

Proposed Joint Consolidation Agreement
Staatsburg Fire District and Roosevelt Fire District

1. Names of Each Local Government Entity to Be Consolidated

1.1 The names of the local government entities to be consolidated are the Staatsburg Fire District and Roosevelt Fire District. (hereinafter, the "Fire Districts").

2. Name of the Proposed Consolidated Local Government Entity

2.1 The name of the proposed consolidated local government entity shall be the Roosevelt Fire District.

2.2 Such name distinguishes it from any other like unit of government in the state of New York except the name of any one of the entities to be consolidated.

3. The Rights, Duties and Obligations of the Proposed Consolidated Local Government Entity

3.1 The consolidated entity, the Roosevelt Fire District shall have all the rights, duties and obligations as those that currently exist in the Fire Districts, as well as all rights, duties and obligations afforded all fire districts under Town Law Article 11 and as otherwise provided by law as a political subdivision of the State of New York and a district corporation in order to provide fire protection and other emergency services to the geographic area presently encompassing the Fire Districts.

4. Territorial Boundaries of the Proposed Consolidated Local Government Entity

4.1 The territorial boundaries of the proposed consolidated local government entity, that being the Roosevelt Fire District will be the current territorial boundaries of the Staatsburg Fire District and the Roosevelt Fire District, and as being set-out and described with particularity in the attached Schedule A and as described in the map of the consolidated Roosevelt Fire District attached as Schedule B.

5. The Type and/ or Class of the Proposed Consolidated Local Government Entity

5.1 The type and/ or class of proposed local government entity is a fire district under Town Law Article 11 and as otherwise provided by law. The new consolidated fire district shall operate consistent with and according to Article 11 of the Town Law, and such other laws as shall apply to fire districts.

6. The Governmental Organization of the Proposed Consolidated Local Government Entity

6.1 Elected and Appointed Officials

6.1.1 There shall be five (5) publically elected fire commissioners, an appointed fire district treasurer and an appointed fire district secretary, except as otherwise provided herein for the initial commissioners, treasurer and secretary.

6.1.2 The fire district commissioners shall be publically elected, hold office and have such authority, duties and responsibilities as provided for town fire district commissioners consistent with and pursuant to Town Law Article 11 and as otherwise provided for by law.

6.1.3 The fire district treasurer shall be appointed by the board of fire commissioners, hold office and have such authority, duties and responsibilities as provided for town fire district treasurer consistent with and pursuant to Town Law Article 11 and as otherwise provided for by law.

6.1.4 The fire district secretary shall be appointed by the board of fire commissioners, hold office and have such authority, duties and responsibilities as provided for town fire district secretary consistent with and pursuant to Town Law Article 11 and as otherwise provided for by law.

6.2 Fire Commissioners, Treasurer and Secretary

6.2.1 Upon approval of this Proposed Joint Consolidation Agreement, and upon the effective date of the new consolidated fire district, the Roosevelt Fire District shall be governed by a consolidated Board of Fire Commissioners composed of the fire district commissioners from the Roosevelt Fire District in office on the effective date of the new consolidated fire district (the “fire commissioners”).

6.2.2 Each of the fire commissioners shall hold office until December 31st of their respective terms of office existing at the effective date of the new consolidated fire district.

6.2.3 Upon approval of this Proposed Joint Consolidation Agreement, and upon the effective date of the new consolidated fire district, the secretary and treasurer from the Roosevelt Fire District in office on the effective date of the new consolidated fire district shall be the secretary and treasurer of the Roosevelt Fire District.

6.2.4 The secretary and treasurer shall hold office until December 31st of their respective terms of office existing at the effective date of the new consolidated fire district.

6.3 Annual Elections

6.3.1 The first annual election in the consolidated Roosevelt Fire District shall be held on the second Tuesday of December of the year that the new consolidated fire district is effective.

6.3.2 The annual elections of the Roosevelt Fire District shall continue to be conducted in accordance with Town Law Article 11 and as otherwise provided by law.

6.4 Compensation of Fire District Officials

6.4.1 Pursuant to Town Law 174(3), fire district commissioners of the new consolidated fire district shall receive no compensation for their services, but a commissioner acting as the secretary of the fire district may be compensated.

6.4.2 Pursuant to Town Law 174(3), the fire district secretary may receive compensation as the Board of Fire Commissioners may establish.

6.4.3 Pursuant to Town Law 174(3), the fire district treasurer may receive compensation as the Board of Fire Commissioners may establish.

6.5 Qualifications for Fire District Officers

6.5.1 Every fire district commissioner, treasurer and secretary must at the time of their election or appointment and throughout their term of office be a resident of such new consolidated fire district and shall meet all the other requirements of their office as set forth in Town Law Article 11 and as otherwise provided by law.

6.6 Length of Service Award Program

6.6.1 Currently, the Roosevelt Fire District is the sponsor of a Length of Service Award Program (“LOSAP”), having been established effective January 1992 with the rules and regulations therefor having been adopted by the Board of Fire Commissioners on November 13, 1991.

6.6.2 The Roosevelt Fire District LOSAP provides monetary benefits to the participants who qualify annually according to the program as adopted by the Roosevelt Fire District Board of Fire Commissioners.

6.6.3 Currently, the Staatsburg Fire District does not sponsor of a Length of Service Award Program (“LOSAP”).

6.6.4 It is proposed that the Roosevelt Fire District LOSAP will be extended to qualified members of the Staatsburg Fire Department, Inc. as follows:

6.6.4.1 Commencing on the January 1st immediately following the completion of the consolidation of the Fire Districts (“Staatsburg Commencement Date”), the qualified members of the Staatsburg Fire Department, Inc. shall be eligible to participate in the LOSAP established by the Roosevelt Fire District (the “Plan”) pursuant to General Municipal Law (“GML”) Section 217 and the Plan. However, no prior credit shall be given to such members for any service prior to the Staatsburg Commencement Date.

6.6.4.2 Thereafter, and commencing with the fiscal year of the Roosevelt Fire District commencing immediately following the consolidation of the Fire Districts, the LOSAP for all

members under the jurisdiction of the Roosevelt Fire District shall receive credit and benefits as provided for in the Plan, with the cost of such being a charge on the consolidated Roosevelt Fire District.

7. Fiscal Estimate of the Cost of and Savings Which May Be Realized from Consolidation

7.1 The estimated cost of the consolidation of the Fire Districts is set forth in Schedule C hereto.

7.2 The estimated savings that may be realized from the proposed consolidation of the two existing Fire Districts into the new Roosevelt Fire District are set forth in Schedule D hereto and are based upon the boards of fire commissioners of the existing fire districts using medium revenue assumptions, a combination of the budgets of the existing Fire Districts for 2018, and would put the new Roosevelt Fire District in a stronger position financially, as follows:

7.2.1 Merging the fund balances may create greater leverage for capital purchases.

7.2.2 The pooling of the monetary assets of the new Roosevelt Fire District will allow greater return on the investment and higher interest earned.

7.2.3 The new consolidated Roosevelt Fire District may save money on its insurance liability coverage, vehicles collision and liability insurances as well as property casualty and fire insurance premiums, relative to the insurance costs for two separate fire districts.

7.2.4 An economy of scale will save the new consolidated Roosevelt Fire District additional sums in several respects of operations and related costs, including by the reduction in current paid staffing: upon consolidation, there will be one treasurer instead of two, one secretary instead of two and one legal representative instead of two.

7.2.5 Reducing staff will most likely reduce the need for office space, office supplies, computer equipment and supplies, office furniture and related expenses.

7.2.6 Consolidation will result in an increase in the assessment base, allowing for a higher spending limitation, less fluctuation in tax revenue, and a steady and a more consistent tax revenue stream.

7.2.7 Consolidation will save the need for separate state-mandated independent audits.

7.2.8 Costs for services, including equipment and higher standards for training continues to rise. At the same time fire districts are now constrained in raising funds to offset these higher costs due to the tax levy cap. A combined larger budget will provide greater flexibility to address these increased costs and imposed higher standards, especially where efficiencies can be realized based on economy of scale and avoiding duplicate services and costs. Consolidating the finances of the two districts will alleviate some of this pressure and help position the new consolidated fire district on a stronger foundation moving forward.

7.2.9 A new consolidated fire district offers improvements in efficiency by consolidating the administrative structure from seven chiefs and ten fire commissioners (17 total positions) to four chiefs and five fire commissioners (nine total positions). One benefit is the reduction in the need for volunteers to fill these roles. However, more significantly, several

barriers are removed to inter-district communication and lack of partnership between the districts. Having one set of commissioners responsible for making the decisions for the district also eliminates multiple decision-making (e.g., governing) bodies.

7.2.10 A single district-level fire chief will help streamline the command structure and facilitate a good protocol in emergency situations. A leaner command structure should promote better communication between the fire companies and aid in improving the overall productivity of the fire companies. While it is uncertain whether the overall pool of volunteers will grow, without duplicate aggressive recruitment and retention programs, pooling from a larger area for volunteer membership should enhance the response and coverage for the entire district. Allowing for the entire membership of the two fire districts to respond to the primary dispatch of an emergency will encourage a broader and timelier response. Additionally, the pool of volunteers can be coordinated more effectively during deployment to emergencies and for training purposes. The pool of volunteers available to serve as fire commissioners, treasurer and secretary will also be enhanced.

7.2.11 There will be significant cost savings for Volunteer Firefighter Benefits Law insurance coverage, which coverage provides medical expenses and lost wage benefits to volunteer firefighters injured in the line of duty. The current premiums assessed to the Staatsburg Fire District for such coverage will be wholly eliminated without any increased premium costs to the consolidated Roosevelt Fire District.

8. Each Entity's Assets, including, but not limited to, Real and Personal Property, and the Fair Value thereof in Current Money of the United States

8.1. Staatsburg Fire District Assets

The assets of the Staatsburg Fire District and the fair value thereof in current money of the United States as of January 1, 2018 are set forth in Schedule E.

8.2 Roosevelt Fire District Assets

The assets of the Roosevelt Fire District and the fair value thereof in current money of the United States as of January 1, 2018 are set forth in Schedule F.

9. Each Entity's Liabilities and Indebtedness, Bonded and Otherwise, and the Fair Value thereof in Current Money of the United States

9.1 Liabilities and Indebtedness of the Staatsburg Fire District

The liabilities and indebtedness of the Staatsburg Fire District, bonded and otherwise, and the fair value thereof in current money of the United States are set forth in Schedule G hereto.

9.2 Liabilities and Indebtedness of the Roosevelt Fire District

The liabilities and indebtedness of the Roosevelt Fire District, bonded and otherwise, and the fair value thereof in current money of the United States are set forth in Schedule H hereto.

10. The Terms for the Disposition of Existing Assets, Liabilities and Indebtedness of Each Local Government Entity, Either Jointly, Separately or in Certain Defined Proportions

10.1 The assets, liabilities (currently only various vendor agreements) and indebtedness (none) of the Staatsburg Fire District shall become the assets, liabilities and indebtedness of the Roosevelt Fire District in their entirety.

10.2 The assets, liabilities and indebtedness of the Roosevelt Fire District shall remain the assets, liabilities and indebtedness of the Roosevelt Fire District.

10.2.1 To the extent that the Roosevelt Fire District has current indebtedness incurred by bond or other instrument requiring to be approved by the voters of the Roosevelt Fire District prior to the consolidation, and as set forth and described in Schedule H hereto, such indebtedness shall remain the obligation of the tax parcels of the current Roosevelt Fire District and not of the current Staatsburg Fire District upon consolidation unless approved by the voters of the entire consolidated fire district after consolidation.

10.2.2 The consolidated Roosevelt Fire District shall take and maintain tail insurance coverage insuring the acts of the commissioners and officers of the Staatsburg Fire District prior to the consolidation. Additionally, the commissioners and officers of the Staatsburg Fire District, the Staatsburg Fire Department, Staatsburg Auxiliary and the Staatsburg Rescue Squad will be included as an additional named insured on all policies of Roosevelt Fire District, which will include coverage for full prior acts under the management liability policy for Roosevelt Fire District and the endorsement will name all past, present and future directors and officers. If and in the event the consolidated Roosevelt Fire District changes insurance carrier or replaces coverage was afforded at the time of consolidation, such coverage should be duplicated without charge with any new carrier.

11. The Terms for the Common Administration and Uniform Enforcement of Local Laws, Ordinances, Resolutions, Orders and the like, within the Proposed Consolidated Local Government Entity, consistent with General Municipal Law 769

11.1 Subject to the provisions of this Joint Consolidation Agreement pertaining to the common administration and uniform enforcement of laws in the consolidated local government

entity, all local laws, ordinances, rules or regulations of the component local government entities, that being the Staatsburg Fire District and Roosevelt Fire District, in effect on the effective date of consolidation shall remain in full force and effect within the respective areas of the component local government entities that existed prior to consolidation, insofar as the local laws, ordinances, rules or regulations are not repugnant to law, until repealed or amended. As soon as practicable but not later than two years after the effective date of consolidation, the governing body of the consolidated local government entity, that being the new Roosevelt Fire District shall adopt new local laws, ordinances, rules and regulations as necessary to redress conflicts and otherwise redress ambiguities arising among the then-existing laws, ordinances, rules or regulations for the common administration, if any, and uniform governance of the new Roosevelt Fire District.

12. The Effective Date of the Proposed Consolidation

12.1 The effective date of the proposed consolidation is July 1, 2018.

13. The Time and Place for the Public Hearing on such Proposed Joint Consolidation Agreement Pursuant to General Municipal Law 754

13.1 The public hearing on this Proposed Joint Consolidation Agreement shall be held on June 11, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. at the Roosevelt High School or such other time and place as the Fire Districts may set, subject to proper public notice thereof as required by law.

Dated: April 12, 2018

BOARDS OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
ROOSEVELT FIRE DISTRICT
STAATSBURG FIRE DISTRICT

SCHEDULE A

Legal Description of the Proposed Boundaries of the
consolidated Roosevelt Fire District

BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION
ROOSEVELT FIRE DISTRICT

ALL THAT territory situate wholly within the Town of Hyde Park, Dutchess County, New York, described as follows:

BEGINNING at a point at the extreme northeast corner of the Hyde Park Fire District and running south along the east boundary of the said Hyde Park Fire District to the extreme southeast corner of said district, thence west along the south boundary of the Hyde Park Fire District to the point where it intersects with the west boundary of the Town of Hyde Park, thence south along the west boundary line of the Town of Hyde Park to a point where the north boundary of the Fairview Fire District intersects with the west boundary line of the said town, thence running east and south around the north and east boundary lines of the Fairview Fire District to a point where the east boundary line of the Fairview District intersects with the south boundary line of the Town of Hyde Park, thence east along the south line of the Town of Hyde Park to a point on said line 300 ft. west of the center line of Peach Road where the road intersects the Town lines, thence in a northeast direction along a line parallel to, but 300 feet west of the center line of Peach Road to a point on the center line of the Salt Point Turnpike, thence due north to a point 300 feet north of the center line of the Turnpike, thence in a northerly direction on a line parallel to, but 300 feet west of the center line of the Turnpike and continuing up the west side of Quaker Lane on a line parallel to Quaker Lane, 300 feet west of the center line, to a point 300 feet due west of the intersection of the center line of Quaker and Ruskey Lanes, thence northwesterly in a straight line to a point formed by the intersection of the center lines of Fallkill Road and Old 9G, thence running in a straight line in a southwesterly direction to the point of beginning.

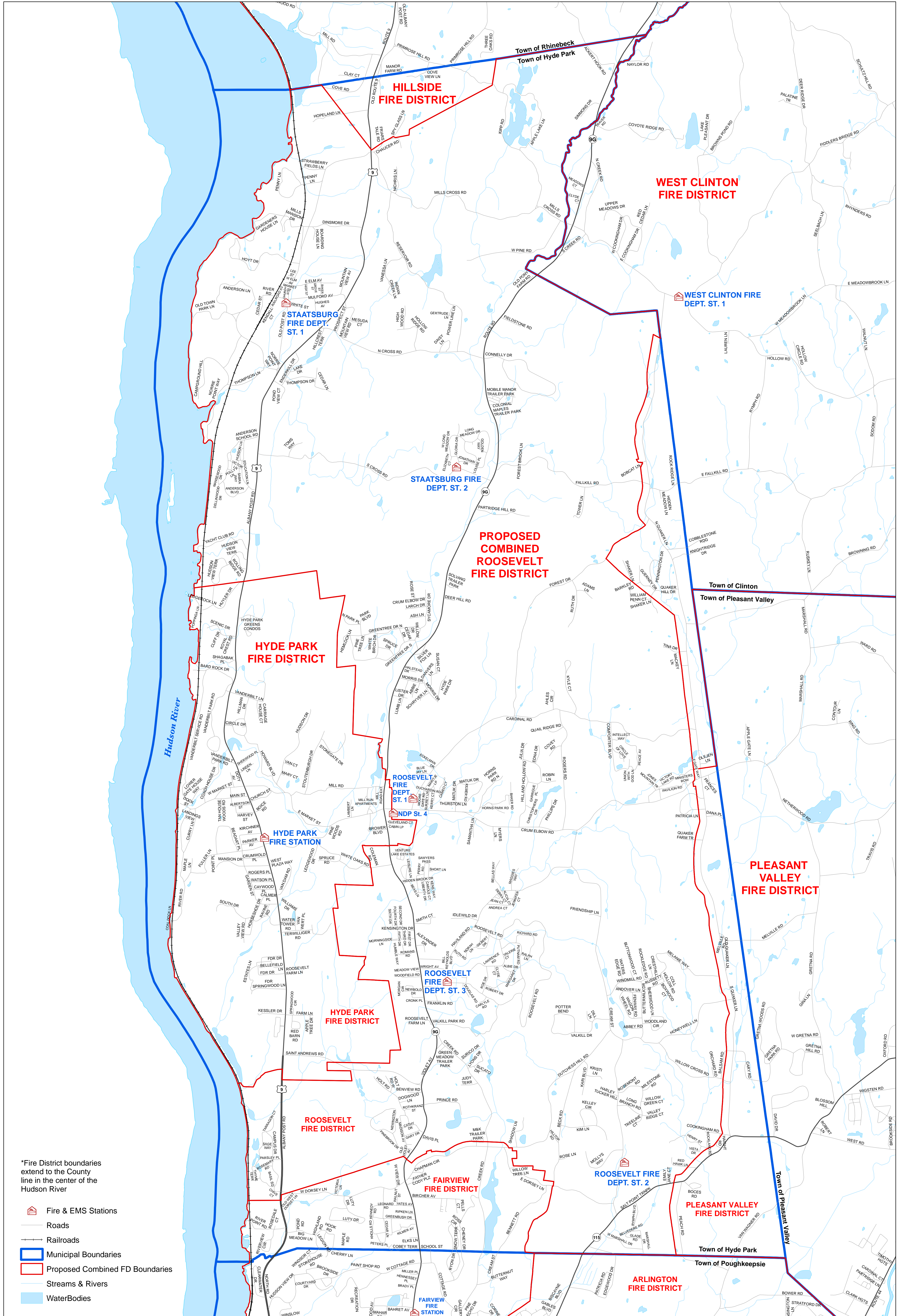
TOGETHER WITH all that land lying totally within the Town of Hyde Park bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at a point on the westerly boundary of the Town of Hyde Park, said point being the point of intersection of that Town boundary line and the northerly boundary of the Hyde Park Fire & Water District; thence in an easterly direction along the aforesaid northerly district boundary to its point of intersection with the northwesterly boundary of the Roosevelt Fire District, this point being the northeasterly corner of the Hyde Park Fire & Water District; thence in a northeasterly direction along the said Roosevelt Fire District boundary to a point formed by the intersection of the centerlines of Fallkill Road and Old New York State Route 9G; thence in an easterly direction along the centerline of Fallkill Road to a point on said centerline which also lies on a line parallel to the centerline of Old New York State Route 9G and 300 feet easterly thereof, measured perpendicularly; thence in a northerly direction along a line parallel to and 300 feet easterly of the centerline of Old New York State Route 9G (Creek Road) to the point of

intersection of that centerline with the centerline of New York State Route 9G; thence continuing along a line parallel to and 300 feet easterly of the centerline of New York State Route 9G to the southerly property line of lands now or formerly Hayes; thence along a line formed by the aforesaid southerly boundary and continuing in said direction to a point formed by the intersection of that line and the centerline of the Crum Elbow Creek; thence northerly along the centerline of the Crum Elbow Creek to its point of intersection with the northerly boundary line of the aforementioned lands now or formerly Hayes; thence in a westerly direction along a line parallel to and 800 feet southerly of the centerline of West Pine Road and continuing in the same general direction to a point, said point lying on the easterly property line of lands now or formerly of the Staatsburg Water Company; thence northerly along the aforesaid easterly boundary 1650 feet more or less to a point, said point lying on a line parallel to and 800 feet northerly of the centerline of West Pine Road; thence along the said parallel line in an easterly direction a distance of 2200 feet, more or less; thence along a straight line in a northwesterly direction to that point where the southerly and easterly boundaries of the Hillside Fire District converge on Kipp Road; thence in a southwesterly direction along the southerly boundary of the Hillside Fire District to its junction with U. S. Route 9; thence northwesterly along the boundary of the Hillside Fire District to its point of intersection with the northerly boundary line of the Town of Hyde Park; thence in a westerly direction along the said northerly Town line to the northwesterly corner of the Town of Hyde Park, part of said course also representing the southerly boundary of the Rhinecliff Fire District; thence in a southerly direction along the westerly Town line of the Town of Hyde Park to the point and place of beginning.

SCHEDULE B

Map of the Proposed consolidated Roosevelt Fire District



*Fire District boundaries extend to the County line in the center of the Hudson River

- Fire & EMS Stations
- Roads
- Railroads
- Municipal Boundaries
- Proposed Combined FD Boundaries
- Streams & Rivers
- WaterBodies

Proposed Consolidated Roosevelt Fire District

Fire District boundary data provided by Dutchess County Real Property Tax Agency

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SCHEDULE C

Estimated Cost of Consolidation

The estimated cost of the consolidation of the Fire Districts is estimated to be as follows:

Legal Fees	\$ 10,000
Publication and Legal Notices	\$ 500
Recording and Filing Fees	\$ 200
Miscellaneous Expenses	\$ 500

SCHEDULE D

Estimated Savings of Consolidation

RFD- Staatsburg Consolidation

	Potential Savings	
Chiefs Car (only 1)	\$	1,500.00
Staatsburg Treas/Sec Salary	\$	26,500.00
Social Security Tax	\$	2,295.00
Custodian Salary	\$	3,500.00
Vehicle & Apparatus	\$	10,000.00
Audit Fees	\$	2,000.00
Legal Fees	\$	2,000.00
Radios	\$	2,000.00
Subscriptions & Dues	\$	1,750.00
Dress Uniforms	\$	1,000.00
Legal Notices	\$	300.00
Inspection Dinner	\$	6,000.00
Cell Phone	\$	2,000.00
Election Cost	\$	70.00
Office Supplies	\$	500.00
Insurance	\$	20,000.00
Total Estimated Cost Savings	\$	81,415.00

*Estimated Cost Savings if Staatsburg Fire District had to hire paid firefighters is \$1.5 million annually.

	Potential Increased Cost	
16 Draegers (1 time cost from Reserve)	\$	100,000.00
Add'l 12 people in LOSAP (Annually)	\$	12,000.00

SCHEDULE E

Assets of the Staatsburg Fire District

As of January 1, 2018

The assets of the Staatsburg Fire District and the fair value thereof in current money of the United States as of January 1, 2018 are:

Real Property¹

Station 1, 49 Old Post Road, Staatsburg, NY	\$683,600
Station 2, 159 South Cross Road, Staatsburg, NY	\$285,100

Vehicles²

6411 Pumper	\$344,000
6412 Pumper	\$319,000
6413 Pumper	\$482,000
6414 Pumper	\$222,000
6451 Heavy Rescue	\$340,000
6467 Utility	\$100,000
6469 BLS Fly Car	\$ 22,000
64-1 Chiefs Car	\$ 49,000
2012 Ford Pickup Plow	\$ 25,000
Polaris ATV with trailer	\$ 23,000

Personal Property

Equipment	\$200,000
Turnout Gear	\$ 81,000
Scot Packs	\$ 70,000
Radios	\$ 86,600
Furniture, Furnishings, Computers and Peripherals	\$ 10,000
Other	\$ 10,000

Monetary Assets

General Fund	\$ 59,110
Equipment and Apparatus Emergency Fund	\$282,300
Equipment and Apparatus Reserve Fund	\$317,882
Building Reserve Fund	\$351,822

¹ Assessed valuation

² Insurance values

SCHEDULE F

Assets of the Roosevelt Fire District

As of January 1, 2018

The assets of the Roosevelt Fire District and the fair value thereof in current money of the United States as of January 1, 2018 are:

Real Property¹

Station 1, 9 Cardinal Rd, Hyde Park NY	\$ 360,000.00
Station 2, 265 Cream Street, Poughkeepsie NY	\$ 733,300.00
Station 3, 830 Violet Ave, Hyde Park, NY	\$ 2,002,000.00
1 Bill Reynolds Blvd, Hyde Park, NY	\$ 441,200.00

Vehicles²

6301 Chief's Vehicle	\$ 28,819.00
6311 Pumper	\$ 463,000.00
6412 Pumper	\$ 412,000.00
6313 Pumper	\$ 486,558.00
6414 Pumper	\$ 420,000.00
6415 Pumper	\$ 352,000.00
6316 Pumper	\$ 352,000.00
6345 Ladder Truck	\$ 853,000.00
6351 Heavy Rescue	\$ 467,000.00
6322 Brush Truck	\$ 131,000.00
6371 Ambulance	\$ 160,000.00

Personal Property³

Equipment	\$ 82,664.00
Turn-out Gear	\$ 477,970.00
Radios	\$ 137,846.00
Furniture, Furnishings, Computers & Peripherals	\$ 65,820.00

Monetary Assets⁴

General Fund	\$ 157,637.63
Equipment Reserve	\$ 560,470.94
Building Reserve	\$ 182,745.91
2014 Bond Reserve Fund	\$ 357,578.69
Building Fee	\$ 16,054.74

LOSAP Valuation \$ 3,484,891.45

¹ Current assessed values.

² Source: Insurance valuation.

³ Source: Appraisal.

⁴ 12/31/17 Balance Sheet.

SCHEDULE G

Liabilities and Indebtedness
of the Staatsburg Fire District
As of January 1, 2018

The liabilities of the Staatsburg Fire District, bonded and otherwise, and the fair value thereof in current money of the United States as of January 1, 2018 are:

Ambulance Service Agreement (jointly with Hyde Park Fire and Water District) with prorated fee obligations being:

2018: \$45,801.67
2019: \$47,717.70
2020: \$48,672.06
2021: \$49,645.50

Agreement for training with One Step Bailout, Inc.

Various on-going utility and services contracts (hydrant fees, dumpster, propane, alarm system)

SCHEDULE H

Liabilities and Indebtedness
of the Roosevelt Fire District
As of January 1, 2018

The liabilities and indebtedness of the Roosevelt Fire District, bonded and otherwise, and the fair value thereof in current money of the United States as of January 1, 2018 are:

Bond for Station 3	Original Issue:	\$3,400,000
	Current Balance:	\$2,990,000
	Maturity Date:	05/01/2034