Warren County Shared Services
Property Tax Savings Plan

September 12, 2018
Existing Shared Services

Warren County shares many services with other counties...

- Office for the Aging (with Hamilton Co.)
- Mental Health department (with Washington Co.)
- DA’s Drug Task Force (with Washington Co.)
- Industrial Development Association (with Washington Co.)
- Fire Training Center (with Washington Co.)
- Developing support services for veterans (with Washington Co.)
- MEGA energy purchasing cooperative (electricity & gas), which includes counties and municipalities all around the state
- Safety training classes taught by our Self Insurance Dept. are offered to officials from other counties and municipalities
- Children’s Services provided by DSS
Existing Shared Services

Warren County shares services with its municipalities...

- Shared highway maintenance services with most municipalities
- Shared purchasing with municipalities (and soon with fire districts)
- Workers Compensation pool shared with most municipalities
- Centralized Civil Service, which serves all municipalities and schools
- Shared fuel farms with towns, city, village and non-profits
- Planning & GIS services
- Code Enforcement services
- Public Health training, certification, education and outreach
- Emergency Services resources, guidance and review of plans
- Countywide Marine and Tech rescue teams
- Public Safety dispatching (with Glens Falls)
- Charles R. Wood Park and Festival Commons (with v/o Lake George)
Existing Shared Services

Shared Services with school districts...

- Sheriff’s Department School Resource Officers

- SUNY Adirondack, Queensbury and Glens Falls school districts collaborate in the Early College Career Academy

- Glens Falls and Queensbury school districts share recreation programs, transportation and facilities

- Health Insurance Consortium with BOCES

- Warren County is also investigating purchasing cooperatives with BOCES and local school districts
Existing Shared Services

Shared Services between municipalities...

– Warrensburg and Chester share an Assessor

– Bolton and Horicon share an Assessor

– The Town and Village of Lake George share: an Assessor, Code Enforcement Officer, Police & Justice Court, Court Clerk, meter enforcement & maintenance, mowing & landscaping, fire protection, sewage treatment, water supply maintenance, occupancy tax administration, a fuel depot, lifeguards, maintenance of public restrooms

– Lake Luzerne shares services with the Town of Hadley, Saratoga County
Unfunded State Mandates

2018 Warren County Property Tax Levy

$43,678,247

NYS Mandates comprise of 55.5% of the tax levy.
New Initiatives: Information Technology

- IT Advisory Services (County + 11 municipalities)
- IT Purchasing Services (County + 11 municipalities)
- Utilization of County Anti-Virus Pricing (County + 8 municipalities)
New Initiatives: DPW-Related

- DPW Engineering Services (County + 9 municipalities)
- Equipment Sharing via Purchasing Department’s Web Platform (County + 11 municipalities)
- Joint Bid for Landscaping/Mowing (5 municipalities)
Other New Initiatives

- Community Liaison for Local Tourism Promotion (County + 8 municipalities)
- Smart Street Lighting NY Initiative (12 municipalities)
- Shared Contract for Credit Card Security Services (7 municipalities)
2018 Local Government Property Taxes

County, Cities, Towns and Villages: $64,862,988 (38%)
Special Districts: $3,591,823 (2%)
School Districts: $101,895,313 (60%)
Total: $170,350,124
2018 Participating Entities’ Property Taxes

$65,159,247
Total Anticipated Savings

2019: $701,432

2020: $973,087

Annually Thereafter: $1,053,929
Savings as Percentage of 2018 Taxes

2019: 1.08%

2020: 1.49%

Annually Thereafter: 1.62%
Anticipated Savings to “Average Taxpayer”

2019: $15.62

2020: $21.67

Annually Thereafter: $23.47
Anticipated Effect on Property Taxes

2019: +0.40%

2020: +0.01%

Annually Thereafter: -0.08%
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