

Dear Readers:

The Edgemont Incorporation Committee (EIC) wishes to thank State Senate Majority Leader Andrew Stewart-Cousins for her leadership in recognizing the need for an independent professional analysis of the financial and operational viability of incorporating Edgemont as the Town of Greenburgh's seventh village. In choosing the highly credentialed Center for Governmental Research (CGR) to undertake the study, the Leader ensured that all potentially affected stakeholders would have an unbiased, detailed study on which to rely for information.

We also thank CGR and its project directors on this assignment, Erika Rosenberg and Paul Bishop, as well as their staff, for their relentless, rigorous and thorough attention to detail and consummate professionalism throughout the process.

CGR's report included the key elements that should be considered in connection with *any* village incorporation:

1. *Feasibility of village.* CGR demonstrated that a new Village of Edgemont would have sufficient revenues at or about current levels of taxation to maintain the community's current level of services.
2. *Impact on town.* The study considered the potential effects of Edgemont's incorporation on the Town of Greenburgh's remaining unincorporated area. It found that if the two parties embrace intergovernmental cooperation and contract for major services: a) appropriations and revenues would remain similar to the status quo, and b) the Town would experience zero tax effect, no cuts to major service departments, and only small budget reductions elsewhere.
3. *Objective analysis.* The incorporation process naturally includes advocacy from both supporters and opponents. CGR's independent, unbiased, and thorough report provides voters with the neutral information they need to make a rational, informed decision when a referendum is held.
4. *Blueprint for other villages.* CGR's study shows that it is possible to create a new village in New York State without disrupting the existing levels of taxes and services. While each potential incorporation will have its own unique dynamics, the report presents a helpful roadmap for communities seeking to gain specific municipal powers (such as zoning and planning), but wishing to continue other town services without creating duplication and inefficiency.

For more EIC perspective on the CGR study, please click [here](#).

Respectfully,

The EIC  
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