

Public Forum #2 on Rye Town Dissolution Feasibility Study and Village Alternatives Analysis to be Held January 12

Opportunity to Hear Project Update and Provide Feedback

Town of Rye, NY – December 23, 2011 – The second forum on the *Rye Town Dissolution Feasibility Study and Village Alternatives Analysis* will be held on **Thursday, January 12**. The forum will include an update on the study and a review of the Baseline Report on Town/Village services and finances. The forum will be held from **7:00 to 8:30 p.m.** at the **Mamaroneck Village Hall, 169 Mount Pleasant Avenue, Mamaroneck, NY**.

The Baseline Report, which is available at the project website at www.cgr.org/ryetown, as well as at Rye Town Hall and Village Halls in Rye Brook, Port Chester and Mamaroneck, is intended to create a basic understanding for the study team, Steering Committee and larger community before the detailed consideration of alternatives for future governance options within the Town of Rye. The Report will serve as the foundation for evaluation of the following options:

1. **Potential dissolution of Rye Town government** in order to eliminate an administrative level of government and, in so doing, possibly generate property tax relief for residents;
2. **Alternative forms of government, particularly separate coterminous town/village options in Port Chester and Rye Brook**, as a means of improving cost effectiveness and enhancing shared services;
3. **Governance and service options for the Rye Neck section of the Village of Mamaroneck** that is within Rye Town; and
4. **Potential shared service alternatives** between and among Rye Town and the Villages of Port Chester, Rye Brook and Mamaroneck.

The Steering Committee, comprised of elected officials and administrators from Rye Town and the Villages of Rye Brook, Port Chester and Mamaroneck, issued the following statement: “We encourage residents to attend this important forum. It is a great opportunity to hear about the progress made to-date on this study, as well as for residents to provide their valuable feedback and suggestions.”

The meeting will include a brief presentation by the study consultant, the nonprofit Center for Governmental Research (CGR). The meeting will also provide the public with an opportunity to comment, ask questions, and get up-to-speed on next steps. At any time, residents can access the study website (www.cgr.org/ryetown) to review background documents and submit comments to the Steering Committee.

Steering Committee Members

Joe Carvin, *Supervisor, Town of Rye*

Bishop Nowotnik, *Purchasing Director and Confidential Secretary to the Supervisor, Town of Rye*

Dennis Pilla, *Mayor, Village of Port Chester*

Christopher Russo, *Village Manager, Village of Port Chester*

Joan Feinstein, *Mayor, Village of Rye Brook*

Christopher Bradbury, *Village Administrator, Village of Rye Brook*

Norman Rosenblum, *Mayor, Village of Mamaroneck*

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The Center for Governmental Research (CGR) is a 96-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 July was engaged by the involved municipalities to serve as study consultant.

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