



**Troy &
North Troy**
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Town Of Troy and Village of North Troy Merger Proposal

“One Town . . . One Vision”

Town of Troy Selectboard / Village of North Troy Trustees

Public Hearing

Reasons for Village and Town Merger

1. Villagers are both Town and Village residents (makes sense to merge).
2. Charter of Village of North Troy no longer needed:
 - Village is no longer business and population hub.
 - Many shared services between Village and Town.
 - Town Offices, Troy School, Public Library, and Town Garage located in Village of North Troy.
 - Town and Village with good infrastructure.
 - Neither Town or Village taking on a burden.
3. Streamlining of Village services will lead to operational savings (\$50,000.00+).
 - More sharing of costs for Town winter and summer highway budgets.

Context

- North Troy incorporated as a Village in 1876 (150 years ago).
 - There were ~240 towns and cities, and ~50 to 60 incorporated and unincorporated (e.g., West and East Charleston) villages.
 - Today, there are 237 towns and cities, and approximately 30 incorporated villages.
 - North Troy Village exists because of our community – the merger will not change the community.
- Plan of Merger written with no change in services for Village or Town
- North Troy is center of Town Government:
 - Town Offices
 - Town Garage
 - Troy School
 - Public Library
 - North Troy Post Office – two mail routes serving most of Town
 - 911 addresses originate in North Troy

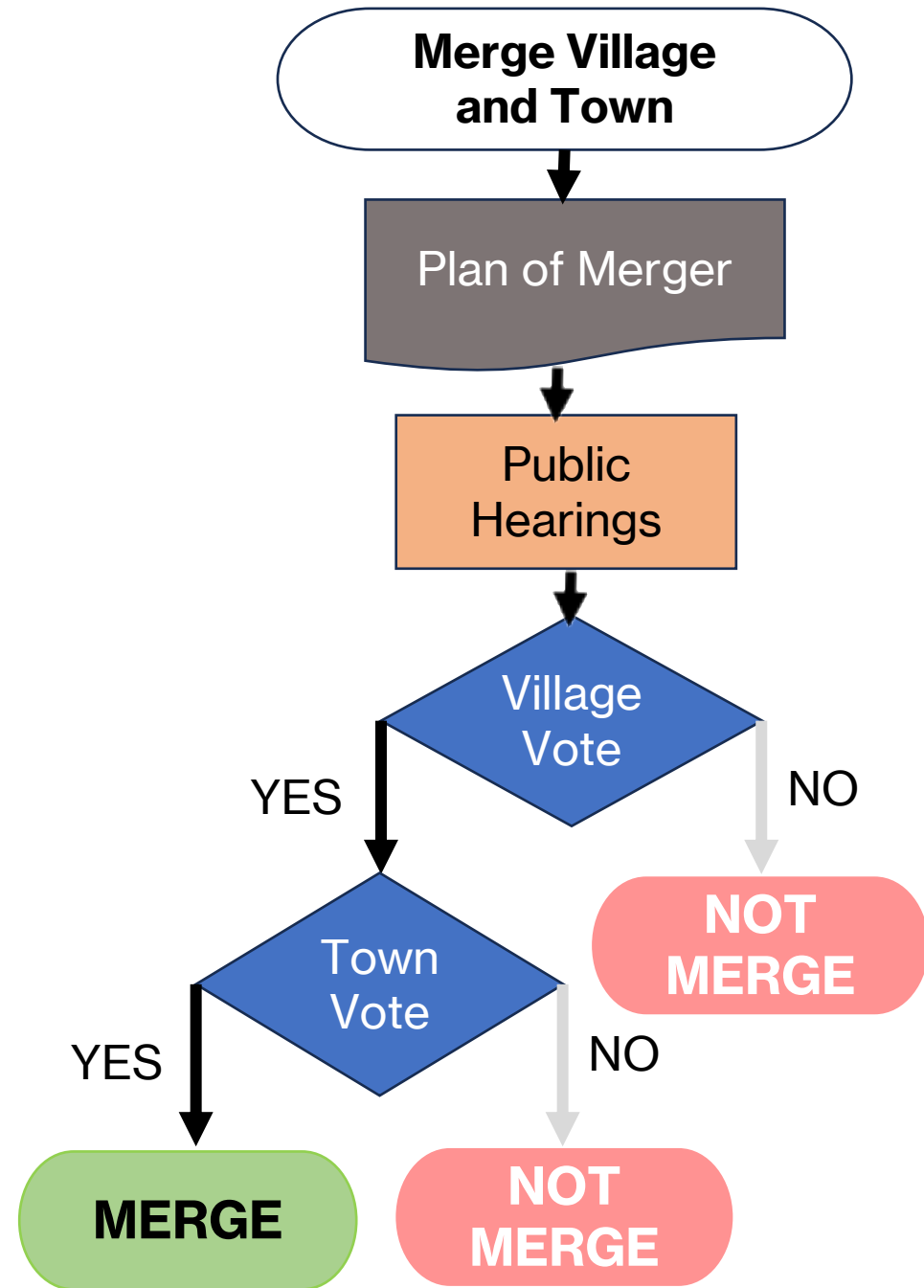
Hearing Concerns:

- **“Merged budget will get out of hand”**
 - Town would vote and approve ALL budgets - not the Selectboard
- **“The merged Town will need to hire more people”**
 - No change in staffing for Village and Town – except Village Clerk
 - Current cost of Town and Village employees included in cost estimates (excluding Village Clerk)
- **“It is not legal to merge the Village and Town”**
 - Village and Town mergers are governed by State law (24 V.S.A. Chapter 49)
- **“We have to assume Village’s debts”**
 - Neither has long term debts – except for trucks used to maintain highways.
- **“Village needs a lot of work”**
 - Streets recently paved.
 - Improvements to water / wastewater facilities paid for by users.
 - Town-wide improvements requiring a bond must be approved by Town voters.

Process and Decision

VILLAGE RESIDENTS

- People who live inside the Village are also residents of the Town.
- They are able to make a decision on merger once as a member of the Village and again as a member of the Town (24 V.S.A. § 1485).
- Must have two votes (warned merger votes):
 - Village of North Troy
 - Town of Troy



Merger Statute (24 V.S.A. Chapter 49)

- Merger vote must include Village and Town at two separate meetings:

§ 1485. Vote of approval

(a) Adjoining municipalities within a town may merge upon the approval of a plan of merger by a majority vote of each municipality concerned at a meeting duly warned for that purpose and held in each of such municipalities.

(b) One or more municipalities within a town may merge into the town upon the approval of a plan of merger by a majority vote of the municipality or municipalities and the town at separate meetings duly warned for that purpose and held in each of the areas concerned.

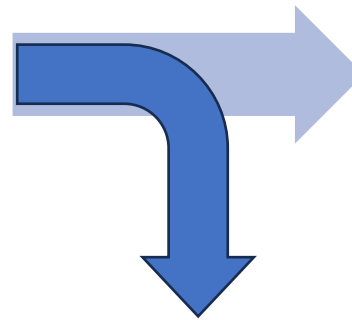
(c) When approved by Australian ballot by the voters of each of the merging municipalities and approved by the General Assembly under 17 V.S.A. § 2645, that part of the plan of merger containing the permanent provisions required by section 1483 of this title shall become the charter of the consolidated municipality. (Added 1965, No. 184, § 1(a), (b); amended 1966, No. 31 (Sp. Sess.), § 2, eff. March 12, 1966; 1995, No. 108 (Adj. Sess.), § 1.)

Anticipated Merged Budget (Based on 2025)

Town
\$1,042,807



Village
\$314,961



Operational Savings
\$49,875.00

Merged
\$1,307,893.00

Operational Savings

General Administration		Buildings and Grounds	
Trustees	\$3,000.00	Cleaning Supplies	\$200.00
Salary	\$17,000.00	Building Maintenance and Supplies	\$4,000.00
Childcare Contribution	\$200.00	Safety Equipment	\$125.00
FICA / Medicare	\$1,800.00	Rubbish Removal	\$500.00
Unemployment	\$200.00	Property Taxes	\$500.00
Audit / Legal	\$7,800.00	Total	\$5,325.00
Office Supplies	\$3,500.00		
Postage	\$700.00		
Mileage	\$100.00		
Phone	\$850.00		
Dues, Fees, and Services	\$1,500.00		
NEMRC Support	\$7,400.00		
Printing	\$500.00		
TOTAL	\$44,550.00		

Tax Burden Comparisons (2025)

Town of Troy			
General Fund	\$493,447		
Revenues	- \$31,501		
Tax Burden		\$364,176	
Tax			\$0.2301
Roads	\$759,171		
Revenues	- \$80,540		
Tax Burden		\$678,631	
Tax			\$0.4119
		TOTAL	\$0.642

Village of North Troy			
Budget	\$256,333		
Revenues	- \$39,142		
Tax Burden		\$217,191	
Tax			\$0.5007
Share of General Fund		\$97,770	
Tax			\$0.2301
		TOTAL	\$0.7308

Anticipated Merged Tax Rate: \$0.634

DETACH THE STUB BELOW AND RETURN WITH YOUR PAYMENT

Town of Troy Tax Bill (Village Resident)

ASSESSED VALUE		HOMESTEAD	
REAL	320,100	320,100	
TOTAL TAXABLE VALUE		320,100	
GRAND LIST VALUES		3,201.00	

MUNICIPAL TAXES				EDUCATION TAXES			
TAX RATE NAME	TAX RATE	x GRAND LIST =	TAXES	TAX RATE NAME	TAX RATE	x GRAND LIST =	TAXES
GENERAL	0.2249	x3,201.00=	719.90	HOMESTEAD EDUCATION	1.0329	x3,201.00=	3,306.31
LOCAL AGREEMENT	0.0052	x3,201.00=	16.65	1.4181 (district rate) / 137.29% (CLA + SA) = 1.0329			
				Payments		TOTAL EDUCATION TAX	3,306.31
				1	11/04/2025	EDUCATION STATE PAYMENT	1,634.00
					2,408.86	EDUCATION NET TAX DUE	1,672.31
				TAX SUMMARY			
				Municipal + Education			
TOTAL MUNICIPAL TAX			736.55	TOTAL TAX		4,042.86	
MUNICIPAL STATE PAYMENT			0.00	TOTAL STATE PAYMENT		1,634.00	
MUNICIPAL NET TAX DUE			736.55	TOTAL NET TAX DUE		2,408.86	

EXEMPTIONS AND OTHER DEDUCTIONS ARE TAKEN FROM THE GRAND LIST VALUES SHOWN ABOVE.

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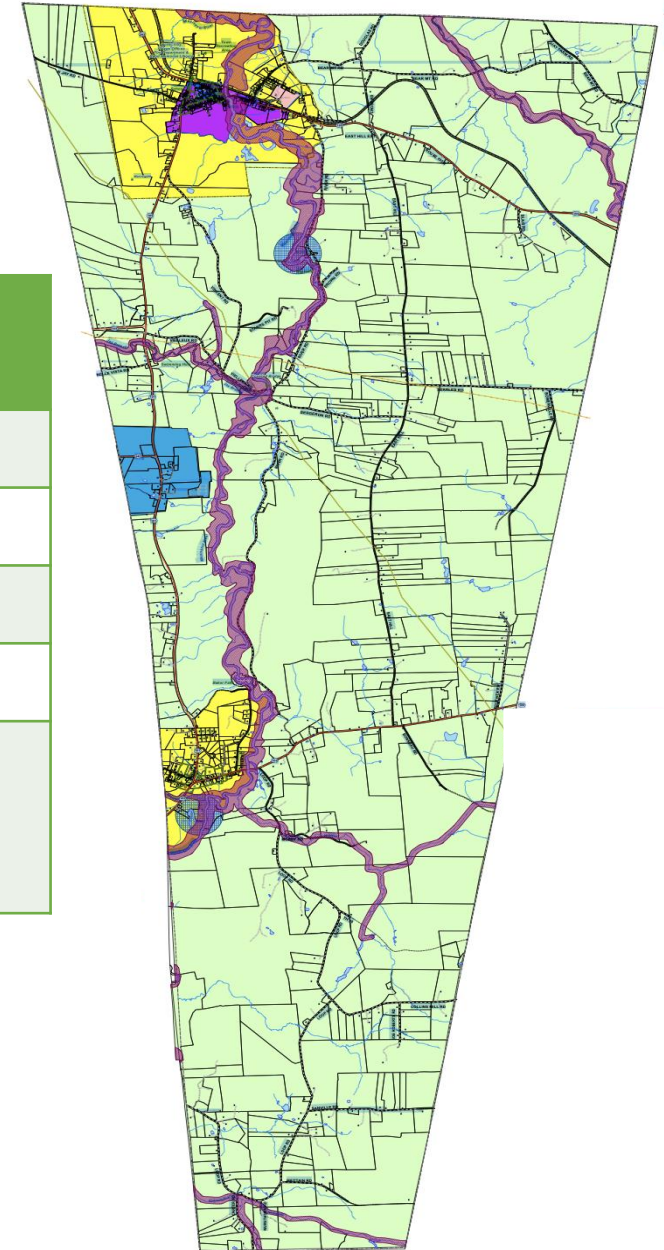
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TAX RATE NAME	TAX RATE	x GRAND LIST =	TAXES	TAX RATE NAME	TAX RATE	x GRAND LIST =	TAXES
GENERAL	0.5087	x 3,201.00 =	1,602.74				
				Payments			
				1	10/28/2025	EDUCATION STATE PAYMENT	0.00
					1,602.74		
				TAX SUMMARY			
				Municipal + Education			
TOTAL MUNICIPAL TAX			1,602.74	TOTAL TAX			1,602.74
MUNICIPAL STATE PAYMENT			0.00	TOTAL STATE PAYMENT			0.00
MUNICIPAL NET TAX DUE			1,602.74	TOTAL NET TAX DUE			1,602.74

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Demographics and Characteristics

	Town of Troy ¹	Village of North Troy
Land Area	36.1 square miles	1.92 sq miles
Population ²	1,722	631
Voters (number)	1,276 ³	436
Voters (%)	66%	34%
¹ Includes both Town and Village.		
² 2020 census.		
³ Number of outside-village voters = 840 (2026 Primary).		



Public Hearings

August 26, 2026	September 9, 2026
10:00 AM: Catholic Church Parish Hall (South Troy) 130 South Pleasant Street, Troy	10:00 AM: Village Office (North Troy) 160 Railroad Street, North Troy
6:00 PM: Village Office (North Troy) 160 Railroad Street, North Troy	6:00 PM: Catholic Church Parish Hall (South Troy), 130 South Pleasant Street, Troy



Merger Vote: Thursday, September 10, 2026

Troy School Gymnasium

6:00 PM: Village Merger Vote

7:00 PM: Town Merger Vote

IN-PERSON VOTING ONLY

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