

Shared Highway Services Project

Village and Town of Fort Edward

The Village and Town of Fort Edward share much in common. The Village is located within the Town boundaries, and the business district along Broadway (State Route 4) serves all residents as their “main street downtown”. The Village and Town are pursuing sharing resources, merging redundant functions, and consolidating services in order to take advantage of their common boundaries, reduce costs to taxpayers, and enhance local service delivery.

One area being considered for increased sharing are the highway departments. The Village’s public works garage and storage barn are severely deteriorated, and the Town recently built a new facility for its highway department just a few blocks away from the Village garage.

Relocation of the Village public works equipment to an expanded Town garage will enhance services by providing proper storage of vehicles and equipment and improved working conditions for crews. The combining of facilities would also allow operating and maintenance costs of the joint garage to be shared, rather than maintaining separate buildings at different locations.



Phase I of this project consists of two components:

- ▶ **Site Implementation Plan** to guide the move of the Village’s existing public works equipment to the Town’s modern garage just a few blocks away, and
- ▶ **Merger Impact Analysis** to identify the long-term benefits and costs of combining both Village and Town public works departments into a single highway department.

Funding - (Phase I)

SMSI Grant	\$ 23,000
Local match (10%)	\$ 3,000
Total	\$26,000



AVALON ASSOCIATES will coordinate this project with a local implementation committee as well as applicable real estate, legal and design consultants to complete the studies necessary to implement future shared highway services projects in Fort Edward.