across New York, the Village of Dolgeville has taken multiple steps. Most obviously, the Brownfield Opportunity Area planning process is ongoing to help remediate and redevelop parcels within the community. Outside of this, however, the community is actively pursuing multiple avenues to revitalize the area.

Given the challenges brought by the pandemic, the fact that the Village of Dolgeville and its surrounding areas are broadband deserts is an urgent concern. The municipality is actively working to support community-wide reliable, low or no cost broadband access that would improve the Village in many ways, attracting and allowing residents to work/run businesses from home, supporting on-line learning for students, and generally allowing internet access in a world that is increasingly connected. Broadband is not the only arena where the community is making advancements: the Village of Dolgeville lacks cell phone service, which creates difficulty not only for everyday communications, but also poses threats to community and resident safety in cases of emergency. The Village Planning Board approved a proposal to erect a cell tower behind the Dolgeville Volunteer Fire Department. However, that proposal is currently being litigated by a group of residents. It is unknown when a ruling from the courts will be made. Regardless of the ruling, reliable cell phone access is critical to the future and progress of the Village. If the ruling allows the current project to proceed, the cell phone access issue will be resolved. If the ruling does not allow the current project to proceed, alternative locations for a cell tower will need to be identified and pursued. Other future-looking policy efforts include efforts to implement the NY Stretch Code and Energy Conservation Code, to achieve the carbon reduction goals outlined in the Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act. In order to do so, the Village of Dolgeville will look to improve the energy efficiency of new construction for properties within the Village limits, eventually using NYSERDA's NYStretch 2020 as a model code to address its local building energy codes.

Administrative Capacity:

The Village of Dolgeville's Clerk, Tammy Chmielewski, will oversee the contracts, grant administration, and fiscal accounting under the supervision of Mayor Mary Puznowski and the local NY Forward Committee. Grant administration will also be supported by Christine Reynolds, chair of Dolgeville Forward. The Village Designated Engineer, Chester Szymanski, will support the Clerk in reviewing and overseeing future hires, which is likely to include a local construction administrator. After award, the Village anticipates a competitive bid process.

Project Opportunities:

Dolgeville proposes that 100% of the total project cost is proposed to be funded through New York Forward.

GEORGE W. WARD MEMORIAL LIBRARY (22 NORTH MAIN STREET)

Project Sponsor: Village / Cost Estimate: \$250,000

In 1923, the structure was purchased by Julius Breckwoldt, who then donated the structure to the Village of Dolgeville as a public library in memory of his stepson, George W. Ward. Though the building is no longer a library, the Village was gifted the property in perpetuity for the express use of members of the community. The goal for this property would be to complete necessary renovations so that the building and its restroom are ADA compliant, is brought up to date with green energy technologies (including new heating and electrical systems), and that new, energy efficient doors and windows be installed and the roof replaced. Ideally, the installation of a small kitchen would allow for multiple community uses as a small indoor meeting space (it is currently used by several community groups), space for a variety of gatherings, and a space to serve as a community kitchen. It is hoped that the Village will be able to add this building to the Historic Registry. Since the Village already owns the lot adjacent to the south side of the building, this building footprint could also be expanded to provide more space.



CENTER PARK PAVILION COMPLETION AND PARK IMPROVEMENTS

Project Sponsor: Village / Cost Estimate: \$1,800,000

Building upon the \$611,000 OPRHP grant awarded for Park Improvement in 2018, Center Park's Pavilion would be completed to provide the community with a four season meeting space with a complete kitchen and year-round restroom facilities. Other improvements to the park will include park lighting to support evening events including youth football, basketball and pickleball. Walking paths and a parking lot will be included as part of the park's new master plan, completed in 2020. Numerous picnic tables and seating areas will be included in the new design and stormwater management will be improved throughout the site.



STREETSCAPING

Project Sponsor: Village / Cost Estimate: \$2,000,000

Building upon existing infrastructure improvements, the Village will look to improve the Downtown's lighting, streets lined with trees, walkable sidewalks, facade improvements, and broadly improving potential for multi-modal transportation options. This improves the connectivity of the community will support increased pedestrianization .

HERKIMER COUNTY SIDE – STATE STREET TO GIBSON STREET (38 NORTH MAIN STREET)

Project Sponsor: Village (Pending) / Cost Estimate: \$250,000

Obtain at least one, possibly more, privately-owned vacant buildings (two of which are condemned due to damage from the 2019 flood) on the east side of North Main Street from the State Street current bridge to Gibson Street for development of creekside access. Proposals would include an open, covered structure that juts out over the creek to provide fishing access, picnic tables, and other amenities to encourage recreation and relaxation by community members of all ages and ability.



HERKIMER COUNTY SIDE – STATE STREET TO GREEN STREET (43 NORTH MAIN STREET)

Project Sponsor: Village / Cost Estimate: \$1,200,000

Once the twenty flood-damaged homes included in the FEMA buyout are removed, develop the area adjacent to the creek as a park. The Village of Dolgeville has already secured funding through the DEC in the amount of \$100,000 to engage an engineer to plan development of the park as an open space for relaxation and recreation. This area will also be developed as a flood mitigation area. It has been suggested that this area might be an ideal area for a dog park, in which residents have expressed an interest, as well as creek access for fishing.



VILLAGE HALL WITH EV PARKING

Project Sponsor: Village / Cost Estimate: \$800,000

There is inadequate, accessible space for Village meetings to accommodate community members interested in attending meetings. There is only one very small bathroom that is not ADA compliant. Access to the building is not ADA compliant, and the only larger meeting room is on the second floor with access via a steep stairway, and no handicap accessibility. The building also needs to be brought up to date with green energy technologies. The private residence just north of the Village Hall is currently for sale. The ability to obtain that property would allow for expansion of the Village Hall to make it universally accessible to encourage public participation in the Village's local governance. The lot would also allow for off-street parking (of which there is currently none) for Village employees and community members to easily access the building. This could include electric vehicle chargers, to better allow zero-emissions vehicles to visit the village. In addition, expansion and modernization of the building will allow for more general community use by a wide range of community groups.



DOWNTOWN FUND

Project Sponsor: Village / Cost Estimate: \$200,000

Establishment of a grant fund to support smaller-scale projects including facade, signage, energy efficiency and lighting improvements throughout the NY Forward Area.

CHILD CARE CENTER ON MAIN STREET

Project Sponsor: Village / Cost Estimate: \$200,000

One of the consistent concerns of area residents (as noted in the 2019 Community Survey and the current BOA Survey) is lack of high quality, affordable child care. The goal would be to create a space, perhaps in one of the currently vacant buildings on Main Street, to serve as a community childcare center. This space would need to be ADA compliant, energy efficient, have a kitchen, have bathrooms suitable for both adults and children, and be able to be certified for use as a daycare center.

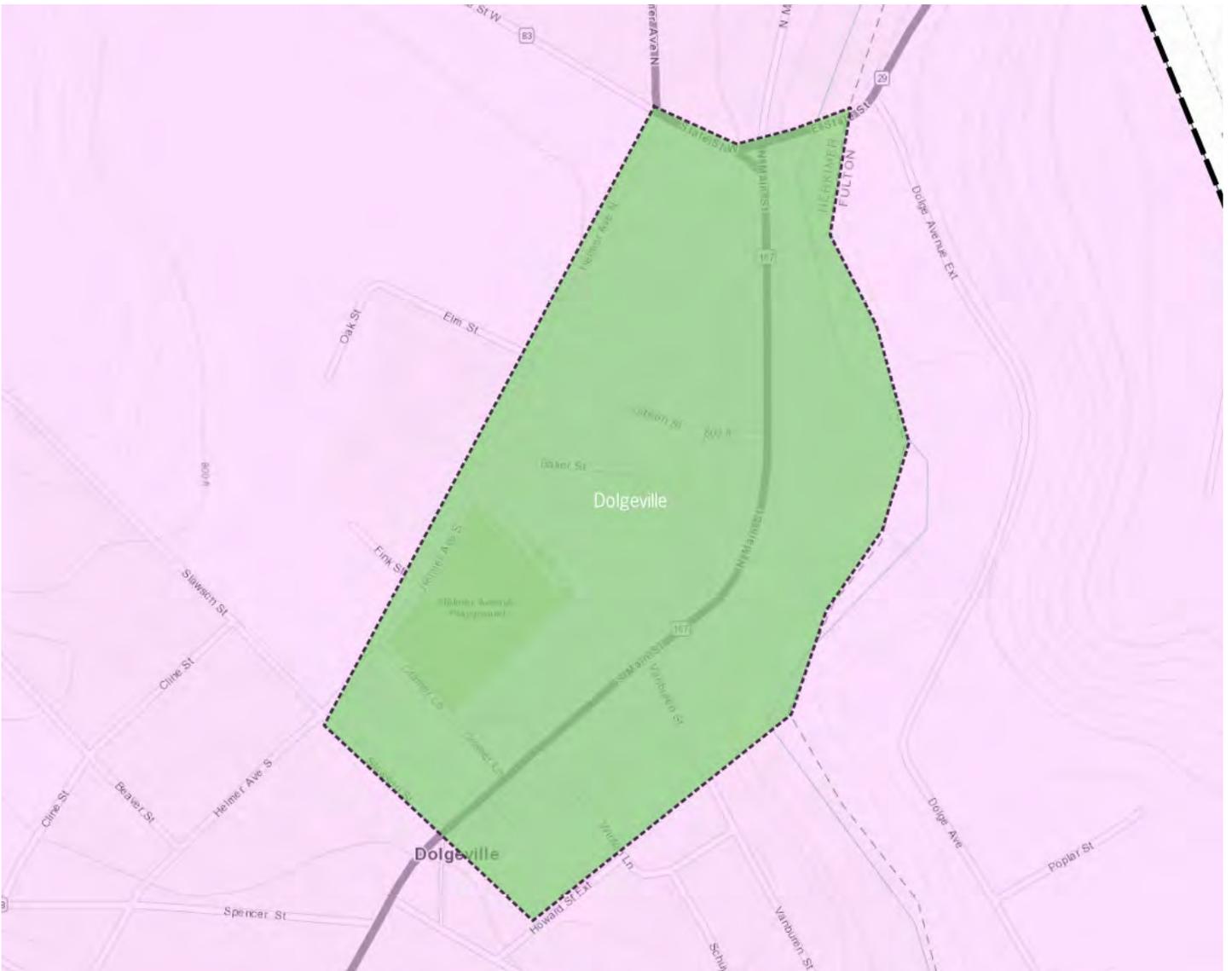
DOLGEVILLE NEWS BUILDING (6 SOUTH MAIN STREET)

Project Sponsor: Village (Pending) / Cost Estimate: \$500,000

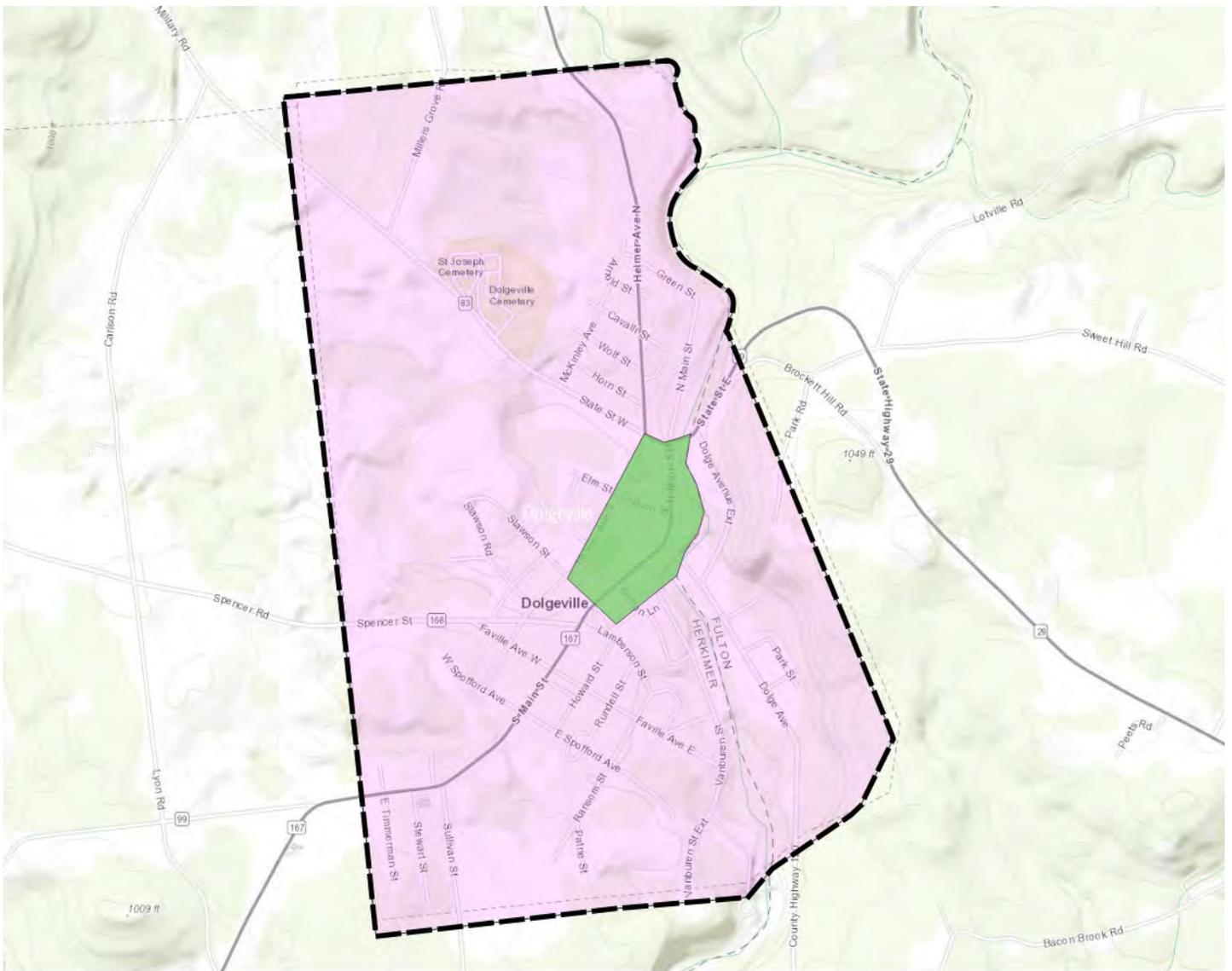
The three-story, brick building located at the corner of Elm and South Main Streets is a particularly notable building and location. It is located directly across from the historic limestone Dolgeville Mill building (recently purchased and undergoing renovation), and is one of the original buildings of the Dolgeville community. The building was long a hub of the community with the first floor serving as a news store, soda fountain, restaurant, and gift shop. After being used as a pizza shop for a few years, the first floor has been vacant for a number of years. The two upper floors are apartments, which, if updated, would definitely assist community members with housing, which is scarce. This building is currently for sale and would provide the Village with an excellent property for redevelopment as a mixed-use building.



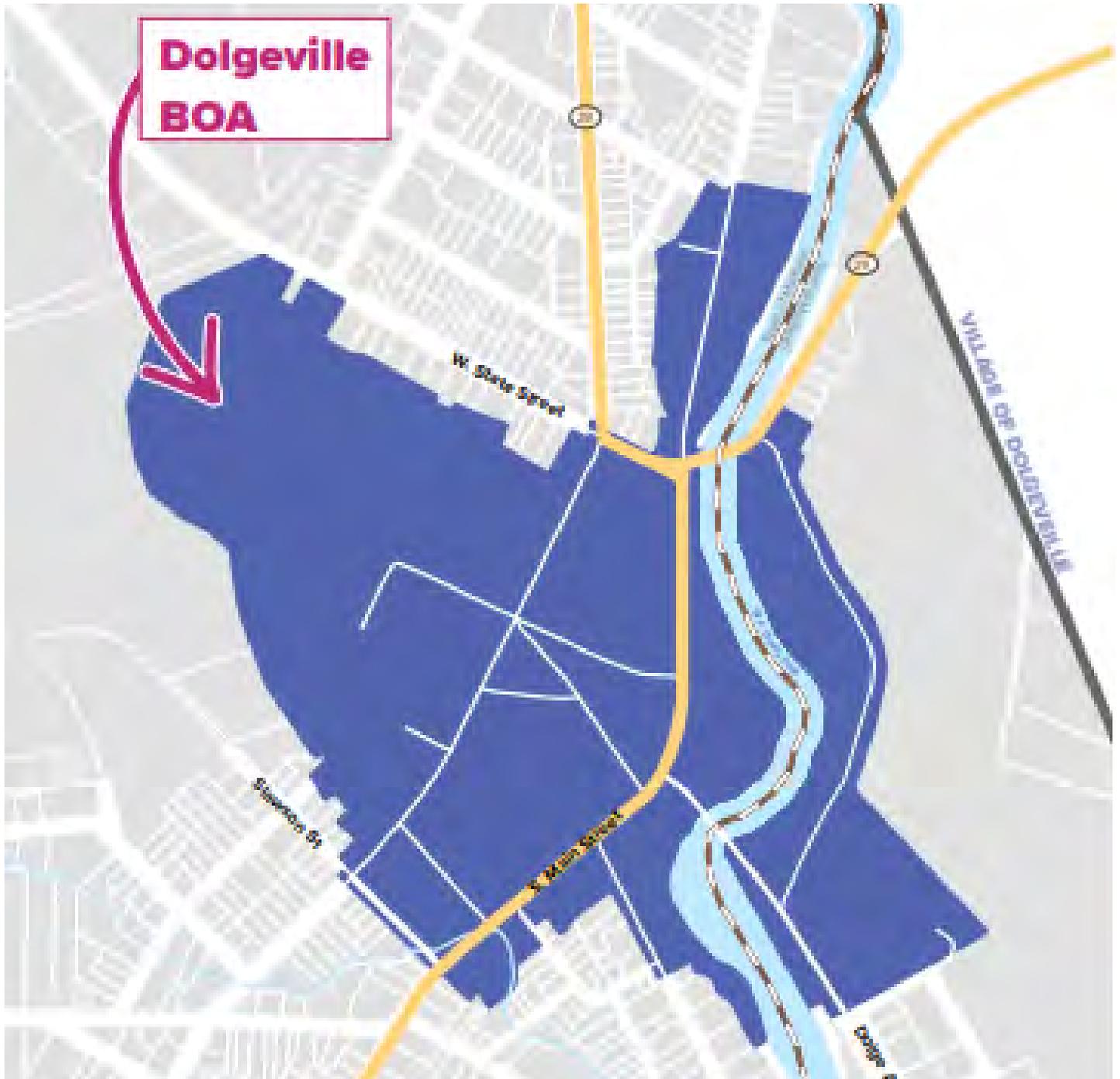
Project Site



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BOA Site



Ranking Minority Member:

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September 20, 2022

Michael Reese, Regional Director
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Dear Mr. Reese:

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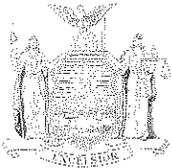
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Sincerely,

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James N. Tedisco
Senator, 49th Senate District



ROBERT J. SMULLEN
Assemblyman 118th District

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Sincerely,

Robert J. Smullen
Member of Assembly



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Dear Mr. Reese:

The Village of Dolgeville is located in the Town of Manheim. The Town of Manheim fully supports the application to New York Forward for the Village of Dolgeville's Main Street Dolgeville project. Through further investment in Dolgeville's downtown, our community can preserve its distinct sense of place, while building on the presence of rich cultural, historic, and natural assets. This will not only benefit current residents and future generations: these investments will create new residents.

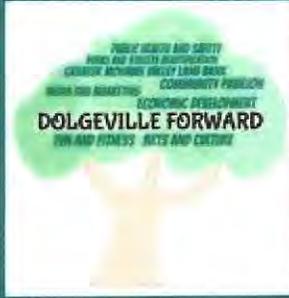
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John Haughton
Town of Manheim Supervisor



**Dolgeville Forward, Inc. is a Not-for-Profit Organization of
Volunteers Committed to Improving Life for the Residents of
the Village of Dolgeville and Its Surrounding Areas.**

September 19, 2022

Michael Reese, Regional Director
Mohawk Valley Regional Economic Development Council
207 Genesee Street, #1604
Utica, NY 133501

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Christine M. Reynolds
Chairperson, Dolgeville Forward, Inc.
Manager, Dolgeville Farmers' Market

September 21, 2022

Judy McKinney-Cherry, Co-Chair
Dr. Kevin Drumm, Co-Chair
Southern Tier Regional Economic Development Council
44 Hawley Street, Suite 1508
Binghamton, New York 13901

Dear Co-Chair's Judy McKinney-Cherry and Dr. Kevin Drumm:

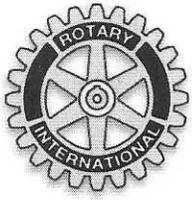
I am writing in support of the Town of Urbana's efforts to revitalize and redevelop the Keuka Lake waterfront and tourist focused areas through a NY Forward grant.

The Town's plans to improve the Keuka Lake waterfront, as well as other areas in Hammondsport, would help fill room nights at the Best Western Hotel and bring more activity to the restaurants, shops, and cultural attractions. Potential projects that have been discussed all seem to encourage tourism and would certainly enhance the visitor and resident experience. Unlocking the potential of the beautiful waterfront and village for all to enjoy is pivotal.

Having been part of the Hammondsport community as a resident and a business owner since 2001, I am confident and feel strongly that the NY Forward grant would go to its highest and best intended use here in this community.

Best Regards,

Cameron Dunlap, Owner
Best Western Plus, The Hammondsport Hotel
8440 State Route 54
Hammondsport NY, 14840
607-542-9005



DOLGEVILLE ROTARY CLUB

District 7150

Sam Licari, President

September 19, 2022

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Mohawk Valley Regional Economic Development Council
207 Genesee Street, #1604
Utica, NY 133501

Dear Mr. Reese:

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Sam Licari
President, Dolgeville Rotary Club



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Mohawk Valley Regional Economic Development Council
207 Genesee Street, #1604
Utica, NY 133501

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John J. Piseck, Jr.
Chief Executive Officer

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September 20, 2022

Mr. Michael Reese
Regional Director
Mohawk Valley Regional Economic Development Council
207 Genesee Street, #1604
Utica, NY 13501-2812

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5 WARREN STREET
SUITE 4
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Member of Congress

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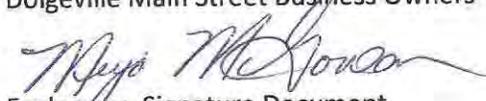
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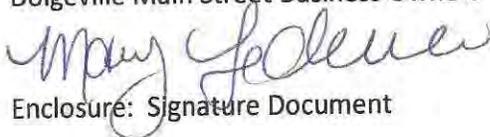
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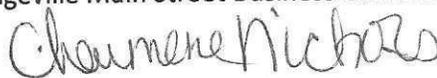
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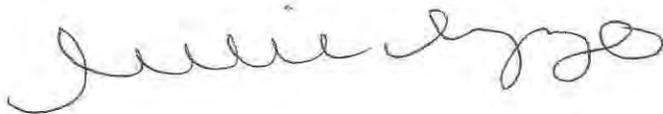
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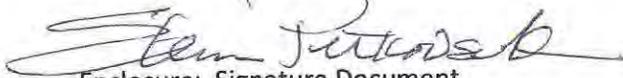
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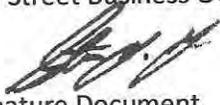
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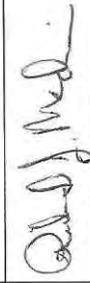
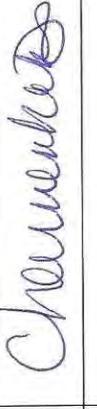
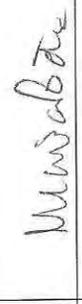
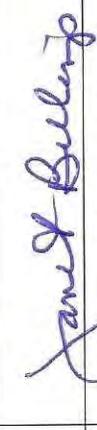
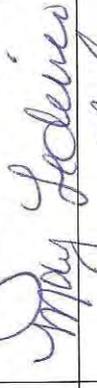
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**Main Street Dolgeville Project
New York Forward Grant Application
Main Street Business Supporters**

Name and Street Address of Business	Business Owner/Representative (Printed)	Signature
71 N. MAIN ST. DOLGEVILLE, NY 13329	STEVE JABLONSKI PRESIDENT	
113-11 N. Main St. Dolgeville, NY 13329	Richard Madison CO-OWNER	
Manheim Auto Parts 79 South Main Street Dolgeville, NY 13329 315-429-8533	Eileen Petkousek owner	
50 W. Main St Dolgeville	Jocelyn	
8 SOUTH MAIN ST. DOLGEVILLE, NY 13329 SULLIVAN + SMYDEL	GERARD J. SMYDEL	
18 South Main St. Dolgeville, NY 13329 Bakery Cafe	Charmare Nichols	
11	Wanda	
Dan Billings Real Estate 14 S. Main St Dolgeville	DANET BILLINGS Janet P	
Cassy Cuts by Mary 20 S. Main St. Dolgeville, NY	Mary Federico	
DOLGEVILLE BREAD BASKET 15 S. MAIN ST. DOLGEVILLE	Maya McGowan	