

Donica Road Sewer Extension Project Overview

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Donica Road Sewer Extension Project Overview

Address flood-related septic failures by building **63** new sewer hookups for homes & businesses

CONSTRUCTION TIMELINE: MAR-NOV 2026

\$3.8M

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ABSTRACT The Donica Road Sewer Extension is a \$3.8 million infrastructure investment extending public sewer service to 39 existing properties and 24 proposed connections. The project replaces aging septic systems, protects groundwater resources, and provides long-term wastewater reliability through centralized treatment. The funding strategy blends municipal support, federal grant funding, low-interest loans and York Sewer District (YSD) resources.

INTRODUCTION The Donica Road neighborhood was originally developed using individual septic systems. Over time, system age, groundwater conditions and increased density elevated the risk of failure. The York Sewer District evaluated environmental, financial and operational considerations and determined that extending centralized sewer infrastructure was the most protective long-term solution.

CHALLENGE The District faced the challenge of mitigating septic-related environmental risks while ensuring financial fairness and ratepayer protection. Construction within an established residential corridor required careful design and coordination. Funding a \$3.8 million project also required strategic leveraging of grants, municipal partnership and low-interest financing.

SOLUTION & METHODS

TIMELINE

Planning & Engineering Review →
Design & Permitting →
Construction →
Target Completion
November 2026

INFRASTRUCTURE

- Installation of new gravity sewer mains, force main and pump station
- Manholes and service laterals serving 39 existing properties and 24 proposed connections (63 total)
- Connection to the York Sewer District treatment facility
- Decommissioning of on-site septic systems (homeowner responsible)
- Design aligned with long-term asset management standards

INVESTMENT

- Total Project Cost: \$3.8 Million
- \$1.5 Million | Town of York contribution
- \$1.5 Million | Congressional Directed Spending (CDS) Grant secured by York Sewer District
- \$0.5 Million | State Revolving Fund (low-interest) loan
- Remaining balance funded through YSD resources
- Benefited properties contribute through assessments
- Temporary reduced impact fee available through December 31, 2027

RESULTS & IMPACT

Elimination of aging and failing septic systems

Reduced risk of nutrient and pathogen migration to groundwater

Regulated, monitored wastewater treatment

Improved neighborhood reliability and infrastructure resilience

Strengthened long-term environmental protection

CONCLUSIONS & LESSONS LEARNED Proactive infrastructure planning reduces environmental risk and long-term financial uncertainty. Leveraging federal and municipal partnerships strengthens affordability while protecting existing ratepayers. Clear communication and transparent cost allocation remain essential to maintaining public trust. The Donica Road Sewer Extension reflects balanced, forward-looking public infrastructure management.

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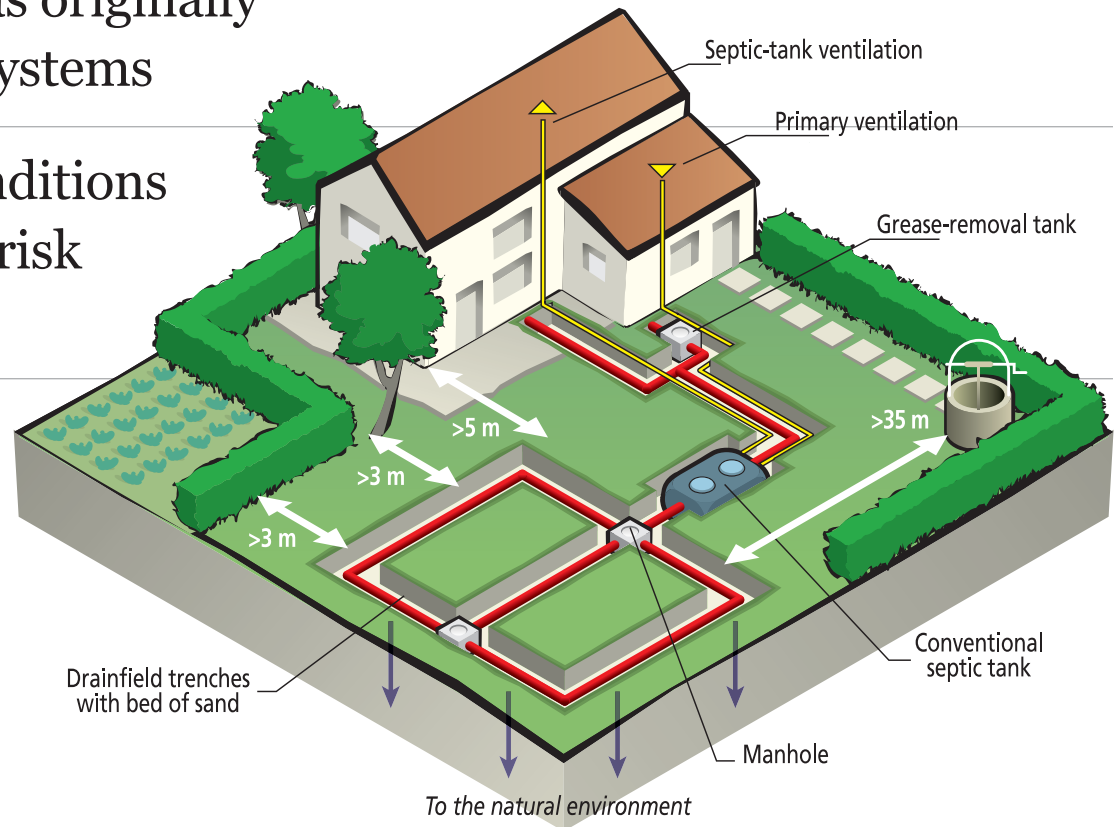
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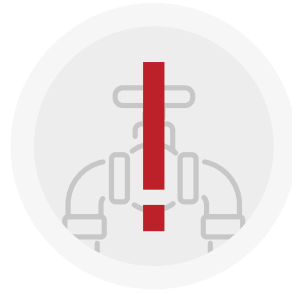
Planning & Engineering Review

2020-2024



Design & Permitting

11/2024-1/2026



Construction Phases

March 16-20 Pre-construction photos

March 23-27 Pre-blast survey (notification will go out to property owners impacted in advance)

March 30-April 3 Begin project mobilization and construction

MARCH - NOVEMBER 2026



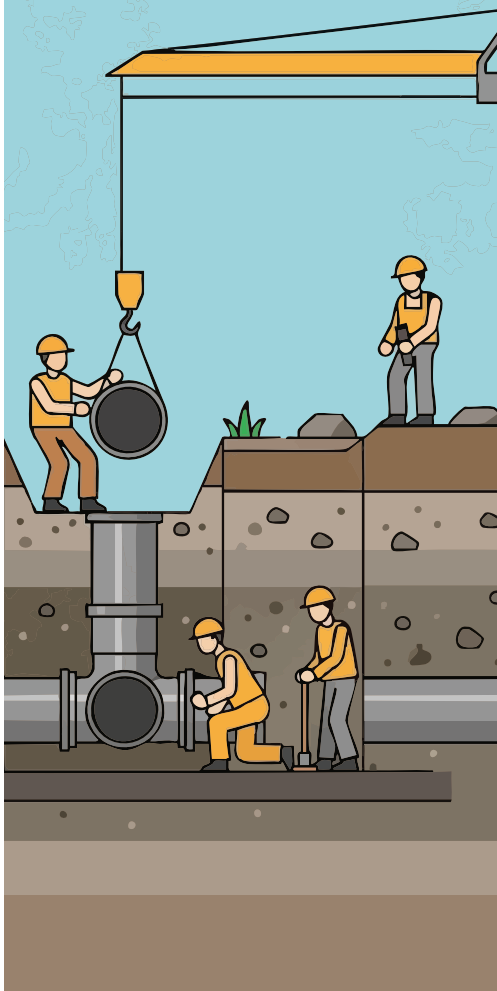
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TOTAL PROJECT COST:

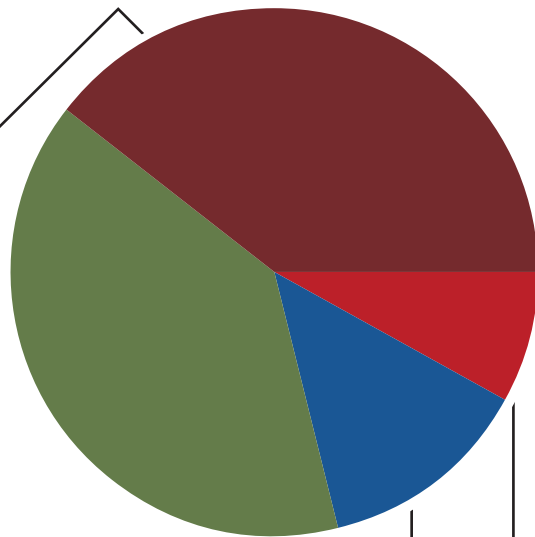
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COMMUNICATION CHANNELS

Online yorksewerdistrict.org

Email For YSD news and project updates via email

- sign up at yorksewerdistrict.org or
- email media@yorksewerdistrict.org

Direct Mail Letters/Postcards to residents, businesses

Signage Door Hangers, Yard Signs and Posters with scannable QR code to YSD website

Social Media

Follow YSD @yorksewer on Facebook, Instagram and X



YORK NEIGHBORS!

Donica Road Sewer Extension Project is coming

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Construction, traffic, safety and project details for residents and businesses are available at yorksewerdistrict.org



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Questions?
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OUR PARTNERS :: PROJECT OVERSIGHT

Peter Goodwin, P.E.

Resident Project Representative for the York Sewer District on the Donica Road Sewer Extension Project

Expertise in planning, design, permitting, construction management, and facility operations of more than \$200 million in completed water and wastewater infrastructure projects throughout New England

Project Manager for the YorkHeights Sewer Extension, the Long Sands Pump Station Upgrades, and the Preliminary Engineering Study for the Route 1 Sewer Extension Project, which included the Donica Road area and associated pumpstation improvements



York resident with more than 40 years of water, wastewater, and stormwater consulting experience



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OUR PARTNERS :: GENERAL CONTRACTOR

Albanese D&S, Inc.



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Albanese D&S, Inc.
is a family-owned
general contractor
based in
Massachusetts.*

Strong reputation for completing challenging projects throughout New England

Specialize in large-scale complex heavy civil construction that involves utilities, deep excavation, road construction

Skilled professional workforce that includes laborers, heavy equipment operators, truck drivers, and mechanics; partners with the International Union of Operating Engineers (Local 4), the Laborers International Union

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