

# Forestville Government Efficiency Task Force Public Meeting

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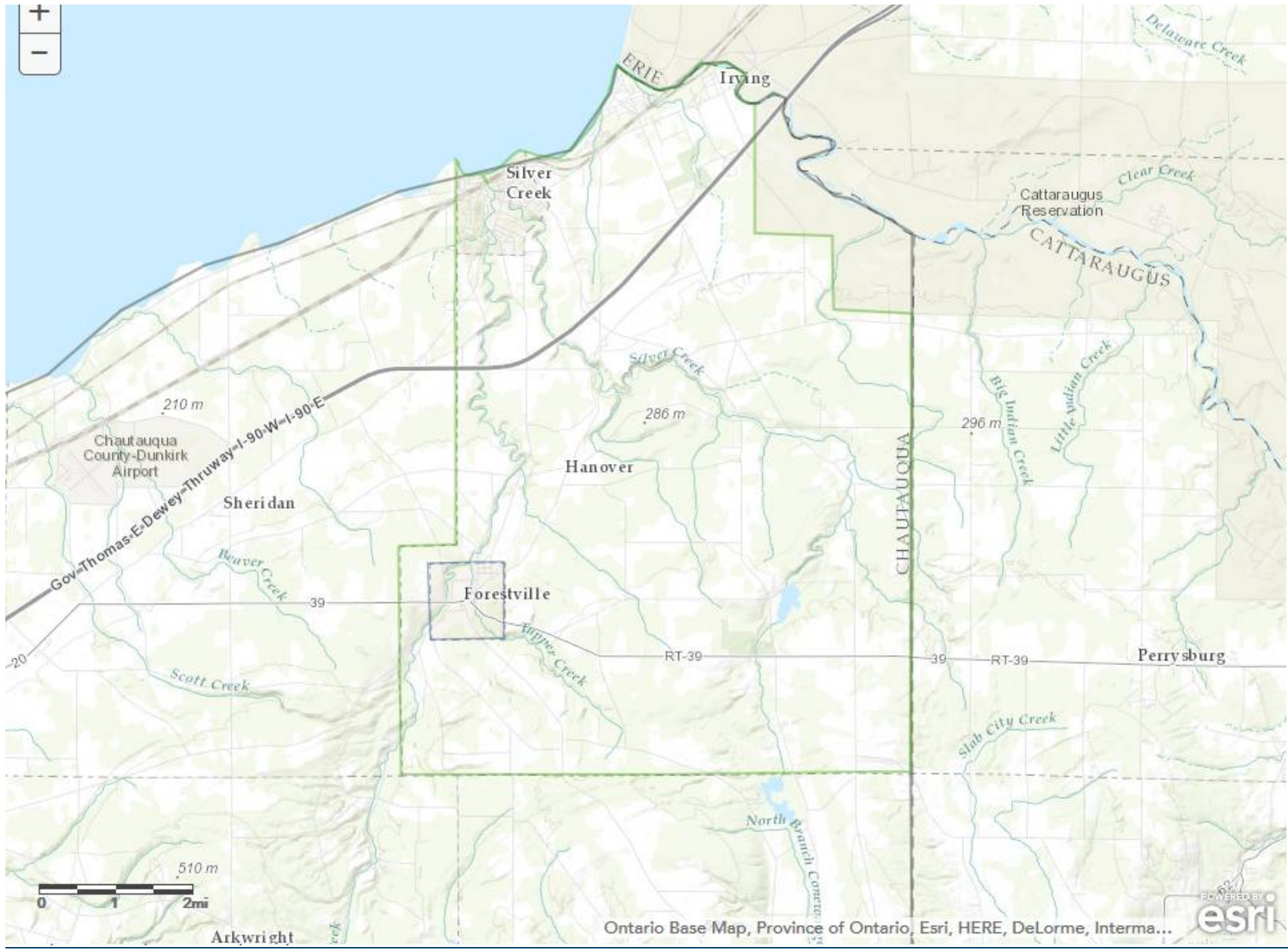
## **Proposed Dissolution of the Village of Forestville: Projected Service and Fiscal Impacts**

Presented by Paul A. Bishop

# Presentation Outline

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- Project Process
- Projected Service Impacts
- Projected Fiscal Impacts
- Dissolution Process



# Project Process

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- Citizen petition for dissolution filed in early August
- Forestville Gov't Efficiency Task Force and the Village hired CGR to conduct a dissolution impact study
- Study is being funded by NYS DOS and Southern Tier West Regional Planning and Development
- CGR interviewed village and town staff
- CGR reviewed budgets, asset lists and other relevant documents
- Draft report was shared with the Task Force

# Projected Service Impacts

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- No anticipated substantial changes to services delivered after dissolution
- Hanover can provide all services to Forestville using districts, contracts and its own staff
- Decisions about levels and method of service will occur in dissolution plan and be implemented by Hanover after dissolution

# Specific Service Impacts (1 of 5)

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- Clerk
  - Split 65/35 general / water
  - All general responsibilities eliminated, water covered later
- Code/ Zoning
  - Town would need to expand role into village. Estimated cost of \$6,300 into TOV fund
- Dog Control
  - Hanover DCO would expand responsibility into Village at a cost of \$2,300 into TOV fund
- Elected Officials
  - All positions in Forestville would be eliminated
  - Savings of about \$7,500

# Specific Service Impacts (2 of 5)

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- Facilities Cleaner
  - Position retained and cost split between Highway and Fire
- Financial Staff
  - Treasurer works 20 hours and split 65./35 general/water
  - Claims Auditor works 10 hours and split 65/35 as well
  - General responsibilities go away after dissolution
  - Water responsibilities would be picked up by Hanover in Clerk's Office under Water District
- Planning and Zoning Boards
  - Would be dissolved with the village
  - Town would become responsible



# Specific Service Impacts ( 3 of 5)

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- Fire Department

- Membership recently became separately incorporated
- At dissolution, assets would transfer to fire department
- Hanover would contract with the fire department and expand the existing fire protection district into the former village
- Projecting tax rate for this district was challenge because of timing of dissolution and short term debt..
- Without the debt – about \$1.00, with the debt – about \$1.50

- Police Service

- Hanover contracts for \$381,000 for enhanced services
- Project that with a ten percent increase in population that this cost would go up by 10 percent

# Specific Service Impacts ( 4 of 5)

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- Public Works
  - Budgeted at 65/35 general/water, worked 53/47 last year
  - DID NOT complete detailed time study
  - With dissolution, the Highway and Water departments would both add one FTE
  - For model, all salary costs carried into Hanover's budget
  - All tasks would continue, but intervals and amounts may vary
  - Project operating a substation in Village
- Senior Services
  - Town pays \$600 to subsidize this service and it would continue in the TOV fund after dissolution
  - Space would be in fire station

# Specific Service Impacts (5 of 5)

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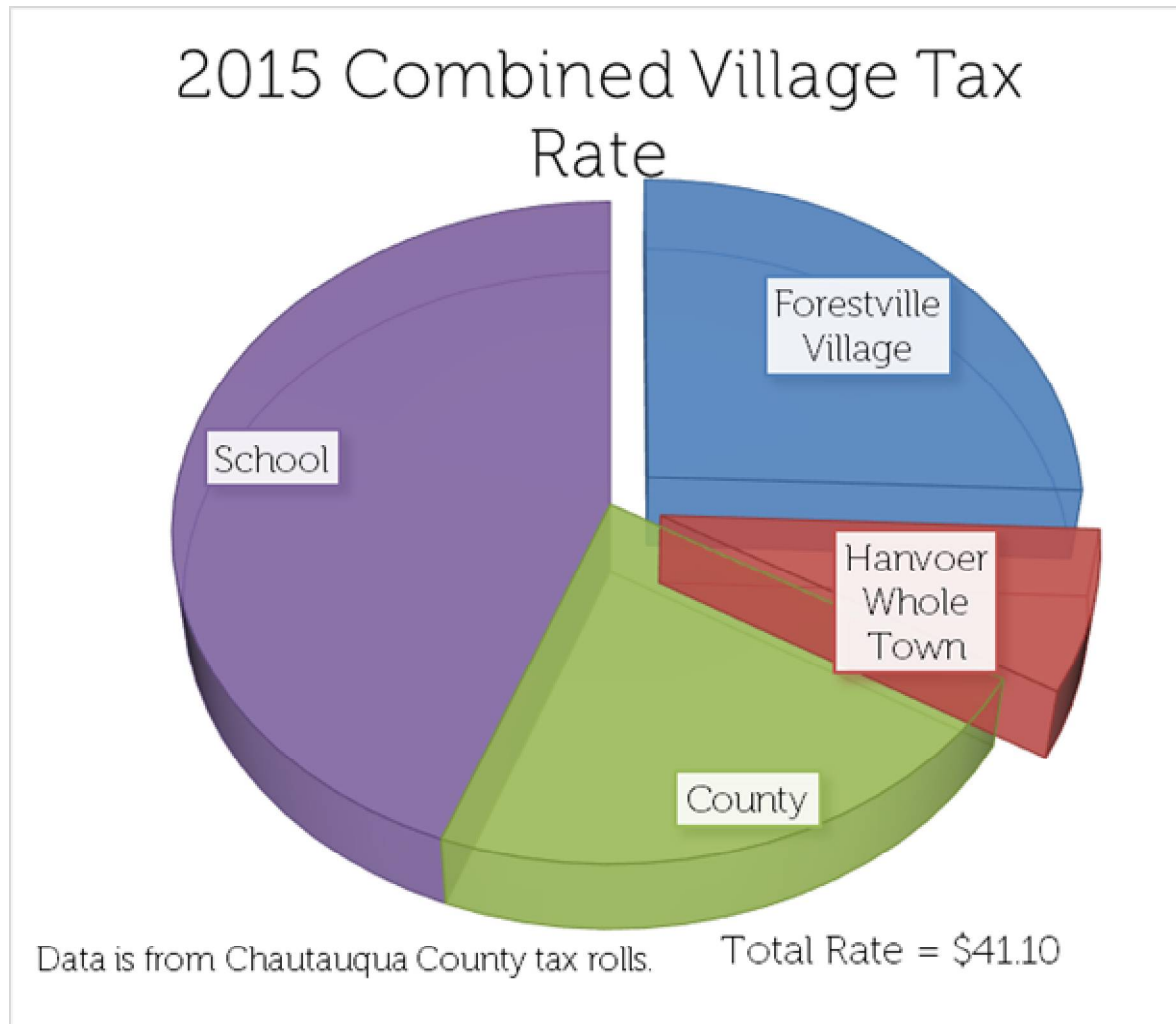
- Water Services

- Are a separate fund with revenues and expenses
- Recent expensive project funded by 30 year zero interest loan
- After dissolution, Hanover would manage the system
- Users of the water system would still be responsible for service charges and repaying the loan.
- The loan costs each user about \$540 annually

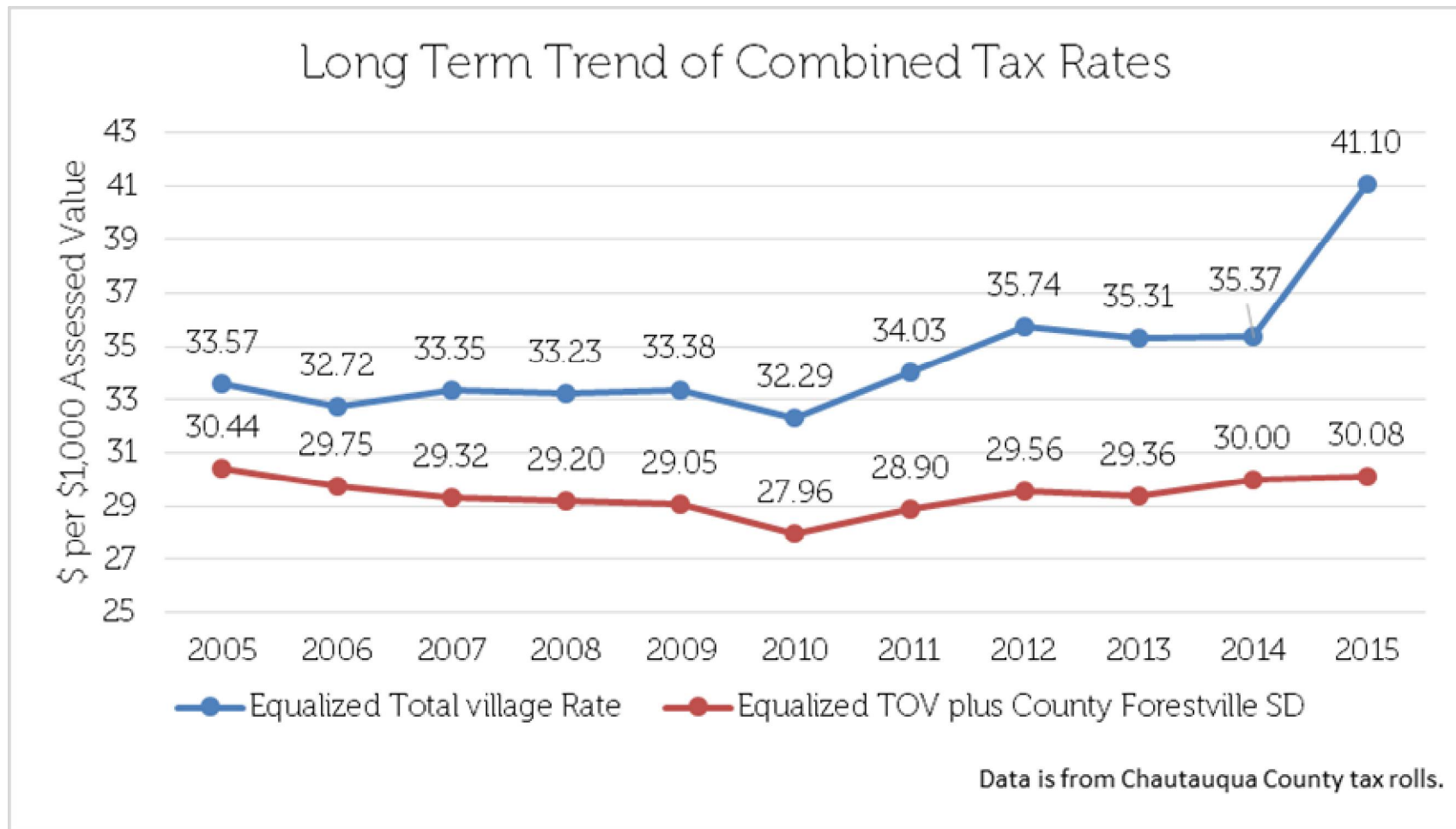
- Youth Services

- Village spends about \$12,000 on youth services during summer months
- Hanover would continue these services at the same cost

# Current Tax Environment



# Recent Tax Trend



# Influences on Projected Tax

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- Citizen's Empowerment Tax Credit
  - 15 % of combined tax levy of Town and Village
    - Forestville \$213,023
    - Hanover General \$726,833 and Highway \$297,765
    - Total = \$1.27 million
  - For 2015, CETC would be \$185,000
  - 87 % of Forestville's tax levy
- Sales tax would transfer to Hanover
- Utilities Gross Receipts Tax would end
- All other revenues for Forestville would roll to Hanover
- Service levels are also a large influence

# Projected Taxes in Forestville

## Forestville Village Tax Comparison

	Current	After Dissolution	Change
<b>2015 Village Tax</b>	<b>\$ 10.63</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ (10.63)</b>
<b>Fire Protection District</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 1.50</b>	<b>\$ 1.50</b>
<b>Light and Sidewalk District</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 1.70</b>	<b>\$ 1.70</b>
<b>General Townwide</b>	<b>\$ 2.10</b>	<b>\$ 1.70</b>	<b>\$ (0.40)</b>
<b>General TOV</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
<b>Highway -Townwide</b>	<b>\$ 0.86</b>	<b>\$ 0.90</b>	<b>\$ 0.04</b>
<b>Highway -TOV</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 0.40</b>	<b>\$ 0.40</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 13.60</b>	<b>\$ 6.20</b>	<b>\$ (7.40)</b>

*Estimated tax rates shown in cost per thousand of assessed value.*

For a median home, the savings is projected to be about \$645 or \$54 per month

# Projected Taxes in Hanover Outside Village

Hanover TOV Tax Comparison					
Fire Protection District	\$	1.01	\$	1.50	\$ 0.49
General Townwide	\$	2.10	\$	1.70	\$ (0.40)
General TOV	\$	-	\$	-	\$ -
Highway -Townwide	\$	0.86	\$	0.90	\$ 0.04
Highway -TOV	\$	-	\$	0.40	\$ 0.40
<b>Total</b>	\$	<b>3.97</b>	\$	<b>4.50</b>	\$ <b>0.53</b>
<i>Estimated tax rates shown in cost per thousand of assessed value.</i>					

For a median home, the increase is projected to be about \$50 or \$4.10 per month



# Dissolution Process

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- Vote on November 3<sup>rd</sup>
  - Yes = dissolution, No = Status Quo
- If yes, Village Board has 180 days to create a dissolution plan
- Typically this is done with a dissolution committee involving village, town and a consultant
- Village wouldn't dissolve for at least a year
- Residents have opportunity to steer plan and even reverse course

# Questions ?

# Additional Information

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