



# Village of Saranac Lake

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## CONSTRUCTION TO RESUME FOR DRI PUBLIC PROJECTS

SARANAC LAKE, NY- The DRI public projects to enhance the Woodruff Street streetscape, increase connectivity between downtown destinations, and create a series of linked gateway parks are underway as contractors are back on site at the in the Village. This spring, summer, and fall the park projects in William Morris Park, Ward Plumadore Park, and the Berkeley Green, as well as the Main and Broadway Urban Forestry project and the Woodruff Street (East) project will resume as follows:

William Morris Park (May 4<sup>th</sup> - June 30<sup>th</sup>) Construction is well underway to finalize the walkways, finish landscaping, and add a new fence around an extended perimeter of the park.

Ward Plumadore Park (May 8<sup>th</sup> - October 21<sup>st</sup>) Construction to begin on the creation of an upper viewing area and a lower level accessible seating area directly off of the Broadway sidewalk with tiered landscaping in between. There will not be any impact to traffic or the municipal parking lot at the mural wall. Parking along the south side of the park adjacent to Bitters and Bones will be eliminated.

Berkeley Green/Pontiac Parking Lot (May 8<sup>th</sup> - July 28<sup>th</sup>) Construction on the new public restroom facility will resume. A few parking spaces in the Pontiac Lot will be dedicated to construction work, but overall, the Pontiac Lot will remain open throughout construction.

Woodruff Street (East) (May 22<sup>nd</sup> - September 1<sup>st</sup>) Construction to include creation and replacement of sidewalks, landscaping enhancements, and on-street parking spaces along the southern side of the street. Traffic may be impacted and any lane, sidewalk, or street closures will be announced ahead of time.

Main and Broadway Urban Forestry (May 8<sup>th</sup> - July 14<sup>th</sup>) All new tree plantings with tree frames, grates, and pits will be constructed. The project will start with concrete work and frame installation. Once that is done, each tree pit will have a temporary barricade around it until the trees are planted. There will be sidewalk and parking lane closures when each segment is being done, but the entire corridor will not be closed at the same time. 2-way traffic will be maintained most of the time except for when concrete trucks are making a delivery. Tentative schedule as follows: 4 tree pits from Town Hall to Maddens May 8<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup>, 2 tree pits from Post Office Pharmacy to China Jade May 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>, 5 tree pits from the Loon Center to Cape Air May 17<sup>th</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2 tree pits from Goody Goody's to Barley Sandwich May 24<sup>th</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup>, 1 tree pit on Main Street in front of Verizon on May 30<sup>th</sup>, 1 tree pit at the Main Street Parking Lot on May 31<sup>st</sup>, 3 tree pits from Edward Jones to Broadway intersection June 1<sup>st</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup>. The final segment involves the reconfiguration of the Main St. & Broadway intersection, which is expected to start on June 7<sup>th</sup> and be completed by July 14<sup>th</sup>.



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Updates regarding progress, schedule changes and impacts on traffic and businesses will be posted on the Village's social media platforms and on the DRI project page on the Village's website, [saranaclakeny.gov/dri](http://saranaclakeny.gov/dri). Bi-weekly email updates will be sent by village staff. Anyone wishing to receive email notifications can sign up by emailing Cassandra Hopkins at [comdevassist1@saranaclakeny.gov](mailto:comdevassist1@saranaclakeny.gov).

The Village of Saranac Lake was awarded \$4.3 million as part of the NYS Downtown Revitalization Initiative in 2018. For Saranac Lake, the DRI process has involved an innovative combination of community-based strategic planning and inter-agency project support for the public projects that were funded. The public projects that were awarded DRI funding include Berkeley Green, Ward Plumadore Park, William Morris Park, Woodruff Street Streetscape, Church Street Streetscape, Riverwalk Extension, and Main and Broadway Urban Forestry.

Questions should be directed to Erik Stender, Village Manager or Jamie Konkoski, Community Development Director at (518) 891-4150.

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