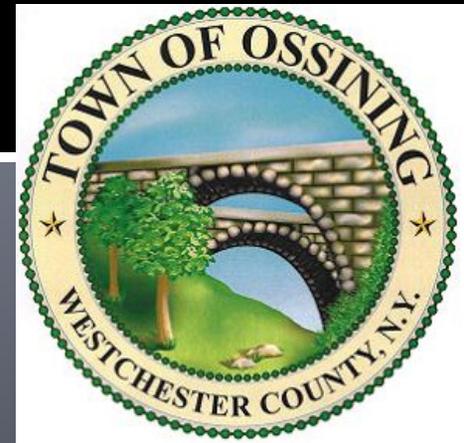


# Facts and Figures:

Proposed Annexation of  
Election Districts 17 & 20 Into the  
Village of Briarcliff Manor

December 2013



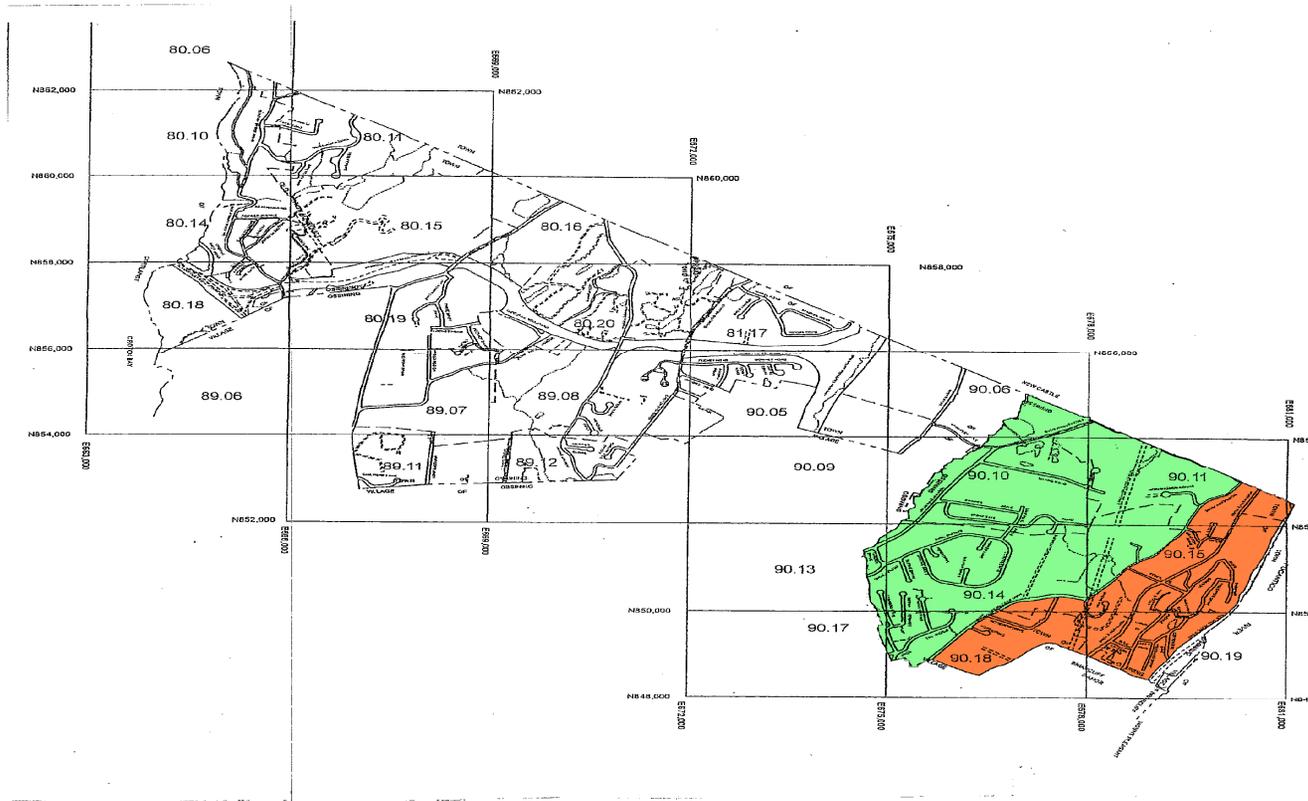
# Town of Ossining Contains Three Municipalities

- Town of Ossining
  - Village of Ossining
  - Village of Briarcliff Manor (87% geographically)
  - Unincorporated Area
    - Including Election Districts 17 & 20
- Village of Briarcliff Manor
  - 87% is in the Town of Ossining
  - 13% is in the Town of Mount Pleasant

# Where Do Your Property Taxes Go?

- Property Tax Distribution
  - **Westchester County:** Around 12%
  - **Town of Ossining:** Less than 2%
  - **School Districts:** Between 61% and 70%
  - **Local Municipality:** Between 15% and 26%
    - Village Tax OR
    - Unincorporated Town Tax + Special Districts

# How Much of the Unincorporated Area is in Question?



## What Will NOT Happen if Election Districts 17 & 20 Are Annexed by the Village of Briarcliff Manor

- ▶ School Districts, Post Office Addresses and Political Boundaries **will not change**
- ▶ Special Districts **will be preserved**, and residents of Election Districts 17 & 20 will continue to pay for them
- ▶ Remaining portions of Unincorporated Area will **not** automatically become part of the Village of Ossining

# What WILL Happen if Election Districts 17 & 20 Are Annexed by the Village of Briarcliff Manor

- Residents of Election Districts 17 & 20:
  - Will now be taxed for **BOTH** Ossining Public and Briarcliff Village Libraries
  - Will still be **responsible for their proportionate share of** all existing Town of Ossining **debt**

# What WILL Happen if Election Districts 17 & 20 Are Annexed by the Village of Briarcliff Manor

- Residents of Election Districts 17 & 20:
  - Will still be responsible for their proportionate share of all existing Town of Ossining contracts
  - Will still be taxed based on property assessment value for purposes of calculating all Town of Ossining special district tax levy amounts

# What WILL Happen if Election Districts 17 & 20 Are Annexed by the Village of Briarcliff Manor

- ▶ Residents of Election Districts 17 & 20 Will Now **PAY TWICE** for the following:
  - Refuse Collection (Garbage and Recycling)
  - Municipal Water
  - Municipal Sewer
  - Municipal Street Lighting
  - Police
  - Ambulance Protection
  - Fire Protection
  - Libraries

# What WILL Happen if Election Districts 17 & 20 Are Annexed by the Village of Briarcliff Manor

- ▶ Remainder of Unincorporated Area's taxes to increase significantly (↑ 20%)
  - \$20.16/ thousand assessed
  - Roughly \$414 per household increase

# What WILL Happen if Election Districts 17 & 20 Are Annexed by the Village of Briarcliff Manor

- ▶ Village of Briarcliff Manor residents to absorb Town of Ossining debt previously incurred by residents of 17 & 20
  - 33.68% of 2014 Unincorporated Fund Debt + Interest: **\$118,556**
  - 33.68% of 2014 Highway Fund Debt + Interest: **\$29,608**
  - 33.68% of 2014 Unincorporated Contractual Costs: **\$59,868**
  - 33.68% of 2014 Police Contract: **\$845,252**
  - Entirety of North State Road Sewer Debt: **\$55,156**
  - **TOTAL Debt Incurred by Election Districts 17 & 20 in 2014: \$1,108,440**

# What is the Rationale?

The Town and Village Boards must consider whether the residents and taxpayers in Election Districts 17 & 20 are already receiving vital, valued, appropriate and complete municipal services.

**Is the Town ensuring that residents and taxpayers in Election Districts 17 & 20 are provided with vital, valued, appropriate and complete municipal services?**

- Parks and Recreation Department services:
  - Park facilities, including a water spray park
  - Youth recreation programs and services, including summer camp
  - Adult recreation programs and services
  - Year-round swimming pool

**Is the Town ensuring that residents and taxpayers in Election Districts 17 & 20 are provided with vital, valued, appropriate and complete municipal services?**

- Senior services:
  - Senior Nutrition program: lunches and home meal delivery
  - Senior activities and programs
  - RUOK daily phone call service
  - Call-a-Cab program
  - Town Chauffer program

**Is the Town ensuring that residents and taxpayers in Election Districts 17 & 20 are provided with vital, valued, appropriate and complete municipal services?**

- Highway Department services:
  - Maintenance of Town streets and roads
  - Maintenance of Town drainage systems/ storm sewers
  - Maintenance of Town sanitary sewer system and pumping stations
  - Snow removal and ice control on Town roads
  - Leaf pick-up
  - Tree removal and trimming of trees in Town right-of-ways
  - Bulk trash collection

**Is the Town ensuring that residents and taxpayers in Election Districts 17 & 20 are provided with vital, valued, appropriate and complete municipal services?**

- Police protection and emergency response services
- Fire protection services
- Ambulance and emergency medical services, including EMT & paramedic services

**Is the Town ensuring that residents and taxpayers in Election Districts 17 & 20 are provided with vital, valued, appropriate and complete municipal services?**

- Engineering services for Town functions and projects
- Clean filtered drinking water
- Sanitary sewer collection system and pumping stations
- Street lighting
- Sanitation garbage and recyclables pick-up
- Access to Metro North train station and commuter parking

**Is the Town ensuring that residents and taxpayers in Election Districts 17 & 20 are provided with vital, valued, appropriate and complete municipal services?**

- Building Department services for building safety and code enforcement
- Planning and Zoning Department services
- Other general government support services, such as assessments, tax collection, Town Clerk, Town legal, Town finance, Town executive, etc.
- Accountable elected officials

**Is the Town ensuring that residents and taxpayers in Election Districts 17 & 20 are provided with vital, valued, appropriate and complete municipal services?**

- In addition, being annexed into the Village of Briarcliff Manor will not change the following educational and other services that are currently provided to residents and taxpayers in Election Districts 17 & 20:
  - Primary and secondary education from the Ossining Union Free School District
  - Public library from the Ossining Public Library

# Things to Consider

- ▶ How long would annexation take?
- ▶ How much would it cost?
- ▶ Is there a clear benefit to annexation for all stakeholders?
- ▶ Would annexation harm any taxpayers?
- ▶ Would Residents of 17 & 20 see appreciable savings?
- ▶ Would Village of Briarcliff Manor Residents pay more in taxes?
- ▶ Would Village of Ossining Residents pay more in taxes?
- ▶ Would this be a smart choice for everyone involved?