

Shared Highway Facility Project

Village and Town of Fort Edward

The Village and Town of Fort Edward received funding from the Shared Municipal Services Incentive (SMSI) Program to study the feasibility of consolidating aspects of their separate public works departments. As an offshoot of that study, the communities agreed to proceed with a project to move the Village highway equipment and staff to the Town's more modern highway garage site. This would enable the Village to save the funds it would otherwise have to spend in the next three to five years to replace its obsolete public works garage.



Once construction is completed, the Town and Village public works departments will be located at the same site, allowing for improved communication and project coordination, as well as increased sharing of personnel and equipment. The current Village DPW garage will be demolished to make room for possible new private development in the downtown business district. The project also includes the acquisition of underutilized industrial land to allow for the additional space needed by both departments, and the purchase of new equipment to be shared by both communities.

Funding - (Phase II)

SMSI funding	\$ 369,000
Local match (10%)	\$ 41,000
Total cost	\$ 410,000



AVALON ASSOCIATES prepared the joint Town and Village SMSI funding application, and we expect to coordinate the implementation of this phase of the Shared Highway Services Project during late 2007 and 2008.