

Statement for VB workshop 2/22/16

I have reviewed the dissolution study prepared for the Village of Macedon by CGR, as well as several other dissolution studies they have prepared. Several of their reports, including Macedon's, assume in their tax calculations that should the ~~Town~~ ^{Village} dissolve, it would receive generous additional State Aid in the form of Consolidation Incentive Aid.

In its *Guide to Local Government Dissolution and Consolidation*, the New York Conference of Mayors (NYCOM) strongly advises localities not to include this aid in the tax rate projections because the Aid is not guaranteed. It is dependent on the State legislature appropriating the money in each annual State budget. In these reports tax rate projections without the additional State Aid tend to be mere footnotes.

Yes, the studies by CGR and similar consulting firms tend to favor dissolution. It is worth considering the fact that if a vote goes in favor of dissolution, these firms hope to be hired to do a much more extensive and expensive survey.

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