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Village of Pike Votes to Dissolve

Residents of the Village of Pike have voted to dissolve their village. On Tuesday, March 18th, local voters went to the polls to decide the future of the Village. Of the 36 votes cast, 31 or 86% were in favor of dissolution, while 5 or 14% were opposed to dissolution. This vote was the culmination of over a year of work on the part of local officials and citizens to determine the future of the Village as an incorporated place.

The Village's Study Committee, working with the assistance of G/FLRPC, prepared a *Services Inventory Report* and a *Dissolution Plan* for the Mayor and Board of Trustees. The Study Committee consisted of representatives from the Village, the Town of Pike, the Pike Fire Department, and interested citizens from both the Village

and the Town. The Study Committee met once a month from May 2007 through January 2008 to discuss a variety of issues relating to village dissolution, such as how services including public water and sidewalk maintenance would be provided by the Town, whether or not the Town would form a Fire District or Fire Protection District to support the local fire department, and which village staff would be retained by the Town to perform certain functions. The results of the Study Committee's discussions were integrated into the *Services Inventory Report* and *Dissolution Plan*.

A small rural municipality that strongly relied on the town surrounding it for many of its services, the Village of Pike lacked broad support from its constituents and had a difficult

time finding people willing to serve on municipal boards. A detailed review of Town and Village services indicated that the Village is reliant on the Town for some of its key services, such as snow plowing, and that some Village and Town positions are filled by the same person.

The dissolution of the Village will save local taxpayers money. The current tax rate for property owners in the Village is \$10.41 per \$1000 of real property. The estimated post-dissolution tax rate is \$9.92 per \$1000 of real property. While this estimated tax rate will probably change when local officials prepare the first post-dissolution budget in summer 2009, the projected post-

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Upcoming Events

Assessing the Economic Impact of Heritage Tourism in the Erie Canalway National Heritage Corridor, Western New York Orientation Session: June 20th, Pittsford Library.

Workshops for Farmland Protection Implementation Grants (FPIG) Program: June 24th, Genesee County Office Building, Batavia.

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Recent Genesee/Finger Lakes Regional Planning Council Publications

- *2007-2008 Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy*

Recent Genesee/Finger Lakes Regional Planning Council Presentations

- March 4: Ontario-Wayne MS4 Elected Officials, Stormwater Phase II Regulations and the Ontario-Wayne Stormwater Coalition
- March 26-28: Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy Stakeholder Input Sessions
- April 9: NYS Wetlands Forum "*Wetlands as Cultural Landscapes*"
- April 22: Genesee County Planning Board "*Historic Preservation Planning*"
- May 15: New York Conference of Mayors Main Street Economic Development Conference, Comprehensive Planning and Downtown/Main Street Revitalization
- May 15: Village of Palmyra "*History, Background and Rationale*" (regarding local landmark preservation ordinances)
- May 29: Village of Palmyra "*The Historic Preservation Commission*"

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Assessing the Economic Impact of Heritage Tourism in the Erie Canalway National Heritage Corridor, Western New York Orientation Session**, June 20 at 1:00 PM at the Pittsford Library. For more information please visit <http://www.eriecanalway.org/survey08.asp> to download a copy of the brochure with agenda.
- **Workshops for Farmland Protection Implementation Grants (FPIG) Program** administered by the New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets, West Region: Tuesday, June 24, Genesee County Office Building, 3837 W. Main Street Road, Batavia, NY. Please RSVP to david.behm@agmkt.state.ny.us with your name and the location you will attend.
- **Hybrid Electric Vehicle Bus and Truck Seminar**, Presented by the Genesee Region Clean Communities Coalition in partnership with Leonard Bus Sales, Inc., June 24, 2008 8:30 am - 3:00 pm, Leonard Bus Sales Inc. 7150 Apple Tree Ave. Bergen, NY 14416. Please RSVP by June 17, 2008 to Sherri Resti, 800-554-4504 x228 or sherrir@leonardbus.com
- **New York Water & Sewer Infrastructure Co-funding Workshop and Individual Project Consultations**, October 7, Holiday Inn Downtown Buffalo. For more information visit <http://www.nycofunding.org/DotNetNuke/>

Planning Leads to Results

Recent Implementation Funding Based in part on Genesee/Finger Lakes Regional Planning Council Projects:

- *\$43,470 for Orleans County to work with ten Towns to clean out waterways which have been identified in the Orleans County Multi-Jurisdictional All-Hazard Mitigation Plan*
- *Award to the Honeoye Lake Watershed Task Force for in-lake sampling and monitoring to assist with the implementation of the Honeoye Lake Watershed Management Plan.*

G/FLRPC Staff Coming and Going

G/FLRPC Senior Planner for Economic Development, *Daniel Burton* has taken a position as a Senior Planner for the State of New Jersey, Department of Community Affairs. G/FLRPC will miss him, but we wish Dan the best of luck in his new endeavors.

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dissolution budget indicates that village taxpayers will see a reduction of about \$0.50 per \$1000 of the taxes that they currently pay. These modest cost savings reflect a real reduction in the local tax burden for village residents.

Funding for this project came from New York State through the Department of State's Shared Municipal Services Initiative (SMSI) grant program. This program provided 90% of the project's funding. The Town and Village, joint applicants for the grant, split the remaining 10% between themselves. In addition to paying for professional support services to conduct the dissolution study, this grant will be used for attorney's services, the establishment of special districts, and the purchase of new equipment to help operate the municipal water system.

In spring 2008 the New York State Department of State issued a new report, entitled *Consolidation, Dissolution, and Annexation of Towns and Villages How To Guide*. This report (available at the following website: <http://www.dos.state.ny.us/lgss/smsi/>) describes and explains the legal processes and procedures that local governments must follow when undertaking consolidation, dissolution, or annexation programs. This report draws on several recent examples of such studies carried out in municipalities across the state, including Pike, for suggestions to local boards and officials who are considering carrying out similar studies. The report lists several topics that local officials should include in their work when researching consolidation or dissolution, such as what services will be discontinued, how other services will be continued, and what changes will be made to the municipal workforce following a consolidation or dissolution. The *Pike Dissolution Plan*, as prepared by G/FLRPC with the input of the Village of Pike's Study Committee, was included as an appendix in this report.

For more information on the Pike dissolution study project, the village dissolution process in general, and to obtain copies of the *Services Inventory Report* and *Pike Dissolution Plan*, please see the Pike Dissolution project website at: <http://www.gflrpc.org/Publications/Pike/PikeDissolutionStudy.htm> or contact Joe Bovenzi at (585) 454-0190 x 16 or jbovenzi@gflrpc.org

Local Update of Census Addresses (LUCA) Program Update

The most important phase of the LUCA process is complete. We started in 2006 with an assessment of local, regional and statewide address databases. In the first half of 2007 we did county and municipal outreach and address database acquisition. In the second half of 2007 we concentrated on address database processing in order to produce "local" master address files. Finally, from December 2007 through May 2008 we revised our nine county Census Master Address Files (MAFs) and submitted them to the U.S. Census Bureau.

As reported in past newsletters, the window for receiving and submitting revised MAFs was cut from more than eight months to four months by the U.S. Census Bureau. Therefore, all revisions to the Census MAFs for the region were submitted by county starting in early April and ending in early May 2008, based on when the MAFs were received from the U.S. Census Bureau.

It is important to note that revisions to the MAFs are additional address units that were found that were not on the original Census MAF. The Census Bureau will review the submitted revisions to the MAFs. The Census Bureau will then send G/FLRPC an initial report and ultimately a list of the additional addresses that they do not accept. We will then have the opportunity to appeal. This process will probably require some help from the counties and communities of these addresses.

At this point we would like to thank all of the counties, municipalities, agencies and organizations that assisted in this initiative. If you have any questions about the LUCA process please contact us at gflrpc@gflrpc.org or 585-454-0190.

G/FLRPC's Revolving Loan Fund: Helping to Create Jobs in the Region

Genesee/Finger Lakes Regional Planning Council manages a revolving loan fund which serves small and medium sized manufacturing and service businesses located in Genesee, Livingston, Monroe, Ontario, Orleans, Seneca, Wayne, Wyoming and Yates Counties. One issue that is frequently associated with small and medium sized businesses is a lack of available capital. The revolving loan fund works to mitigate that issue and strengthen what we consider our regional economy's backbone — small and medium-sized businesses.

The revolving loan fund provides \$20,000 to \$200,000 fixed asset and working capital loans at a low fixed-interest rate for up to 8 years. Loans can be used to purchase machinery and/or equipment, rehabilitate and/or purchase industrial property, or for site development and expansion.

If you would like to learn more about the Revolving Loan Fund please visit:

<http://www.gflrpc.org/ProgramAreas/EconomicDevelopment/RLF.htm>

or contact David Zorn at (585) 454-0190 x14 or dave.zorn@gflrpc.org

The Regional Land Use Monitoring Report (LUMR)

The Regional Land Use Monitoring Report (LUMR) is an annual project that G/FLRPC completes for the Genesee Transportation Council as part of the Unified Planning and Work Program (UPWP).

The project consists of surveying the 192 municipalities in the Region to develop an inventory of the number, square footage, and monetary value of building permits issued during the previous calendar year. Both residential and non-residential permits are inventoried in order to identify growth areas and anticipate future planning and infrastructure needs associated with development.

The Land Use Monitoring Report is an essential tool for identifying and tracking the development trends in the Region. G/FLRPC staff are currently using last year's survey results to prepare the 2007 report, which will be completed shortly. We would like to thank those municipalities who have returned their surveys to us; the information in these surveys is critical for inclusion in the report. Land Use Monitoring Reports can be found online at:

<http://www.gflrpc.org/Publications/LandUseMonitoring.htm>

Keuka Lake Watershed Land Use Plan Update

Work is now underway on the Keuka Lake Watershed Land Use Plan. On April 29th a group of local officials and citizens came together for their first Working Committee meeting and discussed the key issues they want to see addressed in the Plan document. Most of the working committee members participated in the Land Use Leadership Alliance (LULA) program held in January and February 2008 at Keuka College.

The Keuka Lake Watershed Land Use Plan will address six key issues that were identified by the working committee members at their meeting on April 29th. The Plan will offer recommendations on the following topics: Steep Slopes, Working Agriculture Protection and Enhancement, Regional Resources, Keuka Lake Water Quality, Sustainable Development, and Village/hamlet development issues. This Plan will include information that the watershed's municipalities can integrate into their comprehensive plans, zoning regulations, and other land use local laws such as subdivision and site plan review laws.

The basic aim of this Plan is to identify land use planning policies that are related to the above six topics and that will help realize the Working Committee's goal of balancing new development with an interest in retaining the watershed's rural and scenic qualities.

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CATS (County Area Transit System) buses line up along Main Street in downtown Canandaigua, across the street from the City Hall and near the County Courthouse. Bus patrons can access a variety of services and activities from this location, including those related to government, retail, housing, and recreation.

Optimizing Transportation Infrastructure Project Update

G/FLRPC has completed a first draft of the “Optimizing Transportation Infrastructure through Effective Land Use” report. A study of land use patterns along three mass-transit corridors in the Greater Rochester metro area, this report includes recommendations on how local governments can improve transit-supportive infrastructure in order to strengthen the connection between bus and pedestrian transportation systems on one hand and land uses on the other.

Communities around the nation are seeking ways to encourage non-automotive forms of transportation, for reasons ranging from reducing traffic congestion to promoting physical fitness to improving air quality. The Genesee-Finger Lakes region has the opportunity to build on this momentum in a manner that best suits local needs. Encouraging transit-supportive, compact, mixed use development patterns in areas such as hamlets, major intersections, and near villages, can greatly enhance the attractiveness of the region for businesses and residents alike.

Most importantly, land uses and development projects that are thoughtfully designed to integrate with existing public infrastructure such as transit, sidewalks, bike lanes, and trails, provides the greatest return on public infrastructure investments. Many communities already have some existing non-automotive infrastructure, but directly linking destinations and encouraging development in targeted areas will maximize the benefits of the existing resources.

The current draft will be revised by the project’s Technical Advisory Committee (TAC). Once finished, the report will include both specific recommendations and general concepts related to transit-supportive design projects. Local officials can integrate these recommendations and techniques into their comprehensive plans, zoning regulations, and design standards and guidelines when they update those documents.

For additional information, please contact Joe Bovenzi at (585) 454-0190 x 16 or jbovenzi@gflrpc.org or see the project website at: <http://www.gflrpc.org/Optimizing.htm>



An old railroad station in the Village of Clifton Springs now houses the Village's public library. Abandoned in the late 1960s, the station building was acquired by the Village in 1990, refurbished and expanded to serve as a library, and opened to the public in 1991. An important community center, this building is an excellent example of the reuse and adaptation of a historic transportation-related resource for a municipality's contemporary needs. Photo courtesy of Ms. Jody Pollot of the Genesee Transportation Council staff.

Historic Transportation Gateway Inventory and Assessment

The *Historic Transportation Gateway Inventory and Assessment* is a cultural resource survey that will thematically identify and evaluate historic properties in the Genesee-Finger Lakes Region as they relate to transportation, such as railroad depots and stations, canal structures, interurban and trolley stations, and bus facilities, in addition to historic roads and significant viewsheds. This project is being undertaken by Genesee/Finger Lakes Regional Planning Council through the Unified Planning Work Program of the Genesee Transportation Council. A reconnaissance-level survey will be conducted, consisting of a description of general character, archival research, and photographic documentation. The project will be conducted throughout the nine (9) counties in the Genesee-Finger Lakes Region, which includes Genesee, Livingston, Monroe, Ontario, Orleans, Seneca, Wayne, Wyoming, and Yates Counties.

The goal of the survey is to identify historic properties suitable for specific transportation improvements in the region, such as rehabilitation and adaptive use for welcome centers and/or pedestrian, bicycle, boater, mass transit, and/or motor vehicle facilities. Survey data is also vital to the identification of potential conflicts between development planning and historic properties and can facilitate determining what is necessary to meet state and federal preservation and environmental review requirements.

The *Historic Transportation Gateway Inventory and Assessment* will produce a final report that features New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation Building/Structure Inventory Forms, which provide photographs of all properties surveyed, an architectural description and historic research, and statement of significance. The report will summarize the inventory, provide the results of archival research and reconnaissance-survey, provide the survey process and methodology, and provide recommendations for consideration.

If you are aware of transportation-related historic buildings, structures, and/or sites in your community, please contact Jayme Breschard at (585) 454-0190 x 18 or jbreschard@gflrpc.org

Kicking Off the Black and Oatka Creek Watershed Management Planning Process

The Black and Oatka Creek Watershed Elected Officials Breakfast was held on February 29, 2008 for the purpose of briefing the municipalities on the upcoming Black and Oatka Creeks Watershed Management Plans initiative.

The Town of Wheatland is the sponsor for the NYS Environmental Protection Fund grant of \$150,000 to be used for the development of the watershed management plan grant. This grant however, requires a match of \$150,000 that can be a combination of cash and in-kind services; the Rochester Area Community Foundation has already provided a \$10,000 grant toward that match.

The presentation at the breakfast meeting was an overview of background information on the Black and Oatka Creek Watersheds; the importance of a municipally-supported watershed management planning process; prior accomplishments in the two watersheds; funds that have been awarded and the matching funds that are required; and a proposed process for the development of the two watershed management plans.

It was pointed out that watershed management planning is meant to guide land use decisions, protect property values, prioritize issues into an action plan, and target implementation funding. Inter-municipal coordination and collaboration are key to a successful program. Higher land values are tied to good water quality and water resource management, which is directly related to the protection and restoration of natural resources. Having an approved water-

shed management plan facilitates the infusion of state and federal implementation funding. Watershed management planning involves oversight and involvement from stakeholders (including municipalities), education and outreach, and public participation and fact finding. Understanding the existing state, the desired state and strategies to get from one to another is important; and balancing the quality of sometimes conflicting uses such as fishing, boating, drinking water, irrigation, aesthetics, agriculture, industrial, bathing, hiking and biking is key.

As noted earlier, there have been many successes in the two watersheds and therefore it is believed that the upcoming watershed management planning process is greatly assisted by the existence of the Black Creek Watershed Coalition and the Oatka Creek Watershed Committee; the development and publication of the *Black Creek Watershed State of the Basin Report* and the *Oatka Creek Watershed State of the Basin Report*; the completion and partial implementation of the Controlling Sediment in the Black and Oatka Creek Watershed project; the Oatka Creek Watershed Guide; sampling and monitoring projects that have been completed in both streams; the development of Multi-Jurisdictional All-Hazard Mitigation Plans for Genesee, Livingston, Monroe, Orleans, and Wyoming Counties; and the development of the *Oatka Creek Flood Mitigation Plan*.

For more information on the Black and Oatka Creek Watershed Management Plans contact David Zorn at (585) 454-0190 or dave.zorn@gflrpc.org

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The Plan will include a series of maps that identify critical watershed-wide resources such as steep slopes and prime agricultural soils. In addition, depending on the Working Committee's interests, the Plan may include (as appendices) model local laws such as subdivision and site plan review laws.

The Working Committee has devised a draft Vision Statement that will structure the Plan document. Each of the six key topics will have its own goal statement, and each goal statement will have a list of specific action items that explain how the municipalities can achieve the goal. The Land Use Plan is intended to serve as a general resource for information on land use issues in the watershed, and a sound guide for the local municipalities to use as they improve their oversight of land use issues.

Please check this newsletter, the project website at: <http://www.gflrpc.org/Keuka.htm>, and the Yates County CCE website: <http://counties.cce.cornell.edu/Yates/> for more information about this project.

Inaugural Application Workshop for the Western Erie Canal Main Street Program

The Western Erie Canal Main Street Program (WECMSP) held its first Application Workshop on Tuesday, May 13, 2008 at the Ebenezer Watts Conference Center in downtown Rochester for the eleven (11) villages and small cities located along the Erie Canal in Niagara, Orleans, and Wayne counties. Those communities eligible to apply for the WECMSP include the cities of Lockport and North Tonawanda and the villages of Albion, Clyde, Holley, Lyons, Macedon, Medina, Middleport, Newark, and Palmyra.

The WECMSP will provide to three (3) selected communities more than \$70,000 worth of high-quality technical assistance and training from the WECMSP and the National Trust for Historic Preservation's Main Street Center (NTMSC). This assistance includes consultation in the local programs' initial start-up years, organizational development, fundraising, marketing, business recruitment, adaptive reuse of older buildings, and other specialized training.

The WECMSP is an implementation strategy of the Western Erie Canal Heritage Corridor Management Plan, adopted by the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation in August 2005. The WECMSP serves the Western Erie Canal Heritage Corridor, which is comprised of Erie, Niagara, Orleans, Monroe and

Wayne counties. Beginning in 2008 and continuing into 2009, the WECMSP will focus its initial efforts on establishing three (3) local Main Street Programs—one in each of the counties of Niagara, Orleans, and Wayne—that follows the Main Street Four-Point Approach™. Over 1,800 communities in over 40 states have initiated the NTMSC model for commercial district revitalization. To date, New York State does not have a statewide Main Street Program—although there are several communities in the state that follow the Main Street Four-Point Approach™. Those communities, however, do not have a coordinating program that provides technical assistance and training. The WECMSP is the first coordinating program in New York State and is the first regional program in the country, encompassing five (5) counties.

Participants at the Application Workshop, which included over 45 representatives of local government and the private sector, received copies of the 2008 application and guidelines. Applications are due by 4:00pm on Friday, July 25, 2008. For more information about the WECMSP, see the program website at <http://www.gflrpc.org/WECMainStreetProgram.htm> or contact Program Coordinator, Jayme Breschard, at (585) 454-0190 x 18 or jbreschard@gflrpc.org

Local All-Hazard Mitigation Plans Approved by FEMA

In March 2008 the Livingston County All-Hazard Mitigation Plan was approved by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). In May, the Wyoming, Orleans, and Genesee County All-Hazard Mitigation Plans were approved by FEMA. This means that as of May 2008 all five hazard mitigation plans prepared by G/FLRPC for member counties have been reviewed and approved by FEMA.

The counties and their municipalities must now adopt, by resolution, these approved draft plans. Once copies of the adoption resolutions are filed with New York State Emergency Management Office (NYSEMO), local governments can apply for federal grant funds to assist with project implementation. As long as a project is listed in the Plan, local officials can work with NYSEMO to prepare a grant application that is submitted to FEMA for review. FEMA approval of a grant application means that the federal government will fund a portion of the project implementation costs.

Other municipalities around the region have found that hazard-mitigation planning is a sound investment. The Village of Arcade in Wyoming County has had several flood mitigation projects partially funded by FEMA, and the Village of Wolcott in Wayne County recently obtained funding for a new storm sewer system. Once they adopt their plans, Livingston, Wyoming, Orleans, and Genesee Counties and their municipalities will also be eligible for federal disaster mitigation funding.

Spring 2008 Local Government Workshop Re-Cap

The 25th Local Government Workshop (LGW) took place on May 9, 2008 in Pittsford at the Burgundy Basin Inn. This workshop saw record attendance as over 365 local government officials, staff, board members, and others participated in the three concurrent sessions. We received many great ideas for future workshop sessions from the participants. Special thanks to all the presenters, exhibitors and sponsors who make successful Local Government Workshops possible.

Presenters included folks from the American Farmland Trust, Clinton Brown Company, Environmental Facilities Corporation (EFC), Historic Ithaca, Keybank, New York State Department of State Division of Local Government and Division of Coastal Resources, New York State Energy Research Development Authority (NYSERDA), NYS Office for Small Cities, Ontario County Division of Planning & Research, Port City Preservation, USDA Rural Development, and the Genesee/Finger Lakes Regional Planning Council.

Exhibitors included EFC, LaBella Associates, PC, Laberge Group, New York Planning Federation, New York State Department of State Division of Local Government, The Bank of Castile, The Landmark Society of Western New York, and Tompkins Insurance Agencies, Inc.

Information on the 14 sessions and session materials can be viewed and downloaded from the Spring 2008 Local Government Workshop web page at <http://www.gflrpc.org/ProgramAreas/AdditionalServices/Workshops/Spring2008/Spring2008.htm>.

Certificates will be sent in June for attendees that submitted an Evaluation Form and indicated that they wanted a Certificate of Participation for the number of hours they attended.

Our 26th Local Government Workshop will take place in November 2008. Information for the Fall 2008 Local Government Workshop will be mailed and will be available on our web site in September 2008.

G/FLRPC Speaker's Bureau

G/FLRPC staff are available to present to municipal boards on the following topics:

- Comprehensive Planning
- Cultural Resource Inventories
- Design Review in Historic Districts
- Federal Historic Preservation Laws Overview
- Greenways and Green Infrastructure
- Historic Preservation Planning for Municipalities Overview
- Historic Preservation/Natural Resource Conservation Easements
- Historical Foundations of Planning and Zoning
- Infill Development in Historic Neighborhoods
- Integrating Hazard Mitigation Planning Techniques into Municipal Comprehensive Plans and Local Laws
- Integrating Wind Energy Concerns into Municipal Comprehensive Plans and Local Laws
- Land Use Moratoria
- Local Land Use Regulations For Municipalities
- Main Street Revitalization
- NYS Certified Local Government (CLG) Program Overview
- Open Space Planning
- Organizing Zoning Code
- Planning and Zoning Practices Introduction
- Protecting Cultural Landscapes (i.e. viewsheds, open space, farmland)
- Protecting Natural Resources Through Land Use Regulations
- Reviewing New Construction Projects in Historic Areas
- The Historic Preservation Commission
- Transportation Planning
- Village Dissolution
- Water Quality and Land Use
- Wondering About Wind: Siting Wind

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A Sense of Place

The process of village dissolution calls for a balanced approach to potentially divisive issues, such as what impact dissolution will have on "Community Character." Community Character can be loosely described as the principal physical and social characteristics of a defined community, such as a town, village, or hamlet. In the Village of Pike, where residents recently voted to dissolve their village, much discussion revolved around the differences between the legal entity that is a village and the true community such as the people, the local social organizations, and the neighborhood connections. These characteristics of life in Pike are not necessarily dependent on the existence of a separate incorporated municipality *within* the Town; when the Village disappears, the community of Pike will stay intact. Former Village residents will adapt to some new processes and procedures, but local businesses and social clubs, the fire department, the streets and sidewalks, and the sense of belonging to a unique community will remain.

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