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Dissolution Study, Plan and Alternatives
Village of Mannsville

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Presentation Overview

- ▶ Study background and objectives
- ▶ Community context and baseline information
- ▶ Dissolution options and alternatives
- ▶ Estimated tax impact
- ▶ Next steps
- ▶ Questions

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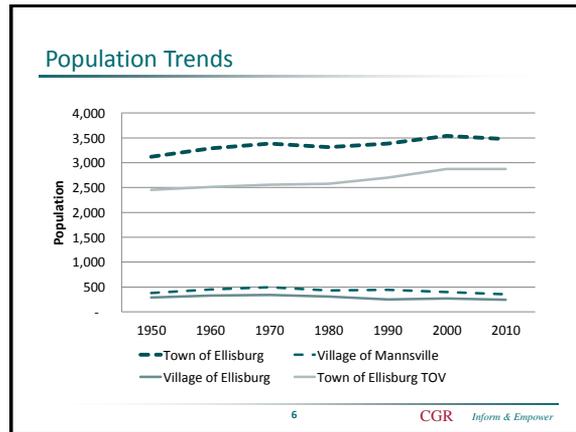
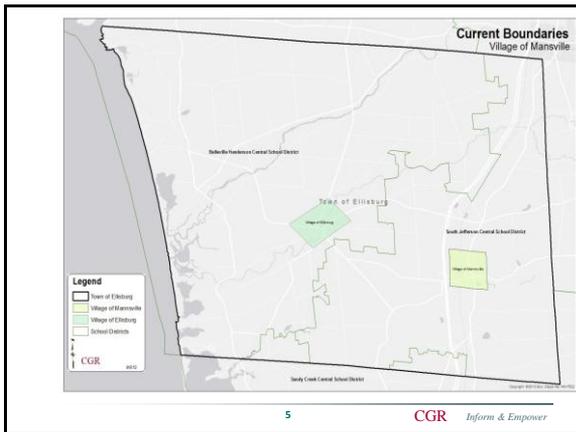
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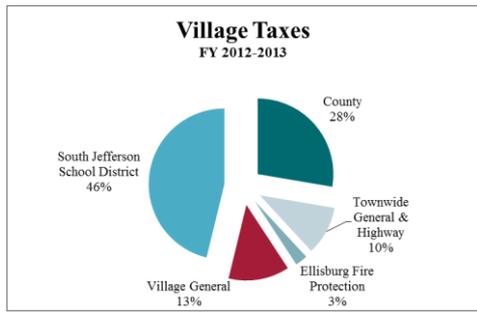
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Study Process

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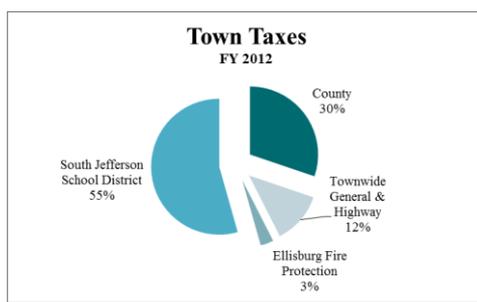


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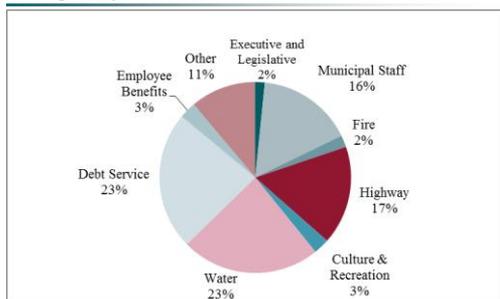
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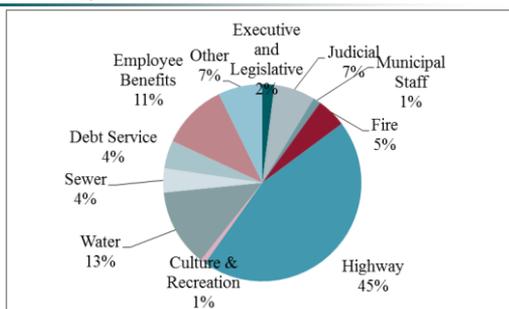
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Village Expenditures



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Town Expenditures



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What services does the Village provide?

- ▶ Mayor and Village Board
- ▶ Administration, including tax collection
- ▶ Water
- ▶ Park maintenance and other labor, as needed
- ▶ Snow removal of Village office, church, fire department
- ▶ Zoning board
- ▶ Agreements with Mannville-Manor Volunteer Fire Department, the South Jefferson School District (recreation) and the Mannville Free Library

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What will happen to services if the Village dissolves?

- ▶ We need to determine what happens to services:
 - ▶ Do they continue?
 - ▶ If so, who provides the service?
 - ▶ Who pays for the service?
- ▶ What happens to Village staff?
- ▶ What happens to Village buildings and other assets?

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Dissolution Plan: Elected Representatives

- ▶ Mayor and Board positions eliminated
- ▶ Former Village to be governed by the Town
- ▶ *Estimated savings: \$4,600*

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Dissolution Plan: Administrative Staff

- ▶ Town will be responsible for administrative duties formerly performed by the village clerk and deputy clerk.
- ▶ Town may need additional staff to cover larger workload.
- ▶ The Plan will eliminate the village clerk position and provide for the transfer of the village deputy clerk.
- ▶ *Some Village expenditures for staff transfer to the Town. Estimated savings (\$18,000).*

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Dissolution Plan: Street Lighting

- ▶ The Town will create a special district for street lights in the former Village of Mannsville.
- ▶ *The estimated cost of this service would be approximately \$0.6 per \$1,000 of assessed value.*

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Dissolution Plan: Buildings and Equipment

- ▶ Buildings owned by the Village would transfer to the Town upon dissolution. The Town, however, does not need the Village office, garage or equipment.
- ▶ Office: The Board is exploring the feasibility of transferring the building to the library.
- ▶ Garage: The Village could consider selling the garage to the church or an adjacent neighbor.
- ▶ Public Works Equipment: could be sold prior to dissolution.
- ▶ The park, water filtration plant and water tower would transfer to the Town.

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Dissolution Plan: Public Works

- ▶ The Town would provide the following services:
 - ▶ Plow, sand and sweep the streets (as it does currently)
 - ▶ Maintain the Village Park
 - ▶ Collect storm damage debris
- ▶ The Town would not provide the following services:
 - ▶ Plow the church, museum, library or fire department
 - ▶ Hang Christmas lights
 - ▶ Pick up leaves
 - ▶ Clean and flush fire hydrants (but not remove snow)
- ▶ The Town would not hire additional staff.
- ▶ *Potential savings that could result from eliminating the position of the DPW laborer is approximately \$15,000.*

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Dissolution Plan: Water

- ▶ The town would create a special taxing district for all Village of Mannsville water users and continue to operate it as a stand-alone system.
- ▶ The \$1.3 million water debt would remain with the water district and continue to be paid for by former village residents.
- ▶ If the village dissolved, the town board would have the discretion to change the water rates. However, the rates cannot be increased beyond the point of sustaining the water system.

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Dissolution Plan: Other Elements

Library

- ▶ The library would continue to operate independently. It may, however, need additional revenue to cover the cost of owning the building.

Recreation

- ▶ The Town would provide funding to the School District.

Zoning

- ▶ The town would issue building permits and the town zoning board would cover the former Village.
- ▶ *Estimated savings that could result from elimination the Village zoning board: \$600.*

Mannsville Plan: Other Elements(2)

▶ Liabilities: none identified

- ▶ **Debts:** water debt stays with water users; if voters choose to dissolve, Village Hall debt will be paid off prior to dissolution

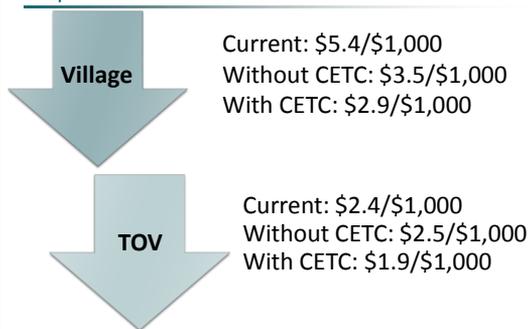
▶ Water fund balance: will transfer to the new Town water district

- ▶ **Laws and ordinances:** to remain in effect for up to two years, unless no longer applicable or amended by the Town. The Town could then adopt former Village laws as Town laws.

Opportunities for Shared Services

- ▶ If the Village does not dissolve, there may be opportunities for collaboration with the Town, including:
 - ▶ Some aspects of Village administration
 - ▶ Zoning Board and code enforcement

Impact of Dissolution on Tax Rates



Impact on a Property Valued at \$75,000



Current Tax Bills:

- Village: \$405
- Town Outside Village: \$180

Estimated Tax Bills (without CETC):

- Village: \$259
- Town Outside Village: \$188

Estimated Tax Bills (with CETC):

- Village: \$216
- Town Outside Village: \$146

Next Steps

- ▶ Get public feedback
- ▶ Discuss draft Dissolution Plan with the Town Board
- ▶ Finalize the Dissolution Plan
- ▶ Public Forum on Monday, November 19
- ▶ Submit the final Dissolution Plan to the Village Board for consideration

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