



## HASTINGS DPW CONSOLIDATION STUDY - SURVEY PUBLIC COMMENTS (PAGE 1)

- Local Boards of Ed. should look at sharing to increase efficiency and lower school taxes, which are way too high
- Worry less about deer, and more about the level of school taxes that make it virtually impossible to maintain long term residence in the village. /
- The deer problem is HUGE. Otherwise, the Village is governed at a level which I would describe as excellent to outstanding.
- It would be VERY helpful to extend the time we are allowed to use leaf blowers in the fall and spring a couple of weeks...I know this is one of the many village issues often discussed!! This weather year made yard clean up a time issue. / \*2 Better downtown village street and sidewalk cleanup/maintenance on a REGULAR or more frequent basis, not once a week or even month. Our downtown saddens me and many of my friends. I am aware that it is a store's responsibility to clean in front of their space. BUT...the sidewalks along the main parts of the downtown village including in front of the VFW have been an issue for years and it's time the board and/or manager took serious action. The owners of the buildings and the shop/restaurant renters should be made accountable. Fines might help!!!
- I do hope that these future surveys include those persons who DoNot have email or other technology services especially senior citizens who are many. They are the Village of Hastings backbone. Be assured they can offer much to your survey.
- I strongly believe that taking away our own village public works department out of Hastings and combining with Dobbs will only complicate the level of services that is provided to the residents now.
- I would hate to see village employees lose their jobs!! I think that they are terrific overall and definitely deserve job security.
- Loyalty to one's home village may be an issue if the person is working in another village. There may be a tendency to do a better job in their home village.
- "mean time" is one word "meantime."
- "Tell it to Village Hall" -- upgrade this web site feature by providing a real response to any input received (reply should come from a village employee, not an auto-response).
- The question about how long someone has lived in Hastings assumes no one has lived here longer than 20 years. Why ask if between 10-20 years? Why not ask more than 20 years? And what is the relevance of this question unless you also ask whether service has increased or deteriorated over certain periods? / / 2. Deer need to be eliminated completely and through killing. The current contraception effort will not solve the problem and is a waste of taxpayer money. If you can sedate them, you then can kill them. Do it, and do it now.
- The village is filthy, streets and sidewalks alike. The downtown is starting to look like the city slums. 2. The contractor that you hired to clean the streets is a joke, he just drives up the middle of the street and pretends to clean them, almost never gets next to the curbs. We pay taxes for this, we should not have to go out in street and sweep them ourselves to remove debris that should have been picked by the street cleaner. Bring back OUR DPW to clean the streets. They take pride in doing their jobs. 3. garden/yard waste pick too short, you need another few weeks to get the last of the downed leaves. not everyone has room to mulch/compost all of the leaves that come down.
- 1. I want to know why Cablevision has gotten away with raising prices twice in one year while the service has not improved. / 2. I also feel very strongly about the way garbage pick up is handled in Hastings. For a picturesque village we do not do a good job on making sure that landlords



provide dumpsters of adequate size for their commercial tenants, that commercial tenants understand that residents do not want to smell their garbage, period. Perhaps we need to go back to picking up residential garbage twice a week, particularly during the warmer months. And commercial pick up needs to be every day since the garbage that has food and dog excrement in it starts to reek shortly after it's put into the dumpster. / 3. We also should be addressing light pollution: too many renters and owners have lights up and positioned such that they shine into other's windows all night long.

- 1-Give BP permit to take down 52 2- get BP to clean up property faster than 6 years 3 - Get Westchester County to repair Warburton Bridge in 6 months
- Alternate parking was created so the street could be cleaned. Our street Hasn't been cleaned properly in over a year, closer to two. The street cleaner speeds down the middle of the road often after 6am when cars are moved back. We have to clean along the curb ourselves. Sidewalks in the village are also gross. The village often has trash flying around and you don't enforce cleanup, including village approved events such as Friday nite live, the flea market and farmer's market. Of course you also don't have them pay for cleanup which they should, especially when you want to cut our services. The village needs to charge these events for Dpw services and then have services enforced. Also how do you expect to enforce people to clean snow off sidewalks when you don't even come around to clean the village streets?
- As 37-year resident of Hastings, and someone who spent 3 days in the hospital with Lyme disease, I strongly support "culling" - that is to say KILLING - the deer herds roaming around our environs.
- As a homeowner on Broadway, I'm stunned by the number of motorists speeding along every day. The police position themselves on this busy roadway in such a way that they are easily detected, and therefore don't make nearly the number of arrests the problem warrants. Not to mention the lost revenue that speeding tickets would bring in.
- As a resident of 40 years, I think the current village government has put the wrong emphasis on what matters to working class Hastings citizens, especially seniors and multi-generational families who have lived here a very long time. Much effort and expense have gone to one-shot events and activities designed to attract tourists, rather than focusing on the everyday needs of every Hastings citizen--not just younger arrivals who have sold NYC properties for large sums, pay cash for their properties, and can easily afford the taxes that are driving older residents and their offspring out of town. The stormwater systems don't work well, our parks (especially Hillside Woods) are sadly neglected, downtown stores are failing, rental properties are few and far between, and yet the village is putting emphasis on a very questionable deer control experiment, another expansion to the swimming pool/tennis court complex, etc. Bread and circuses? Please let us have more bread and fewer circuses. Thank you.
- As a resident of Hastings for more than 50 years, I am strongly opposed to sharing village services with another community. A large reason for people moving into the rivertowns is the desire to live in a community with a small town feeling. This is what my parents saw in Hastings when we moved here in 1957 and it is why I continue to live here even though the taxes are higher than I would like them to be. Consolidation does not always bring about the desired monetary savings and can lead to additional problems concerning the type of control each village has over the shared department. Let us put our time and effort into seeing how we can continue to improve our services while keeping our small village identity and tax increases within reason.



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- As long as no one loses their job because of the merger, I would agree to it. I would hate to see unemployment of those who have worked with our DPW for many years.
- As much as I support sharing services to make things more efficient and less expensive, I do like having services provided by MY town, in MY town. There's something nice about saying how great Hastings is. I don't know if I'll feel the same way if I have to say how great "Hastings/Dobbs" is.
- Because the DPW is severely understaffed is no reason to ship them elsewhere. / The effectiveness could increase with the proper staffing / Moving the DPW out of town would be a tremendous lose of service. / The lose of service will far outweigh the potential tax break. / Let's not forget that there is no room for Hastings equipment at the Dobbs ferry DPW complex. / The village would have to rent or purchase or build a new building. / That's not a savings it's an expense. / If the DPW has to leave the southern most point of Hastings during a snow storm to return to Dobbs ferry for salt. How will that increase the service provided. / The department does an over the top job with what it has, provide them with what they need and it will be much more efficient. /
- By far, for me, the deer overpopulation issue is of the greatest significance. Our property has been severely compromised, as well as our health and safety and the deer are no longer healthy nor safe either. I am very disappointed that it has taken so long to address this issue, and fear that our current solution will be too little too late.
- Christmas trees are still on the curbs. Leaves and garden debris is picked up erratically (and leaving leaves is fine for the lawn but not for street and sidewalks) and the Village should have a garbage truck at the public works department every Saturday morning.
- combining services for efficiency and tax savings makes sense. It is done in most places around the country. However, I would not want to see any local public servants lose their jobs.
- Coming home in this cold can be so depressing in the winter, I love having the winter lights and hope we can keep them all of February. I did get a ticket for a place on Warburton where you can't see the see from one direction but I hope to rectify that in court next week. Also, I would love further information on certain subjects like how we are doing with recycling in Hastings, how can we improve and why don't the police go into the woods? Thank you.
- Communication from the mayor has been outstanding. Thank you! And please continue that!
- Communication of the details -- particularly the benefits and costs (or savings) -- of any proposal need to be frequent and specific. Communication from the Village has been superb, and will be critical to building support for any changes that are proposed.
- Concerning this issue of merging, I would also want to make sure that it is something that our excellent DPW employees support -- as they are the ones who would be doing the work in Dobbs! / / On another note, but concerning snow removal and Village communication -- could you please remind homeowners that we are required to shovel our sidewalks? Too many people don't shovel, forcing kids into streets, sometimes on dangerous curves, as they walk to school. Not everyone is signed up for Village emails, so an email won't work. In my opinion, it needs to be a letter in the mailbox (or a fine!) while it's wintertime and relevant. Thank you!
- Current quality of snow removal in Hastings is MUCH better than in Dobbs Ferry, so though I am in favor of greater efficiency and saving public money, I would want guarantee that quality of snow removal and other services would not go down. that's the tricky part of this question.



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- Do it right to begining. It should be a Town function for all its Villages and Hamlets, if that proves to be a less expensive alternative. We need to seriously reduce the multi layers of government we have in Westchester.
- Do not merge anything, this includes DPW, Police, Fire or any other services. If u do, you will see less of these services in / hastings.
- does sharing mean employees are fired?
- DPW workers should not be "running out the clock" on any given day. I have heard/witnessed this several times. There is always something to be done, e.g. trimming back trees near street signs, sweeping in the downtown (as they used to do). Warburton bridge is closed for parking on Mondays and Thursdays til 10am. MANY times, the bridge is NOT swept, but we still can't park there. It is filthy, and that debris blows into the downtown. / FYI, in how long have you lived here, there is an error. The choice says more than 10 years...should be more than 20 as you have a choice for 10-20 years.
- First, regarding this survey, I do not understand why in the gender choice section M comes before F. Why would that be? / It is not alphabetically accurate. Please change that for the next survey. / / Regarding joining the two departments: it certainly gives me pause, I worry that my personal needs as a Hastings resident will not be met as well but truthfully, I rarely have a personal need so if it saves money and energy, the departments should be combined. / It is easy to imagine snow plowing to go more slowly in a combined department(if there are fewer trucks)however. / Thank ou for asking.
- For 20 years we have been getting the rain overflow from the Brittenham house which comes into my basement. I've called over 20 times to have it fixed from the road that feeds into their yard. Two years ago you fixed Circle Drive but stopped at the problem place on Ferndale that affects me. I've done everything I could on my end to protect my basement from the next NorEaster. / This has been very costly to me. / Pleeeeeeeeeeee help! / Muncie Reitknecht 45 Chestnut Drive. Hastings
- Garbage pick up is the most important thing. The crews seem to take special pride in throwing trash cans around and leaving them on their side in the middle of the street. How hard is it to place the can down - as opposed to just throwing it? Seriously.
- garden waste pickup is insufficient
- Generally, I am concerned that despite paying the highest property tax rates in Westchester County, we continue to receive inferior services. Village parks are poorly maintained, village owned sidewalks are the last ones to get shoveled after a snow storm, garbage pick-up is less frequent than in most other villages, in the summer time village-owned plots look like a dump with rotting wood and pools of water stale attracting mosquitoes. I have nothing to complain about with respect to our police force and volunteer fire department. They do a fine job. The law of unintended consequences tells me that should we merge some services with Dobbs, our strengths will weaken, and our deficiencies will receive even less attention. Unless Hastings residents can be shown identifiable and quantifiable benefits of the merger of some services, I would be against the merger. As a separate issue, I would not want to see the merger of the police and fire services until the strategy is attempted on a smaller scale with other services and is proven successful.
- Get rid of the Hastings DPW superintendent, He does not have the capabilities to be a supervisor, nor does he have a civil service degree.



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- Hastings has a sloopy culture mentality. As in most government run efforts, there is a level of arrogance and lack of acccountability due to union protection of workers and in particular, higher up level employees of the village feel no threat if they perform poorly in their work or have a poor level of respect for their employer, village residents.
- Have less than desirable response to street repair and street sign repair on my street.
- Having garbage picked up 3 days a week seems rather antiquated. Most towns I know of have either 1 or 2 days max. They have garbage and recycled (mixed) and some have both on same day. Seems hastings should be moving beyond 3 days a week pick-up.
- Hillside Woods and other parks are filled with trash. I understand this isn't a priority, but it is terribly sad to walk with children in our own woods and see broken glass, plastic bags, etc.
- HOH village could do more to promote recycling and lower its environmental footprint. Garbage and recycling trucks idling on village streets because the workers have to walk too far to pick up garbage/recycling for a non senior or non disabled person is a waste of money. / Ban plastic bags - -not just in the A^P, / And while I love flowers, having lightpole flower baskets that require watering flower baskets by truck in the summer is not energy efficient. / Do something about the five corners intersection - -it's dangerous to cross or walk, even drive through - - can the village revisit the "roundabout" plan? / Close off Old Broadway at Five Corners - -people race through there to beat or catch a light - -so dangerous - - / / Repair sidewalks to make it less dangerous to walk - -I'm referring not to downtown but streets such as Villard or Washington from Warburton to BWay ,also along Broadway, and the road on the west side of the MetroNorth tracks that people use to get to the NYC bound platform / Also, the stairs from the parking lot behind the shops on Warburton, down to south side avenue are in need of repair - they're not maintained.. someone is going to really injure themselves. I just recently learned that the village owns that property, MetroNorth does not.. / Have a second village clean up weekend ... in the fall. / Don't know if there still exists a Village Improvement fund. Perhaps the village could do a marketing campaign that identifies distinct projects that residents might want to contribute to and the money would go into this fund AND be used to complete these projects. I think residents would donate if The Village Improvement committee (if there is such a committee) listed some specific projects (i.e. buy a bench or a trash can for a street or in a park, or buy flowers or street planters, etc.)
- I am a new resident and very happy to be here. I know the Rivertowns well, having lived in Dobbs and Irvington as well. If combining services can result in the same level of results at a lesser cost, I am all for it. This is not an area which has any role for "village pride" or some such concept.
- I am a very strong supporter of the role of government in our community. That being said, there is simply no reason for us NOT to share services where we can save money and taxes as long as it is done intelligently, thoughtfully and so that we can save significant money since our property taxes have risen so substantially in the past few years. I completely support this consolidation initiative. I grew up in NY where there were numerous villages that shared a variety of local services. There are more than a few models available for us to replicate (see Great Neck, Long Island, amongst many others)
- I am concerned about the snow removal on Chestnut Drive in Hastings. With the last snowstorms in the year 2013 the bigger streets such as Circle drive were cleaned several times promptly, while Chestnut Drive which is also steep, had not been touched. There may have been school holidays but we had to go to work and were unable to drive on Chestnut. We ended up shoveling





our street by hand, just to get the car to Circle Drive. My concern is that responsiveness at the steep and hilly streets like Chestnut Drive will decline. I know that I am unable to shovel our streets by myself again like I did before. / Also I had called the town clerk earlier in 2013 because the snow plough of the winter before had scratched the street and damaged the curb in front of our house. The town clerk promised that in summer the repair teams will come to take care of damages. The damage in our curb has not been repaired till today.

- I am concerned deer birth control won't work and think the population needs to be reduced if the current plan fails.
- I am concerned that DPW workers might lose their jobs.
- I am concerned that unifying Hastings and Dobbs sanitation and public works will be very difficult given the physical location of the main facilities of the 2 villages. Getting vehicles from the Dobbs site near Ardsley on the Saw Mill River Parkway into Hastings will be problematic. Similarly , gettin Hasytings equipmet to Dobbs from Sunnyside does not seem particularly easy. Will a new consolidatrd sie be needed?
- I am concerned that village staff, especially public works staff, are entrenched in their roles and are not proactive in responding to conditions in the village. Public works staff drive over every mile of the village roads every week, yet potholes are not repaired unless residents complaint about them. They see blocked drains, fallen branches on sidewalks, and other damage to parks, roads, nature strips and other village property, yet they do nothing at the time nor do they notify their management to have it addressed later. Very often attending to these items sooner rather than later will minimize the cost to the village for their maintenance. In the same vein I feel the senior management (including the village manager) are too desk work oriented and don't go out to see the conditions first-hand.
- I am fairly satisfied with our DPW. One thing that I feel could be better is the streets in the downtown area. / / The sidewalks and the streets could be swept more regularly
- I am generally in favor of municipal consolidation of services, because there is plenty of evidence that it can save money, resources, etc. while delivering the same or better levels of service. But that is not always the case and the devils are in the details of implementation. Good luck with exploring these possibilities. I am happy that the Village government is at least undertaking this analysis.
- I am in favor of consolidation if: / / Taxes or lowered or remain the same. / Service is improved or remains the same.
- I am in favor of efficiency and sharing of expenses between the vilages as long as the services provided don't deteriorate.
- I am often disturbed at the lack of pedestrian safety- cars drive recklessly and often not stop at pedestrian walkways when a pedestrian is trying to cross. Drivers also don't seem to understand 3 way stop signs, or understand that Washington Avenue is not a highway. There are certain parts of the town that become unsafe for people and it is a very pedestrian town, part of why we love it. And, it is really unsafe for the kids! Also, the playgrounds often have broken glass from beer bottles and cigarette butts. Playgrounds are not for under-age drinking! /
- I am required to drive to work in the city so timely snow removal and plowing of local streets is a major concern. I would not want to change anything that wold reduce the timeliness or efficiency of snow removal, plowing, and sanding. I would also have some concern that public works employees of another town might not have the same commitment to providing excellent service to our village as our own employees do.



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- I am very happy with the way the streets are kept clear of snow during the winter. I have no objection to sharing facilities as long as it does not slow down snow-removal during heavy snowfalls. As it is, recycling is suspended during heavy snowfalls. Will this be exacerbated if we are sharing facilities? Is this process reversible if I am not happy with the results? / / Also, I am less happy with the maintenance of the more out-of-the-way streets once winter is over. I am talking about pot holes and crumbling pavement. / / Question: who is responsible for trees and bushes blocking the sidewalks that do exist? Walking around Hastings, it seems no one is responsible. This and potholes were not covered by your questions.
- I appreciate the service provided by the Village service staff. In particular, I applaud the Parks & recreation team, the trash removal folks, and the police. All are first rate and a pleasure to interact with. A happy resident of 18 years, Chris Kerr
- I assume it was a typo in the question about how long I have been a resident, and that the item I checked was supposed to read "more than 20 years".
- I believe that having our DPW merge with Dobbs Ferry DPW is a means for Dobbs Ferry to pay for their white elephant garage. / / Also, I believe that valuable time and resources will be expended by the simple process of having to gas police, fire and other village vehicles at the DPW garage. / / I also believe that it may delay response time for police cars that are re-fueling while at the Dobbs Ferry DPW
- I believe the police service in Hastings-on-Hudson is atrocious, and I do not feel comfortable going up to a police officer for help. My experience with Dobbs Ferry police has been outstanding. / / Hastings-on-Hudson police department needs to do more training in regards to Domestic Violence and working in tangent with the DA's office in White Plains and the Office for Women. / / The Hastings-on Hudson police department is still a patriarchal institution and encourages small town mentality. Long time and even short time residents need to be treated as equally to those resident who are born in Hastings.
- I do not support combining the Parks and Rec department in Hastings and Dobbs Ferry. I oppose combining anything other than the public works department. I also oppose sharing a Rec. Dept. head between Dobbs and Hastings.
- I do not support privatization of these services; only sharing municipal services. / I wish the village and surrounding areas would start looking at coordinated ways to address bigger environmental issues, like flooding.
- I do not think deer contraception is a sufficient means to address deer overpopulation in our village, but I am glad that some attempt is being made. I also recognize this is a state-wide issue. I hope that our local village governments will act in concert to encourage NY state to manage the deer population. I can't see the efficiency of any method except culling (and I know that means killing).
- I do not want to see Village community members /employees / Lose jobs.
- I drive to work through Dobbs Ferry every day. In terms of snow removal, Hastings seems to be doing a better job and I am concerned that if these services are merged the quality of service will decline.
- I feel that our downtown area is in dire need of attention in street cleaning and garbage removal. The food and bar establishments on Warburton that back up to the parking lot are not taking care of their garbage and recycling properly. It is always strewn all over the parking lot and the back hill behind those businesses. Shouldn't they be fined until they build proper receptacles?



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- I feel that the police should be patrolling the neighborhoods much more then they do! We never see them!
- I feel the local police are not that interested in responding to the needs of the population. I live in a neighborhood by the Saw Mill where drivers speed and run STOP signs daily and I worry about my children walking home from school. / Also some streets have nice new green street signs and some don't. / Also for the most part plowing is great - but there is apparently no thought for the damage done to the streets as they plow. Saw a water pipe cover tossed into the air and broken by a DPW plow speeding by. He didn't stop or even slow down.
- I feel the questions are somewhat skewed and misleading in this survey. I would like to see the local DPW fully staffed, they have not been fully staffed for years.
- I feel things are fine the way they are. Why change something that works.
- I have lived in Hastings for more than 20 years. Only over the last 5 years have I noticed a drop off in the quality of street surfaces and snow removal. I understand that we have lost some personnel recently, and that makes it harder on our PW department to maintain streets and especially to remove snow. Perhaps we could look into hiring temporary personnel when major storms are imminent.
- I have no objection to the merger of the DPW of both villages as long as it works efficiently without creating animosity between the employees of both villages. / / I assume the purpose of the merger is more cost saving.
- I have only good things to say about PW Department and all the guys working there.
- I like our public works department, the guys are great and helpful. I would be willing to consolidate with Dobbs Ferry if it would save money and be more efficient and save money.
- I live on the other side of saw mill parkway and we Already are cut off from services. I am afraid if we combine with dobbs ferry that the little bit we get will be less. I pay a lot of taxes and enjoy small town. I am afraid combining services will delay or cut back what services we have. I don't want to be so far from the source.
- I live on Whitman Street. There is no parking on Whitman St. from 0900-1100 on Thursdays for street sweeping. I've not seen a street sweeper come through in months.
- I love Hastings. But it's very expensive to live here, partly because of the fractured nature of New York state governmental units. I support efforts to combine services for the purpose of fiscal efficiency. I applaud the current administration for thinking creatively about such potential efficiencies. / / Next: how about combining some of the educational overhead functions? Does each river village need such expensive administrative functions? Duplicate superintendents, curriculum coordinators, principals, etc? All getting paid well in excess of the average taxpayer's income?
- I love living in Hastings on Hudson. I love the emails from the Mayor and my interactions with all Village personnel have been positive. My position is that I support the leadership of this town and whatever they deem is in the best interest of the Village is acceptable to me.
- I really like the DPW employees and I hope not to cause them unemployment.
- I really suspect that if I don't tip the sanitation workers, they will throw my boxes. If tipping is expected, I think the Village should provide us with some guidelines. I have no idea how much to give.
- I really thought that having the garbage truck at the dump every Saturday morning was a great idea. It made things easy for our family. / / I would hope that this practice could be reinstated





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- I recently moved to Hastings and couldn't be more pleased with the services the villages has provided my family with. I have been to Village Hall, the police station and the library several times and have always received excellent service. The village does an outstanding job of communicating information with the residents. I have signed up for emails and always receive information if there are any changes regarding public works-trash and recycling pickup. Since we've moved here the roads have always been cleared of snow and the department does a fantastic job of making sure they stay cleared off. I am very happy living here and Hastings and look forward to raising my family here! Thank you to all those that make the village run smoothly day in and day out!
- I still have some concerns about the weak trees over the streets and wires.
- I strongly object to the closing of the dump on Saturdays. With only one pick-up a week and snow removal or other emergencies canceling pick-up, the accumulation of garbage is unsightly and attracts vermin and wild animals.
- I strongly support shared services to save money with the hope that efficiency and the caliber of work is not compromised. My little neighborhood sometimes gets underserved during a snow event. One problem is parking on both sides of the street does not allow a large snow plow to be used. I understand that, but if sharing services will make that worse, I would not be in favor.
- I support joining with Dobbs DPW if it makes the jobs/workload more efficient. Garbage and recycling services are excellent. Snow removal also consistent and good. / I think town buildings and streets are well maintained; I would like to see sidewalks maintained more consistently - this might just involve raising awareness and pushing residents to keep up their sidewalks, or organizing some community maintenance efforts. I appreciated the email from chief of police re shoveling; I think the people who don't shovel/clear/maintain are probably not on mailing list. I also think the parks could use a little bit more TLC. Especially Sugar Pond (not sure if this falls under village jurisdiction). / Thank you.
- I support shared services, if there are savings for both communities (that are roughly equivalent, based on population etc.) which I understand may not lead to property tax reductions (especially in the short term) and there are not negative impacts on our great, and hard working DPW staff. / But as the study moves forward please make every attempt at explaining the benefits and long term impacts on costs, taxes, oversight etc. clearly, with plenty of data, charts etc. vs. business as usual, I'd hate to have another village-wide fight about taxes and costs where people have inadequate information. / Thanks.
- I support sharing public services as long as all services provided are good and this change does not cost more money.
- I support the sharing of public services with Dobbs only if that service is more effective not just efficient. That during times of crisis and major weather events both of our communities are not denied the safety, excellent service, and quick response times we so desperately rely upon and in turn make these wonderful towns attractive and a place we choose to raise our children and invest in.
- I support this and any other initiatives to share services and systems with the other small Rivertowns. As long as it maintains quality and produces efficiencies thus saving money - it's great!
- I think a mistake was made in your question about longevity. I've lived in Hastings for almost 30 years and did not see that as an option.



- I think it is disgraceful that there is no sidewalk (with a curb) on Broadway from Main to Washington.
- I think our DPW needs to be more aggressive in enforcing our recycling laws.
- I think street management is generally good, but I would like to see more attention given to sewer management. We've had a few storms with heavy rain fall and sewers were blocked by leaves and lead to flooding. Thank you.
- I think the cleanliness and maintenance of our public areas is a big failing in the town. In addition, I wouldn't want the DPW to start trash pickup before 8am. As is, they sometimes are starting as early as 7:30, which I think is wrong. / / I have no problem consolidating DPW, as long as the quality doesn't get worse.
- I think the DPW and Rec department do a great job on some things (snow removal/salting, the pool and kids' programs), and most other things well. I have no desire to create conditions resulting in a reduction of employee commitment or morale to our community. However it does seem that for a village of about 7500 residents we have a lot of trucks and equipment, and at least in terms of equipment, maintenance or supply contracts, and possibly levelling workload across shifts (due to vacations, sickness, etc.) there are opportunities to find economies of scale by allying with Dobbs and other rivertowns.
- I think the Mayor's emails about village issues are great. I am happy with the services in this town (mostly).
- I think the potholes in our streets are a real hazard.
- I think there is opportunity to share work, equipment, ordering costs for materials to cost save. For broad services such as snow removal, street cleaning, road maintenance shared work seems very plausible. For tasks that are more community specific (park and recreational facilities), I wonder if shared duty would lead to poorer quality and less personalized service without enough of a cost saving to justify the reduced service.
- I think we shouldn't stop at consolidating public works departments.
- I think you should look beyond just consolidation with Dobbs Ferry. We need some economies of scale. And THANK YOU for trying to do something about the deer.
- I truly hope there is a way for people who do not use the computer or internet to participate in this survey. Yes it is 2014, and most people use technology, but there still may be many that do not. Their opinions should matter just as much as the technology savvy residents.
- I used to live in Yonkers (where it would take 2 days to get plowed) and I was always (and still am) amazed at how quickly the snow plow comes when it snows. I would just hope that this excellent service continues in this manner if services are joined.
- I wish the survey offered other options for services respondents would like to see improved/expanded/created/etc. For example, I think the village should be more actively involved in supporting low-income residents. I also think redevelopment of the waterfront should be a higher-priority and the village should devote more resources to the planning and implementation aspects of that redevelopment.
- I wonder why nothing (or very little) is being done to fix the playgrounds on the children parks, remove the nasty sand, and put some nice ground and new equipment for children to play. Considering this is a village mainly with families with children, I would expect more attention to having sidewalks, warning signs, better and cleaner recreation areas for children and young couples.



- I worry that merging with DF will diminish the personal touch of knowing who is delivering my services and having a good relationship with them. The small town feel is what makes Hastings special.
- I would hate to see any current employees lose their job, or take a cut in pay due to a consolidation. While I think there is plenty of room for improvement in the DPW, I feel that the employees are doing the best job they can with the knowledge and instruction they are given. Maybe more training, open communication, and an improved work ethic. If sharing means it is best for our villages and our village employees it's worth looking into. Think about priorities.....
- I would like to preserve having the same crew (whichever group of staff from DF or HOH) for trash and recycling during the year. Makes it easier to say Thank You during the year end holiday season.
- I would like to see the Saturday dump drop-off resumed. Or at the very every other week.
- I would like to services strengthened - not weakened - knowing these difficult financial times. these are quality of life issues - important for the well being of the community.
- I would love to see the 5 Corners traffic situation addressed. It seems like an accident waiting to happen with crossing traffic sharing a green light, and it seems that maybe a round-about would be a good solution?
- I would only want to combine DPWs if the service would improve. Areas that could use improvement are street maintenance (potholes, drainage), and garbage/recycling pickup (garbage pickup more than once a week, and paper and bottles pickup on the same day again).
- I would support merging services for a trial period to see if the quality stays the same and the coordination is effective.
- I would support sharing some DPW services with Dobbs Ferry only if it would lower my property taxes. I like the fact that we know our DPW employees and police officers and there really would have to be substantial tax savings to make the shared services idea worthwhile. / /
- I'd like the village to consider returning to the policy of allowing residents to transporting trash and recycling down to the bins down in the DPW yards - when necessary.
- I'd like to see some lighting on the staircase that connects Southside and Main...coming up from the train. / / /
- If consolidation occurs I would hope that no workers from either village would be let go.
- If NYC can plow all five boroughs, I'm sure we can find a way to make a joint Dobbs-Hastings DPW work efficiently and save money. However, it only seems worthwhile if the cost reductions are truly meaningful for the two communities. We should have a clear sense of what that dollar goal would be, and that the predictions for it are reached carefully and conservativelyâ€”not just a best-case scenario. There'd be no better outcome than exceeding expectations. Thanks, Trustees, for taking this next step.
- If one village has an expertise that the other needs than I think it ok to share with Dobbs & Hastings, but I think that employees will favor "their home town". To save money due to some duplication would make sense too.
- If sharing services means lower future increases in operating costs and reduced increases in yearly taxes while maintaining the same level of service as provided now, then I'm completely in support of the initiative.
- If sharing services with Dobbs Ferry undermines the status and benefits of Hastings public employees, I would be opposed to consolidation.



- If the merger of Hastings and Dobbs Ferry eliminates high cost executive jobs and gains us money for other things, then it makes sense. It doesn't make sense if Dobbs is larger and we split costs in half. It does make sense if we have, for example, one high paid superintendent of schools. I know we're just talking public works here. I generally give the village of Hastings high marks with special thanks to the present mayor, high school principal and police chief. However, I am not pleased with shoveling my Broadway sidewalk then having a snow plow plow snow onto it. I'm not particularly pleased with snow being plowed onto my sidewalk before I shovel, either. Also, I think the reduction of dump hours is a problem. Best recycling idea: build a small walk in facility where Hastings people can donate lamps, radios, fans, toys, coffee makers, etc. that they don't use. Man it 2 to 4 hours a day with volunteers (you'll get volunteers, they get first crack at donations) and allow Hastings people to come and take things for free. It lessens the amount of stuff that ends up in the dump and saves the town tons of waste. Make it a Dobbs/Hastings thing that is part of the public works merger and will mingle Hastings and DF people. It works well in cape cod towns with my best experiences in Orleans, MA. There are items that you learn not to take.
- if we can improve services and lower taxes, i'm in favor. will there be public discussions on this matter?
- I'm pretty satisfied with the village services overall. / One thing that has always bothered me is the litter on our sidewalks. I do not see the same problem in either Irvington or Dobbs Ferry. It is frankly embarrassing if I'm entertaining people from other areas. / Another issue is the hill coming down to the train station. In bad weather it is often not sanded or salted effectively. / The hill can be very slick, and there has been more than one morning/evening this winter so far, where I literally didn't know where to step. Not good. If the roads are taken care of, then the sidewalks should be as well. (Sometimes even the hand rail is coated in ice, so it's no help!) /
- I'm supportive of consolidated public services for cost and other efficiencies
- I'm very unhappy with the salting and snow removal on Village sidewalks and streets. My husband and I as well as neighbors (one of whom broke her hip) have fallen on ice and snow that has not been removed, partly melted, and frozen again. My husband walks to MetroNorth early in the morning--as does a good percentage of Hastings--and has fallen numerous times. Especially sidewalks that cross the Croton Aqueduct are never shoveled.
- In addition to sharing public works I think we should share Boards of Education and combine the schools.
- In general, I want our police department and department of public works people to be happy in their jobs, / so i would support whatever THEY think is best as regards the combining of Dobbs andHastings departments.
- it is sad that we are having these polls & getting grants to study this when the solution to the abismal state of dpw management in this village has been in front of us for as long as i've lived here. sigh...if only there were some real environmental leadership in this village....
- It seems like there should be a more efficient way to collect recycling other than using garbage trucks
- It would be a big improvement if recycling occurred for paper and plastic on the same day.
- It would be helpful to better understand after school programs for the elementary school - especially Kindergarden age. If exist, I would think that coverage until 6p in this day and age is



definitely warranted as many people I know have two working professional parents. At least providing it as an option, I understand that parents need to pay for this.

- It would be nice to see some village playgrounds updated or one in Draper Park
- I've been a resident, homeowner for 50 years ("more than 10 years" is the only slightly appropriate choice provided here). Our DPW has always been superb -- and pleasant.
- Lack of Street repaving is the number one factor that makes driving in Hastings a disgrace. / / After that, the lack of proper sidewalks and those terrible asphalt curbs should be addressed.
- Leaves are a problem and costly issue.. Trees are way behind in numbers too many cut and not replaced. Street cleaning is poor and rare on Chauncey and around school yard playground.. / / State portion of Aqueduct is very poor maintenance especially on Baker lane huge wells of dirt and holes also dangerous they refuse to address this is sate property. / Pot holes on Ravenensdale
- Length of residence does not take into account lifetime residents or those here 40 or 50 years
- Look at effectiveness and efficiency of street cleaning. It seems to be done at random, with multiple passes in a few days and months in between. Also, notify residents when streets are to be cleaned so that vehicles can be moved off the street. / / And PLEASE do something sensible about the deer population. I don't think Village funds should be used for research purposes as the the current plan seems to indicate.
- Look at the over building in Dobbs Ferry, The Walgreens, which took away many viable business which the people of Hastings, Dobbs Ferry and beyond loved. The administrators didn't care about the diminshment of the quality of life of it's residents. The HS students loved going to the Deli, Brothers Mrkt was the only place for fresh fish in the area, The restaurant was a successful and popular destination. I don't want Hastings to have anything to do with an administration who cares so little for its constituents. Let's leave well enough alone!
- Lots of potholes out there right now....
- Main Street and Warburton Ave. need more attention from Village in providing more, and bigger, trash receptacles. constant overflow of trash in those areas of the village is unsightly, particularly in trying to bring in new businesses, and non-residents to patronize oour facilities.
- Making HOH more bike friendly should be under the umbrella of parks and rec.
- Many of these choices are strangely worded and can't really be answered as is, for example, yes, it would be nice if property taxes would go down, but only if the quality of service remained the same or was even better. I think Hastings is maintained better than Dobbs Ferry, so my concern is for the quality of services in Hastings. It would seem to be a waste of time and fuel also if the DPW was located in Dobbs Ferry (the possibility mentioned in an article) and equipment had to go back and forth constantly.
- Merger is not a popular word in our village. We went through the same thing in our schools. The village was strongly against merger. I personally like the small town flavor of Hastings and the relationships we have with the village employees, be they police or sanitation.
- Michael Gunther and his staff are to be commended for excellent service to our community during snowstorms, emergencies, and all times! Appreciate our Dept. of Public Works...
- My concern is the risk of losing control and contact with the DPW if it is combined with Dobbs. Now I can call the office, know the people and can get a response. I worry that if it is too big, it will lose that personal, special small village aspect. I like Hastings. If I wanted to live and have





services in Dobbs Ferry, I would have moved there. If you can reassure me that Hastings will still have control and outreach and responsiveness, then I would consider the merger.

- My family has lived here since the 1900's. We have been very pleased with the DPW . When the garbage collection went to once a week we didn't think it would be better, but it proved to be fine. People do not like change but if it can help everyone then we must be opened to it.
- My perception as a Hastings resident is that Dobbs Ferry public works program is more efficient and effective than Hastings.
- Not paying enough attention to developing the waterfront (i.e. Irvington) Chamber of Commerce: town could use a bit of a face lift
- Nothing to say at this moment
- now we have three days of seven to put out items for dpw (garbage/paper/glass&metal) / I would support anything that allows this to be done on fewer days. /
- obviously I would appreciate lower taxes but not at the expense of the lowering of the quality of service. I am satisfied with the quality of service, especially snow removal and garbage pickup.
- One area of maintenance that requires urgent attention by the village is the pathway and steps leading from the Steinschneider parking lot down to the train station. Its state of disrepair is a hazard to commuters and an embarrassment to the village. Also lights needs to be installed there and there needs to be a pedestrian crosswalk directly from the bottom of those steps to the circle in front of the train station. Cars seem to feel entitled to drive wily nilly in this area with little regard for commuters trying to make their way to the train. / / I do not support the village's pledge to needlessly spend money on the Reynolds Field playground in order to accommodate the school district's plans to vastly reconstruct the athletic fields. / / I do support efforts to improve the village's playing fields and recreational areas at Zinsser and Uniontown. The village should make investments there to improve the safety, playability, and attractiveness of those facilities.
- One of the things that keeps me in Hastings (rather than selling to avoid the high taxes) is the personal relationships that are possible in a small village, and among these, with the public works staffers, in particular those who work the sanitation truck and the yard-waste pick up truck. I (along with my children and my dogs) know the "men on the truck" for many years now and we stop to have conversation every Tuesday and Thursday/Friday. It brightens my day. I would be sorely disappointed if I lost this aspect of life here.
- Only issue with garbage pick up is that the guys just toss empty bins back resulting in damage to the trash containers over time.
- our curbs, roads and sidewalks need repairing. I think consolidation of PW with Dobbs makes sense if we can save money, be more efficient but still get as good or better service regarding snow removal, trash removal...
- Our department of public works snow removal is far superior to our surrounding cities and villages. I oppose merging the two departments if it will affect the superior service we already receive!
- Our dissatisfaction with street maintenance has to do with ineffective repair of potholes on most streets in the village. Major potholes and broken-up pavement on Villard are of particular concern. / / We remain very pleased with all other village services. / / Thank you,



- Our kids can't even safely walk to school because we don't have sidewalks where we live. Put our taxes to use in our town, and build sidewalks, or upgrade our out of date playgrounds. The DPW does a great job, has great equipment and staff. Keep them here.
- Our Public Works department is lazy and over-staffed. They do the bare minimum of work and their supervisor encourages their low performance. The best thing the Village could do is improve the management (change the boss) of the Public works department, then maybe they would do their job. / / Public works is different than Parks and Rec, which, on the whole is hard-working and devoted to doing a good job. You should not lump them together in a single survey, as it insults the Parks and Rec department.
- Our public works staff is our public works staff. I have no "fear" of Dobbs Ferry staff, but I would not like to have our DPW staff lose their jobs as a result of this initiative. Better to stick with joint purchasing of salt, sand, motor oil, equipment, etc. /
- Our public works staff is the greatest.
- Our section of Scenic Drive, between Maplewood and Oakdale, is plowed by both Dobbs and Hastings as adjacent streets has houses that are in Dobbs and Hastings. Gives me opportunity to observe the activities and efficiency of both villages. / / Our house, 101 Scenic, gets Dobbs garbage and recycling. Historical reasons for this--I once researched this with employees of both villages. Works for us! / / I would like to see the Villard hilltop-- Scenic, Forest, Floral, Oakdale and Hollywood, services by Dobbs. Look at a map--would make an easy loop from Dobbs.
- Our village needs to think about residents. If early plans for the waterfront include new business and residences (which I am not in favor of either), how will dpw in another village be able to handle our villages needs. DPW is as important to me as the high school was when I attended and graduated. Why do we spend money to research doing away with our own DPW and getting rid of deer when we could do more for our local businesses, residents and students. The Village's elected officials have lost the focus of what has made us a wonderful place. Why are we throwing out the DPW with the trash?
- Overall happy with the services provided. I do believe the Rec staff make a great effort, my main concern is with summer camp, which could be better structured and better prepared for children with some degree of behavioural/attentional issues as well as lasting the entire summer. After school programmes are pretty limited, especially for parents who work, although this could perhaps relate to demand as many classes are not fully signed up. / The garbage pick up crew is very friendly and do a great job and snow /storm clearing is effective.
- Overall, I am happy with the services provided by the DPW. However, I think the condition of the streets is terrible. I know it is hard to keep up with the damage done by winter, but the number of major potholes is astounding.
- Overall, I think the quality of village services is good to very good-- but if the Village can save money by combining DPW forces with Dobbs Ferry then I think it should be done.
- plea to keep DPW employee where they belong - Hastings.
- Please allow homeowners the use of electric blowers for more extended period of yard maintenance.
- Please attend to the stairs leading from the end of Wilson Pl to the street below. They are a safety hazard. I have written several times about it and don't get a response, and more importantly, nothing has been done. / / The sanitation guys who generally pick up my garbage in the last couple of years have become rude and inconsiderate. I don't mind waiting, but the



truck pulls over less often to allow cars to pass and the guys on the truck are usually unpleasant and don't acknowledge that anyone is waiting. Their attitudes echo Fran's. /

- Please consider: / a) an extra day for garbage collection during the summer, and / b) Christmas tree pickup the week after the 7th of January as this is the day that some residents celebrate Christmas.
- Please do something about speeding cars!!!! Cars drive much too fast all around Hastings. / PS I moved two months ago back to NYC after 17 years in Hastings so am no longer a voter but answered anyway
- Please enforce dog clean up
- Please keep working on this project. Shared services will enable our villages to retain their autonomy and distinctive character. Why not Ardsley as well as Dobbs Ferry.
- Please note that the number of years one has lived in Hastings question has a typo. I believe the last answer choice should have been over 20 years which is why I checked it. / / Also, one concern not mentioned in the survey is that with shared services, we hope that our current Village DPW employees will all stay employed in some capacity. It will not serve our Village well to have our own citizens out of work.
- Plowing has been terrible this year and last.
- Police Dept. is extremely sub-standard, especially for a town such as Hastings. Needs major evaluation, training, hiring MUCH more experienced police officers/law enforcement personnel, supervision & evaluation by OUTSIDE party. Too much nepotism in this village & unsafe for residents.
- Putting aside the Reynolds Field business, the excessive and collapsed curbing along Chauncey/Tennis Courts is a disgrace- for years and years and years! I also have seen several people almost take a nasty fall coming down the steps to the parking lot behind Hastings Prime Meats- I have written DPW several times about need for hand rail. The work of the DPW would be made easier if the residents of the town were cleaner instead of just waiting for some community participatory jolly cleanup day. Why can't the people be clean all of the time and why cannot the officials point out that there are a lot of sloppy people making the village messy?
- Re the police: I've been saddened to observe that every time I pass a police car that has stopped another car on the side of the road (presumably for a traffic offense) the driver of the stopped car is African American.
- Regarding merging public works with Dobbs Ferry I need more detailed information as to what it entails...costs, service frequencies etc. /
- Regarding sidewalks, properties where the sidewalks have been removed (most likely by property owners) should be required to re-install them. Also, properties should be required to maintain (repair and replace) the sidewalks that are broken so that they can be walked upon. Finally, properties that have overgrown bushes that require pedestrians to walk in the gutter or near the gutter (and not on the sidewalks) should be required to cut or trim the bushes as needed so that the sidewalks are accessible for pedestrians.
- Regarding the recycling program, one thing that frustrates me is that people continually dump things (at the DPW) into inappropriate recycling containers. \*The container area itself\* needs clear signage indicating which are for paper, comingled, what NOT to dump (plastic bags styrofoam, household trash, etc, household china doesn't go into the comingled...), because time and again I've spoken to residents who don't seem to be able to understand without guidance



that no, the container that's full of paper and cardboard isn't one you should dump a plastic bag of trash/comingled/empty deposit containers in. / / I know it's on the calender and on a flyer that's mailed out, and I know even providing signage own't prevent all of it, but I do think it'd help. / / I'd also like to see signage or an email making villagers aware of alternate ways to dispose of "used but usables", like Freeshare/Freecycle or donating clothing/blankets to shelters (for homeless people/domestic violence victims OR animals), Midnight Run, etc.

- REINSTALL WEEKLY SATURDAY MORNING DPW GARPAGE TRUCK SERVICE NOW
- Several sidewalks need repair as a result of Village tree root upheaving. / Homeowners who don't shovel snow or treat ice on their sidewalks should be strongly urged to do so. / Street parking on some busy through-streets should be prohibited, especially on narrow streets and around curves.
- Sidewalks and curbs should be properly maimtained/upgraded/improved. / As a SENIOR SWALKING I feel strongly that some of these items are HAZARDOUS !
- snow removal ia major problem. Garbage collection is awful. The streets are a disgrace
- Someone HAS to decide who (NY State or Village) is responsible for upkeep and snow and ice removal on the sidewalk that runs along Broadway on the property next to LaBarranca apt building (Aqueduct) all the way to Main St. Don't know who owns the sidewalk (Aqueduct - NY State? or Church?). It requires people walking along Broadway into town to either use the path down the steps of the Church property (very slippery and dark after sunset) or to walk in the street next to the sidewalk when it snows or is frozen over. Cars coming south on Broadway come too fast and a pedestrian is going to get hit sooner or later, not to mention the risk of falling on ice. Thanks!!!!
- Speeding along Broadway, going north from Yonkers, is rampant. Why can't the police police the area near Warren/Hudson streets and keep cars from speeding? Some of us walk along Broadway and it is scary when cars are speeding. Why can't there be a sidewalk or a separation from the road so that we can feel safe? I thought Hastings officials felt it was important that children can walk to school safely, without worrying about being hit by a car.
- Streets downtown and in neighborhoods are an embarassment - make our village look very poor.
- Thank You for all your good work.
- Thanks for providing the survey and looking into whether combining forceswilllower cost without reducing quality. I would like to say that our trash, recycling and snow removal is impressive. Great service. Please let them know it is appreciated.
- The appearance of the Village needs attention. Sidewalks, streetscapes, trees, parks--they do not look cared for; rather, they look neglected. / / I live near William St. and it is a complete eyesore. This has been brought to the attention of the Village but nothing has been done. The roadway is dotted with patches. Parts of the sidewalk have been plastered over with asphalt. A few trees sit in wells that appear to have been somehow molded out of asphalt. / / William St. , which is only one block in length should be upgraded the way Washington St. was a few years ago. Also Zinsser Park and Draper Park look threadbare. / / There is also an old Village dump (landfill) off of Aqueduct Lane, that has never been cleaned up despite many promises by the Village. This is illegal and a blight in a residential neighborhood.
- The community center is overrun by teenagers who are not properly supervised and who do not behave in a manner that allows for families to feel comfortable sending their kids to the center to participate in activities or to use the facilities. Snow removal is not sufficient for our narrow streets and it is unsafe for drivers as well as students walking in the streets. Sidewalks are not



maintained and are broken and non-existent. Street signs are filled with graffiti and not maintained giving a run down look to the village. Communication from the mayor is fantastic and very helpful and reassuring. Recreation staff is friendly and welcoming and give a small town feel to the community.

- the curbs in front of my house have been destroyed by snow plows and have remained destroyed for years ..I had even sent an email to Mr. Gunther at that time on June 14,2007 then again on November 5 2008 to Francis Frobel. / I was told in the email response that the curbs would be taken care of the next time there was a street repaving. WE HAVE BEEN PATIENT BEYOND WORDS. Now it is January 22, 2014 and the curb is in REALLY BAD SHAPE. / I CAN'T BELIEVE FOR THE AMOUNT OF TAXES THAT WE ALL PAY TO LIVE IN THE BEAUTIFUL VILLAGE OF HASTINGS-ON-HUDSON / THAT THE CURB WAS NOT FIXED ON 41 Jefferson ave. ALL THESE YEARS. WHAT IF ANYTHING IS GOING TO BE DONE ABOUT THE CONDITION OF THE CURB IN FRONT OF OUR HOUSE AND ANY OTHER HOME THAT HAVE THIS PROBLEM. WE LIVE HERE MORE THAN 30 YEARS. ALSO FINALLY A NEW STREET SIGN WAS INSTALLED ON JEFFERSON AVE. BUT WHY ON EARTH DID THE VILLAGE NOT REPLACE THE ONE WAY STREET SIGN AT THE SAME TIME. THAT SIGN IS SO OLD YOU CAN BARELY SEE IT ESPECIALLY AT NIGHT OR IN A SNOW STORM LAST NIGHT OR IN THE RAIN. THE FIRST IMPRESSION OF OUR BEAUTIFUL STREET IS REALLY BAD. AND JUST TO LET YOU KNOW (WHICH I AM SURE YOU ALREADY DO KNOW THIS) MANY TIMES CARS BACK OUT OF THIS ONE WAY STREET BECAUSE THEY ARE LAZY AND DO NOT CARE ABOUT OTHER PEOPLE OR MAYBE THEY CAN'T SEE THE HORRENDOUS OLD ONE WAY STREET SIGN!!! AND WORST OF ALL MANY TIMES CARS COME THE WRONG WAY ON OUR STREET / /
- The entire DPW staff does a great job. The DPW employees are dedicated men who actually care about Hastings.... Please let Hastings take care of Hastings.
- The existing sidewalk on the west side of Broadway, just south of five corners and adjacent to the Old Croton Aqueduct is in extremely poor condition. The existing sidewalk is broken, cracked, and lower than the roadway, the existing catch basin is broken and there is a large gap which is dangerous, there is no curb between the street and the sidewalk, as such, all storm water drains onto the sidewalk making it unusable to walk. In the winter time no one shovels the sidewalk in that area. So when it rains or there is snow on the ground you are forced to walk in the street next to fast driving cars and county buses. A call to the Village Manage provided no help at all. Very disappointed!
- The Hastings Public Works in its current form is entirely ineffective....it is high time that the Village Officials attempt to improve its services and the condition of our Village...if that means collaborating with a neighboring village, like, Dobbs Ferry, then by all means, i support it.
- The hope is it costs less, is more efficient, AND improves the quality. If it is Not an equal/shared division, that is, if Hastings is buying services from Dobbs, thus becoming a "client", I do not think I would be for this option
- The maintenance of the villages streets, storm rains, and signage is a big disappointment. Crews are sent to do the work but often they do not do a good job. I feel embarrassed for my community. / / Thank you for designing and administering this survey.
- The police station seems to be ill informed about basic emergency information, such as weather, road conditions and closures, metro north conditions, etc. They also do not even provide phone numbers or help reaching county and state sheriffs,etc. They should at least have computers good enough in front of them to know about road closures, or the village should provide a phone number to contact with these kind of emergency contacts.





- The quality of materials and labor used for Hastings' projects has been inferior for example, the sidewalk bricks had to be replaced. James Street has become a commuter corridor for Yonkers. Cars speed on James street at rush hour times. The Village needs to correct this problem before a child or an adult pedestrian is injured or killed. There is no reason why Hastings should facilitate commuter traffic to and from Yonkers. Crossbar Road is a neglected street in terms of snow removal. When other streets are clear, Crossbar remains poorly plowed. Is there a way we can cooperate with Con Ed to induce them to bury our power lines. Inevitably, we will suffer more lengthy blackouts with over-head lines. Most of us cannot afford generators and they are very polluting.
- The quality of recreation programs for kids (afterschool and during the summer) could be improved. Summer camp counselors tend to yell a lot. Activities could be much more engaging. / / Renovation of the pool's changing area should be a priority. / / The Uniontown playground should be a priority too! / /
- The resistance to change in the form of consolidation is short sighted . It would be a sign of good mental health to consolidate services with other surrounding areas. Without change , the costs of these services ( funded by local property owners) will collapse under their own weight.
- The services provided by Hastings are excellent
- The services the Village and its employees provide is extremely satisfactory to me. Our trash is always picked up in a timely fashion; the roads are always plowed beautifully. The staff is extremely courteous. On the negative side, we could use some street cleaning. Thank you.
- The sidewalk along Broadway where the aqueduct crosses the 5 corners intersection is never cleared of snow and ice. Could the village please take responsibility for this section of the sidewalk? Pedestrians are forced onto narrow and busy Broadway lanes every time there is snow or ice. Thank you in advance for addressing this problem. / / Also, the Hastings waterfront is in serious need of a park that will make the river accessible to residents. Thank you!
- The sidewalks and tree excavations (often without trees) in the business district are filthy , dangerous, and easy to trip into. / Both the DPW and the Police Department could be pleasanter on the phone;one is not calling to annoy them. / There should be much more control of noise levels both in town and at supposedly festive events; the police claim to have no decibel meter. They need one, and we need to set decibel limits at all hours.
- The snow plowing and salting is not good as of late. Plowing snow on the sidewalks when you are being / responsible and clean your sidewalk and others religiously in extremely defeating . The response to icing / conditions has been very late as I see it.
- The streets are dirty. The village should buy a street sweeper truck. Also, the Village should buy or share a truck that vacuums up loose lkeaves in the fall.
- The streets are extremely slippery on my morning walk to the train station. Olinda is a traffic nightmare in the first few hours of any icy weather. The refusal to plow on Broadway in the State-maintained aqueduct area is absolutely insane and dangerous. The DPW employees I have seen actually seem to revel in blocking traffic.
- The survey questions regarding maintenance of Village facilities were too broad. In general, I think most of the facilities are quite well-maintained. But I answered "dissatisfied" because I think that there are far too many potholes on our streets and far too much time between their appearance and when they are patched. / / I also think that while the waterfront area south of the train platform might not be owned or controlled by the Village, it is a hideous eyesore and a



wasted opportunity to have a beautiful multi-purpose Village park (such as in Dobbs Ferry and Irvington with similar properties).

- The Village is doing a fine job. Communications is excellent. Services are acceptable / We need more aggressive leadership on quality of life questions like DEER. I cried reading Bambi, but they / should not be living in Hastings. This academic study is not the answer, we do not live on an island. / Think of these deer as rabid raccoons, we need more than a passive approach. / We need aggressive leadership, otherwise we will be living in a gated community, / Fences do not make good neighbors, they are ugly and divisive, but they deter DEER !!!!
- The village recreation department does not communicate and does not ask for feedback from residents. There is no teen program and that is a shame. I only receive emails regarding Elementary school activities or Senior citizen activities and neither pertain to me or my family. The pool management is a joke - the lifeguards are lazy and rude. / I respect the men who do the garbage and recycling pick ups - they work very hard, but the maintenance crews are not qualified and do very mediocre work
- The Village should look to sharing other services, such as Board of Ed, etc. Significant cost savings, sharing of facilities, etc.
- There are a few places downtown where it's difficult to walk with a cane or push a wheelchair because of sidewalk problems and obstruction. There are also a few handicapped parking spots where there is no dip in the sidewalk. You park there and then have to push a wheelchair over a high curb or take a big step with a cane. / / Thank you for asking.
- There are so many potholes in the village which I would like to see repaired as soon as possible.
- There are undoubtedly efficiencies that can be accomplished, but there is value to be found in the familiarity with the individual workers and the access to the director of the department. I would be very concerned about the loss of that dynamic. / David Skolnik
- There is a problem with one of your questions - the one that asks how long you have been a resident of Hastings on Hudson - there is no way to choose more than 20 years.
- There is village property between the end of my driveway and the street. The village maintains the trees and cuts the grass, but has never plowed the area for snow. My neighbors and I have taken care of this ourselves, but it should be the responsibility of the village. Otherwise, the Dept of Public Works has done an outstanding job.
- There should be a repository for public reporting of required street repairs so that items don't continue to be ignored.....
- There was a stop sign put in a few years ago on the corner of Tompkins Avenue and James Street and no one ever stops. The police should sit up there (not on Oxford because everyone can see them) in an unmarked car and give out tickets. The village would definitely make extra income from just this one corner, especially at rush hour when most of the cars from Executive Blvd use Tompkins Avenue to get to Saw Mill.
- There was one question about satisfaction with the leaf and brush pick-up in spring and fall. One problem I would like to note is that the last leaf pick up occurred while many leaves were still on our trees, so once they were down and raked there was no more leaf pick up. I would suggest a later last pick up date.
- They key is maintaining service quality and treating current employees of Hastings DPW fairly.
- This is a great survey. As a market researcher, I have a little concern that the questions on the first page had the positive response (i.e., very satisfied) on the right side of the scale, but on



subsequent pages the affirmative answer (i.e., strongly agree) was on the left side of the scale. People can confuse the scales and it might affect responses. Something to think about in future surveys. / Thank you!

- this sharing thing is complex, but "branding" may be important issue. while i'm reticent to see "Dobbs" trucks doing garbage in Hastings, I'm less concerned about our trucks in Dobbs (assuming our garbage is still collected as effectively). Some of this might be just perception and fall away if the "Dobbs" truck were labelled "Dobbs/Hastings". And while I basically trust current village leaders to get sharing right with minimal loss in our services (and maybe gain?), I'm somewhat concerned about whether this just makes it more likely that these areas would be cut in future budget crunches because they are less clearly accountable to the local administration (i.e, Hastings mayor blames Dobbs for getting too much and vice versa to dodge accountability for service declines when these services are targeted for cost savings); don't know how to solve that.
- To clarify, the condition of the parks could be better. I think the quality of the recreation programs is good. Kendra does a great job. / The streets whether it is Hastings or NYC need more attention. There is a hole south of Devon Way on Broadway in the sewer grate that has been there since Sandy. It is dangerous and should be fixed. NYS is in charge of it but they won't do anything unless they get pressure from the village.
- Trucks are not allowed on North street and Maple avenue (except for local deliveries). Nevertheless drivers do not care or cannot see the sign which had become unreadable like other signs in the village.
- use street cleaning restrictions to plow
- Various thoughts: / / 1. The public works department needs to acquire the skills and manpower to undertake routine construction projects in house and do them efficiently and cost-effectively. Things like the installation of curbing (granite or asphalt), patching and repair of small to medium sized areas of roadway foundation, prompt and complete replacement of catch basins, should be done in house. Right now there are many public works tasks which are seldom completed in house but also rarely hired out to contractors, and as a result, they simply do not get done. While curbing an entire street in a couple of days is a large endeavor, there are things like the pouring of sidewalks, installations of drainage extensions, replacement of catch basins, and fortification of limited areas of roadbase that should be undertaken in house and completed regularly. If merging with another department will enable larger work crews that can complete larger projects quicker, then this is a preferable arrangement. / / 2. Recent changes in the garbage and recycling schedule have made the overall number of days in which one must put their trash/green waste/recyclables out for collection increase. In a typical week, especially now that recyclables are collected on split days, a resident has to prepare for collection on four separate days. It would be much better if there was neighborhood wide collection of all items over 1-2 days. It is certainly more convenient to put more items out on a single day vs having to put out items almost every day and then collect and store containers from this on these days. / / 3. DPW should consider reorganization of plow routes and the adoption of a specific plow route scheme as it is in place in many other municipalities. Several large roads which are maintained under contract could be effectively cleared with a wing plow. Mount Hope, Broadway, Farragut, etc are all of sufficient width, even considering parked cars, that a truck could clear these routes in a single pass with the use of a wing plow. In addition these main thoroughfares should be looped together into a single plow route, rather than having zones which include tertiary streets



and primary streets. During the snow storm the plows are stuck trying to maintain the primary streets. The significant primary and secondary collector streets could all be addressed with a plow truck equipped with a wing. This arrangement will prove much more efficient. / / 4. DPW should consider the adoption of automated garbage trucks. Automated refuse collection would free up two men from most residential collection routes and these individuals can be repurposed to road repair. / /

- Village infrastructure is a serious concern. Streets are badly in need of resurfacing, curbing is either deteriorated or non existent, village staircases at draper park and municipal lots are crumbling. The village is generally unkempt. / / Trash collection is only once a week. / / Yard waste collection is a minimal effort. The village does not clean leaves from streets or clear sewer drains. / / The library only has one program once a week for toddlers and pre schoolers. / / Their is not adequate drainage and sewer / / The parks department has limited offerings. / / Village employees just keep passing the buck...once they finally answer the phone. / / Where are the police? I hardly ever see a patrol car in my neighborhood. Armed robberies at the bank and deli, a 15 year old girl raped in the park? / / Village parks are a joke. Equipment is broken and there are not enough facilities to support the population. / / Where are my tax dollars going? I'm not living here to pay pension obligations.
- Village streets are filthy and frequently littered with garbage. Neighborhood streets full of potholes. Why does Hastings not maintain pedestrian crosswalks--keep them painted and put signs alerting drivers to the state laws favoring pedestrians? Crossing a street is very dangerous in Hastings. Buildings are shabby, main streets look neglected. I;ve lved there since 1989 and like it, but the village looks neglected and rundown and the streets are terrible.
- Warburton Ave. Bridge needs immediate attention to remove accumulated rubbish, detritus and leaves.
- We are a self sustaining community, and should take care of our own just like we always have!!!
- We are exceptionally pleased with the running of the Chemka pool. The hours are great, the staff is exceptionally friendly and responsive. I count down the weeks until the pool opens. / / Snow plowing is decent. A number years ago, we were without access for days, well beyond the other areas of the village, but that incident has not been repeated. / / Re-cycling is fine. / / Overall we are pleased. / / We have lived here for 30years.
- We are more than satisfied with all services provided from our village. We have residents for more than 42 years. / /
- We must find ways to consolidate services, schools, etc. The present arrangements of small villages providing separate and distinct services is truly unsustainable for too much longer. I applaud this small effort in that direction!
- We need our potholes fixed better than they are now. / / We need to find a way to decrease property taxes.
- We need safer intersections with all-way stop signs especially around our schools.
- we need to clean up more public areas - or start fining businesses and residents for not doing so.
- We need to consolidate services to keep them cost-effective and of high quality
- We need to provide our DPW with the equipment and resources (people) they NEED in order to bring the level of services up in Hastings, not merge with a neighboring community. Our DPW equipment is in disrepair or non-existent (street sweeper???), and there aren't enough DPW



employees to get the work done. They do the very best they can with what they have at their disposal.

- We should consolidate all the Village functions between DF, HOH and Irvington. We should combine school systems, police, volunteer fire departments, recreation etc. as well and we should eliminate the Town of Greenburgh as an entity, as it is completely unnecessary. We should do a tax re-assessment every five years on all properties. We should euthanize the deer herd as well, and send the meat to food pantries.
- We should seriously consider privatizing garbage pick up -- everyone would pay their own way on that according to a clear schedule and rules set by the village/tow and it would not be charged based on the cost of the real estate but rather on usage/amount of garbage which is more fair, and then shrinking our public works and other village departments (except police) substantially. We should put our residents' needs, comforts and conveniences first and foremost and not allow our maintenance crews to conduct noisy and dirty activities in our children's parks at all hours of the day, night and early morning (4:30 AM!). We should ensure that all of the village employees are conducting work for the village during each hour they are getting paid if they are hourly and that our salaried employees are similarly loyal and honest in their work. There are known instances of fraud where public employees are either not working when they are getting paid to work and having second jobs even, yet the village was not repaid and the workers did not lose his jobs. The meter reader does not give tickets to businesses that violate parking meters in exchange for free coffee and food and other bribes. Some residents are required to get building permits and have their taxes increased for work on their homes while others are not and so have disproportionately low taxes. When complaints are made, garbage and recycling is not picked up and noisier work takes place at earlier hours and more damage to garbage cans takes place. Village garbage pick up people take tips for garbage pick up while those who are not in the know do things the legitimate way. Combining services with Dobbs will only reduce transparency and honesty. But posing the question at least recognizes that a serious problem exists which is that the costs for providing these services is unacceptably be high and must be reduced.
- We would like to see repairs made to the dangerous staircase leading up from Southside (across from the station) to the parking lot.
- While in general I strongly support the Village's efforts to keep costs & taxes down, I strongly oppose combining our DPW with Dobbs' DPW. Our DPW does an incredible job. The current very high level of service we experience will definitely deteriorate if our DPW is merged with Dobbs'. I believe this is a huge quality of life issue & believe that....."if it ain't broke, don't fix it". / Conversely, although I hate to say this, I'm less sure that the Village Office as well Recreation staff are working to maximum efficiency, starting at the Village Manager level. With a few exceptions, including Anne Scholl & Susan Magiotto, I am often surprised at the flat out rude behaviour of some & also am troubled that some Village employess in the Municipal Bldg & Parks & Rec seem completely comfortable sitting/standing around & doing nothing even when tax payers are in the same room. Our village is blessed to have many highly energetic volunteers serving as Trustees, on committess, etc and this makes it especially demoralizing to see the less than energetic work of some municipal employees. Finally, with respect to Parks & Rec, it would be nice to see more attention paid to needs & interests of "younger" seniors.
- why does the money the village receives for recycling from the county go to the dpw workers as a bonus, just for doing their job. also why are there 3 garbage routes with 3 people on the truck and they are paid full time but actually only work part time hours. would it not make sense to





have 2 trucks with crews doing the work as they appear to be overstaffed for garbage and then use the other 3 people to do work around the village to clean it up and maintain the streets, sidewalks, storm drains and landscaping /

- Why is there no category for people who have been here over 20 years? / Not sure how we can assess what services will be gained/lost if we merge with Dobbs. We don't live there and have no idea how their public works operates. Hastings does an excellent job with snow removal; Dobbs Ferry not so much. And our guys are really friendly and helpful. / Having said that, my neighbors and I would love the leaves removed regularly from the storm drains and they aren't. Our storm drains are a huge mess. And we all still miss twice a week garbage pickup especially during the summer.
- Would it be possible to fill in some of the pot holes in the roads, especially those along Route 9/Broadway?
- Would like to see less litter on the streets. And fewer potholes.
- Your answer choices are capricious - worded similarly with very different meaning. If you are serious about getting a true reading I suggest getting a real survey created by a professional made. / I am extremely disappointed with the sidewalks throughout Hastings (especially along Broadway and state of village ownership should not be an issue and the lame children and adult programs provided by the recreation department. / The "Rec" building is a disappointment too without any gym or physical movement space. / Combining the two villages of Dobbs and Hastings is a terrible idea. We are different and separate.