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Village of Dryden Launches Police Services Restructuring Project Website

Residents Can Stay Informed as Study Unfolds

Village of Dryden, NY – *November 18, 2013*– A new website, specifically designed to help residents stay abreast of developments in the Village of Dryden Police Department Restructuring Study, is now live. The website (www.cgr.org/dryden_police) has been launched by the study team, which includes the study consultants and a four-person committee representing the Village of Dryden residents.

The Village Board of Trustees applied for and received a planning grant from New York State's Local Government Efficiency (LGE) program in response to growing concerns about the ability to provide quality police services without further increasing the tax burden on Village residents. After receiving the grant, the Village engaged the Center for Governmental Research (CGR), a Rochester-based consulting organization with significant experience with law enforcement efficiency and merger studies, and organized a Study Committee. The Village of Dryden has initiated a police services restructuring study to proactively assess the potential of restructuring the Village of Dryden Police Department.

The study will identify alternate police service structures that may involve restructuring, reduction or elimination. The goal is a sustainable reduction in the Village's annual tax levy, which has increased by more than 5% annually for the past 5 years, while maintaining the quality of service in our community. The Village applied for and received a Local Government Efficiency Grant in the amount of \$25,000 to fund this study.

The Committee's meetings are open to the public, and meeting dates will be listed on the website. Public comments are welcome as part of the wrap-up at each committee meeting. Key study documents and reports will also be posted to the website, with postings occurring as the study progresses. Dryden residents wishing to submit comments and feedback directly to the study team can do so via the website. Residents can also sign up to receive email alerts when significant new information is added to the site.

Editors' Note: The study consultant engaged by the Village, the Center for Governmental Research, is based in Rochester. CGR is a 98-year-old nonprofit, nonpartisan, independent consulting organization with significant expertise in dissolution / consolidation / and shared services studies involving local governments.

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For additional information on the project, visit www.cgr.org/dryden

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