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**Public Meeting on Town and Village of Ossining Evaluation of
Potential Government Structures to be Held October 18**

Final Report to be Presented and Discussed

Ossining, NY – October 1, 2012 – A public meeting will be held on **Thursday, October 18, 7:30 – 9:00 pm at the Joseph G. Caputo Community Center, Ossining, NY**, for residents and taxpayers to hear a presentation on the final report of a study initiated last fall by the Town and Village of Ossining to review options for delivering services to their respective constituencies in the most efficient and cost effective manner.

The meeting will include a discussion of the recently-issued report, *Evaluation of Potential Governance Structures and Shared Services for the Town and Village of Ossining*, which documents the study team's review of alternatives for municipal structures and services in the community. The report is available on the study website at www.cgr.org/ossining. Copies can also be accessed in the following locations:

- Village / Town Hall, 16 Croton Avenue;
- Ossining Public Library, 53 Croton Avenue; and
- Joseph G. Caputo Community Center, 95 Broadway.

The participating municipalities embarked upon an effort in 2011 to carefully examine their governmental structures. The study aimed to analyze additional municipal cooperation and the possibility of consolidation of services in order for the Town and Village of Ossining to operate even more efficiently and effectively than they already do and to analyze the feasibility of alternative government structures for the Town and Village of Ossining permissible by law.

To oversee the study effort, the communities established a joint municipal committee, comprising each municipality's Board members. The Steering Committee issued the following statement: "As this year-long study effort concludes, we are hopeful that residents attend this public forum and share their thoughts, perspectives and ideas on government

structures and services in Ossining. Public input has been an important part of this process from the beginning. This meeting offers another opportunity for residents to learn about the study and options for building on our many successes in the Ossining community.”

The meeting is the third and final public forum held in conjunction with this project. The agenda will include a brief presentation of the *Evaluation* report by the study consultant, the Center for Governmental Research (CGR), as well as a public input session.

Residents are reminded that they can obtain the *Evaluation* report and previous documents from the study at the project website, www.cgr.org/ossining.

Steering Committee Members:

- *Town of Ossining*
Susanne Donnelly, Supervisor
Eric Blaha, Board Member
Geoffrey Harter, Board Member
Peter Tripodi, Board Member
Northern Wilcher, Board Member
- *Village of Ossining*
William Hanauer, Mayor
Marlene Cheatham, Trustee
John Codman III, Trustee
Robert Daraio, Trustee
Manuel Quezada, Trustee

About the Center for Governmental Research (CGR)

CGR is a 97-year-old nonprofit, nonpartisan, independent consulting organization with significant expertise conducting local government consolidation and shared service studies and developing implementation plans. CGR is headquartered in Rochester, NY, and in October 2011 was engaged by the Town and Village of Ossining to serve as study consultant.

About the Study

This study was prepared with funds provided by the New York State Department of State under the Local Government Efficiency Incentive Grant Program.

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