



- Inform the discussion regarding choices for the future of the community of Dansville
- Communicate the preferences of the committee to the community
- Obtain feedback from the community on the options that have been presented

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• Define the next steps in the process

T = TOV + V

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- TOV = Town Outside of Village (7.4 sq. mi) Pop. 852
- V = Village (2.4 sq. miles) Pop. 4,484
- T = Town = Both TOV and Village (9.8 sq. miles) Pop. 5,336
- Distinction is important because it impacts how costs are allocated and who receives services
  - 77% of Taxable Assessed Valuation (TAV) in Village

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• 23% of TAV in TOV

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## **Decision Alternatives**

- Alternative 1– Some functional shared services (efficiency) opportunities without full municipal merger
- Alternative 2 Full merger (consolidation) of governments
  - > Co-Terminous Town and Village
  - > Dissolution of Village/Full Consolidation
  - Village dissolution or;
  - > Village and town consolidate under GML 17-A into a town

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- > Village and town become a city
   > Village becomes a city
- Village becomes a city

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# **Community Context**

- 43% of combined annual budgets are personnel
- The Village represents 84% of the population in the Town and 80% of the combined expenses in the Town and Village governments
- Many services in the community are already combined
- · Community generally satisfied with current services
- Many people in the community are frustrated with taxes and the cost of government

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#### Further Context - Potential Cost Savings

- Continuum of alternatives without changing police
  - One end = Increase of \$40,000 (1.2% of total combined budgets)
  - Other end = Savings of \$210,000 (6.2% of total combined budgets)
- Range of impact with police alternatives • Increase of \$40,000 - Decrease of \$840,000
- Maximum savings requires significant personnel cuts

# Alternative 2 Scenarios Reviewed by the Committee

- Co-Terminous Town and Village
- Dissolution of Village/Full Consolidation
  - Village and town consolidate under GML 17-A into a town; or
    Village dissolution
- Village and town consolidate into a city
- Village becomes a city

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### General Reasons for Consolidation

- Would qualify for AIM incentive (\$370,000)
- Decision can be made by both TOV and Village voters
- Tax savings for Village residents
- Reduce layers of government
- May encourage economic development
- Would maintain representation on the County Board of Supervisors

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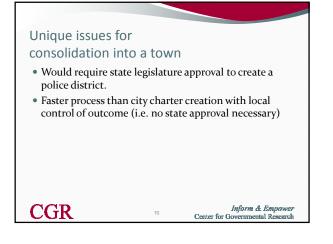
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# General Reasons Against Consolidation No significant cost savings without significant cost

- No significant cost savings without significant cost cuts – primarily to personnel
- Would spread all costs across all taxpayers unless special districts were created. (Tax Shifts)
- Potential shift in power under one governing body

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#### Unique issues for consolidation into a new city • Could allow for service and tax zones that would replicate current village and town differences • Minimize cost/tax shifts

- Would give city pre-emption rights for sales tax
- City has to be approved by act of State Legislature • Last approval in 1942

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#### Unique city issues - Continued

- Could alienate relations with surrounding Towns
  May be difficult to work through sales tax pre-emption
- Legal costs for transition may be "sunk" if charter is not approved by the State
- Will take time (minimum 12-18 months)
- Some costs may increase (Highway) even as others decrease (Courts)



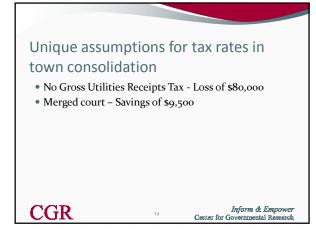
- Aggressive cost savings in personnel \$210,000
- Cost of police protection levied on former Village tax payers modeled on Sheriff protection plan – Savings of \$183,000
  - Police District in Town Consolidation
  - Taxing "zone" in City Consolidation
- Village debt remains with Village tax payers (\$275,000)

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• AIM – Increase in revenue of \$372,000

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#### Unique Assumptions for City Tax Rates

- Addition of Sales Tax Increase in revenue of up to \$800,000
- Maintain Gross Utilities Receipts Tax (\$80,000)
- Would be additional court cost savings due to State taking over court costs Savings of \$43,000
- May be cost increases in highway to manage current roads in state network within new city limits

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Tax Impact	Sum	mary	
Annual Tax	Rate Pro	jections - Includir	ng AIM
		Consolidation	Consolidation
	Current	into a Town	into a City
Village	\$15.68	\$10.67	\$6.14
TOV	\$4.57	\$5.86	\$1.32
Village Change from Current		-\$5.01	-\$9.54
TOV Change from Current		\$1.29	-\$3.24
Tax rates presented as p	er thousand	d dollars of assesse	d valuation
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# Tax Impact Summary

Annual T	ax Rate F	Projections - No /	
		Consolidation	Consolidation
	Current	into a Town	into a City
Village	\$15.68	\$12.59	\$8.06
TOV	\$4.57	\$7.77	\$3.24
Village Change from Current		-\$3.10	-\$7.63
TOV Change from Current		\$3.21	-\$1.33
Tax rates presented as p	er thousan	d dollars of assesse	d valuation

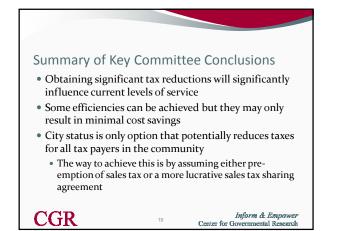
#### Overarching considerations with either option

- Change in community identity
  - Consolidated community or city
- Change in power structure under single government

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- Tax shifts
- Changing of the cost curve for future generations
- Savings projections are annual (I.e. ongoing)
- Decision making efficiency in one government
- Next logical step for community

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# T & V = Town

#### **Consolidation - Process**

- Governed by GML 17-A, Sections 751-772
- Two methods to start process
  - Elector initiated (10%), or
  - Joint resolution of elected boards
- If elector driven, vote would be held prior to consolidation plan development
- If board driven, Village and Town governments would develop joint agreement (plan) and vote would take place after public hearings on the agreement

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• Must be approved by voters in both entities

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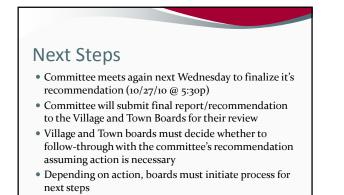
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#### T & V = City

#### **Consolidation Process**

- Would require developing a city charter
  - Volunteer charter commission
  - Outline form of government
  - Define representation on the County Board of Supervisors
- Voters in both Village and Town would have to approve the charter
- Charter would need approval from State Legislature and Governor

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# Community Feedback

- Questions/Comments
- Please visit the website at <u>www.cgr.org/dansville</u>
  - Submit an email
- Feel free to submit a feedback form

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