

Village of Forestville Dissolution Plan

Summary of Plan:

On November 3, 2015, the residents of Forestville, following the process outlined in NYS Law, voted to dissolve the Village into the Town of Hanover. The Village Board empaneled a Dissolution Study Committee to develop a plan to dissolve the Village into the Town of Hanover.

On May 10, 2016, the Village Board approved the committee's dissolution plan for the purpose of holding a Public Hearing. After the hearing, the Village Board may amend the plan. Once the plan is amended (if necessary) and approved by the Village Board, the plan will take effect unless rejected through a permissive referendum process by village residents as outlined in NYS Law.

On June 14, 2016, the plan was presented at a public hearing and was discussed by the Village Board. On July 12, 2016 the plan was adopted by the Village Board without amendment.

The Dissolution Plan recommends that Forestville dissolve into the Town of Hanover effective on December 31, 2016; that special districts be created by the Town to provide street lighting, sidewalk maintenance, fire protection, refuse (yard waste) collection and water, with boundaries that encompass existing users; and that select assets be sold to reduce the impact of water debt payments. All real property still owned by the Village will become Town property at the time of dissolution except that which will be given to the Forestville Fire Department. The Town will assume all staffing and maintenance responsibility now held by the Village. Forestville laws without analogues in Hanover law will remain in effect for two years following dissolution.

Copies of the detailed final Dissolution Plan are available at the Forestville Municipal Building, the Anderson-Lee Public Library (Silver Creek), Hanover Municipal Building and at www.cgr.org/forestville.