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VILLAGE OF EDWARDS DISSOLUTION STUDY COMMITTEE LAUNCHES PROJECT WEBSITE RESIDENTS CAN STAY INFORMED AS STUDY UNFOLDS

Village of Edwards, NY – July 14, 2010 – A new website, specifically designed to help residents stay abreast of developments as the Village of Edwards dissolution study unfolds, is now live. The website (www.cgr.org/edwards) has been launched by the study team, which includes a four-person committee and the study consultant.

The Village Board of Trustees applied for and received a high priority planning grant from NYS Local governments Efficiency (LGE) program. After receiving the grant, the Village engaged the Center for Governmental Research (CGR), a Rochester-based consulting organization with significant experience with dissolution studies, to assist the study committee. Members representing the Village are Chris Ayerill and Amber Drew. Representatives for the Town-outside-Village (TOV) are Mandy Fuller and Jennifer Hotaling.

The study team will complete its work by year end and will deliver to the Village Board, as part of the Committee's final report a dissolution plan that meets the technical requirements of state law. At that point it will be up to the Village Board to take the steps necessary to put the issue of dissolution on the ballot. It is the intent of the Village Board to place a dissolution plan before Village voters in March 2011.

"This is an important project, and we want to make it possible for residents in our community to have the opportunity to be engaged with the study team," said Chris Ayerill, Committee chair. "The project website gives us a great vehicle for sharing information with residents in an easily accessible way and for keeping the study process transparent."

The study consultant engaged by the Village, the Center for Governmental Research, has offices in Rochester and Albany. CGR is a 95 year old nonprofit, nonpartisan, independent consulting organization with significant expertise with dissolution/consolidation/ and shared services involving local governments.

For additional information on the project, go to www.cgr.org/edwards.

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