

Handicap Accessibility & Revitalization Committee (H.A.R.C.)

We continued working in concert with the Limerick Water & Sewer District Trustees and Community Dynamics Corp. on the Hollandville Project in 2022. In February 2022, the grant application completed by Community Dynamics in 2021, yielded an invitation to apply for a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)

A March 11, 2022, a warrant article was voter approved, appropriating \$125,000 from the American Rescue Fund, and transferring \$125,000 from the Capital Project Reserve for matching funds. This approval was a requirement of the CDBG process.

On March 18, 2022, Community Dynamics Corporation submitted a Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) Application for the Hollandville Project and on March 25, 2022, a CDBG Application.

In April 2022, Community Dynamics Corporation submitted a Community Funding Project (CFP) Application to Representative Chellie Pingree for the Hollandville Project and two Congressional Directed Spending (CDS) applications to Senators King and Collins.

On April 25, 2022, the Office of Community Development in Augusta, Maine sent the following communication:

"After review of your 2020 CDBG Public Infrastructure Grant application, the Office of Community Development (OCD) is inviting the Town of Limerick into the project development phase of the application process. This invitation is contingent upon receipt of funding from the federal Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). We have reserved \$500,000 for your project." (Hollandville Project).

On April 29, 2022, we received communications from all congressional members that Hollandville would be a recommendation to the 2023 Budget Process in Washington D.C.

The Drinking Water State Revolving Fund placed the Hollandville Project on a high priority list in the spring of 2022.

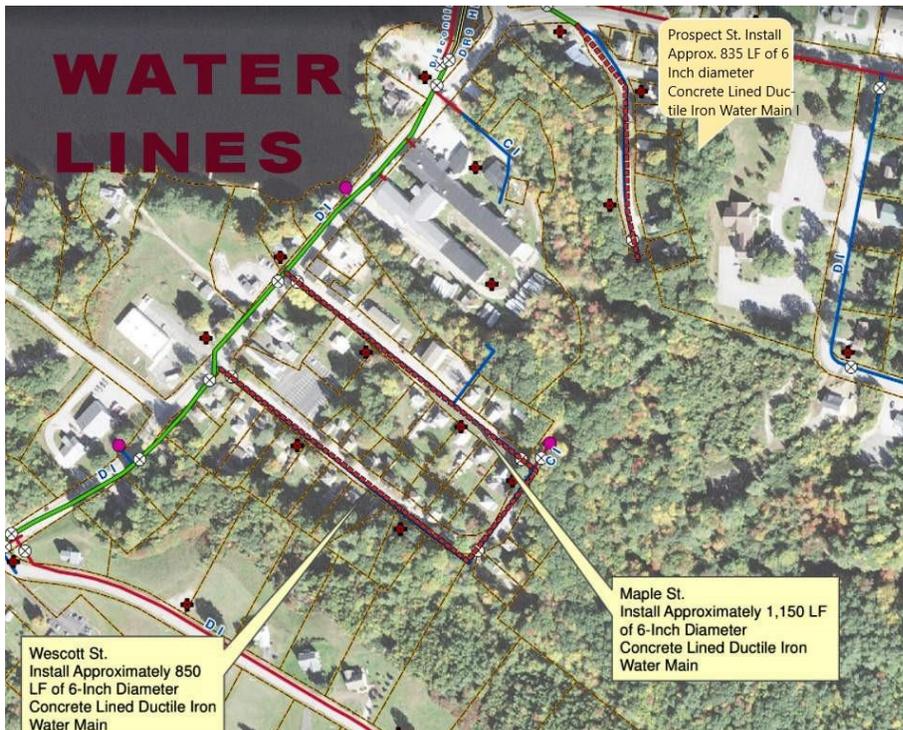
The compelling case for the Hollandville Project had been recognized. Then we waited.

The Selectboard must appoint a Community Development Advisory Committee (CDAC) as part of the CDBG process. They completed this task in November 2022. It is comprised of all members of H.A.R.C., the Limerick Water & Sewer District, citizens Mike Gilpatrick and Scott Davis. This CDAC will meet in 2023 to review the Hollandville Project as it unfolds. It is an advisory committee for the project, reporting to the Select Board.

On December 22, 2022, Senator Collins wrote that the Hollandville Project had cleared the Senate. On December 23, 2022, Rep. Pingree wrote that the Hollandville Project had cleared the House of Representatives. On December 29, 2022, President Biden signed the FY 2023 Appropriations Budget, securing the \$1 million dollar request for Hollandville.

Funding summary includes: \$1 million from Department of Interior (CPF sponsor Pingree), \$500,000 from the Department of Economic Development (CDBG), \$125,000 ARPA Fund, \$60K Limerick Water and Sewer District and balance of funds required from the citizens of Limerick.

The Town of Limerick contracted Dirigo Engineering to do the civil engineering planning for the Hollandville Project in 2021. Those plans are complete. The project will go out to bid as soon as the state of Maine authority (DWSRF) overseeing the \$1 million funding, reviews the plans. All CDBG pre-requisite requirements are complete, and that funding will be available in mid-February 2023.



We are looking forward to implementation of the project in 2023 for water lines on 3 Streets and Sewer lines on Wescott and partially on Maple. The CDAC will update the residents of Wescott, Maple and Prospect streets during 2023. We will continue to update the town web site at [Town of Limerick - Hollandville Project \(limerickme.org\)](http://Town of Limerick - Hollandville Project (limerickme.org)) and the town's FACEBOOK page regarding the

Hollandville Project during 2023.

We cannot **thank everyone** enough for the support, encouragement, and financial assistance for this project! It might be cliché – but it takes a community. Especially one that works together. Well done!

Respectfully submitted,

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