

Bergen LEADS Presentation Eliminate Municipal Government?
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References:

Slide 4: THE BAD

More local governments.....

from: "New Jersey Politics and Government The Suburbs Come of Age", 3rd Edition,
2008, Barbara G. Salmore and Stephen A. Salmore, page 239

Slide 5: THE BAD

Combined Payroll: NJbythenumbers.com

Slide 13: A REGIONAL EXAMPLE

Population 58,000:

US Census population data (online inquiry): Glen Rock 11,546; HoHoKus 4,060;
Midland Park 6947; Washington Township 8983

Ridgewood 26,243 from a more current newspaper article that I can't locate....if we were
to use the US census number it would be 24936 which would result in a total population
of 56,472, i.e. not significantly different from the 58,000 and would result in a larger
Current Budget on page 15 and thereby bigger projected savings (therefore our stated
results would be less than what we indicated).

Budget Numbers: \$270 million

Municipal Budgets:

Glen Rock 2009 from their website: \$16.1 million

Ridgewood 2009 from Village of Ridgewood Spring 2010 Reports: \$55 million

Midland Park from Michelle Dugan, Midland Park Clerk (201 445 5720): \$9.4 million

Washington Township from clerk (201 664 4404): \$11.9 million

HoHoKus – Contacted Laura the town clerk, followed up several times and never got a
response; this became part of the rounding

School Budgets:

Glen Rock from www.glenrocknj.com: \$41 million

HoHoKus from www.northjersey.com/towns/Ho-Ho-Kus; tax levy portion of budget:
\$10.7 million

Midland Park from

www.northjersey.com/news/politics/elections/89062762_2010_School_Elections_Midland_Park: \$19.4 million

Ridgewood from www.ridgewood.k12.nj.us : Under District Administration, click on
Board of Education \$84.9 million

Washington Township from the Westwood Regional School District Website and click on user friendly budget: \$21 million (which is half of the total since Washington Township shares with Westwood at a rate of approx 50%.

Slide 14: A REGIONAL EXAMPLE

The number of positions were taken from “Bergen County 2009 County and Municipal Directory” by adding up each of those positions for each of the 5 towns.

Slide 15: THE WHOLE PICTURE:

Current budget is a simple extrapolation of the Ridgewood Regional budget, i.e. \$270 million. We used a more conservative 7% *(representing the percentage of towns and population of the Ridgewood area compared to total Bergen County).

*N.B.The population represented 6.4% of Bergen County (or 6.27% if we adjust Ridgewood’s numbers to use the census). The towns represent 7.14% of total Bergen County. We used 7% as our number to extrapolate....had we used 6%, our total budget for Bergen County municipalities would have been \$4.5 Billion, a much bigger number yielding a much bigger save. So the numbers we reflected are much more conservative.

Slide 16: THIS IS NOT UTOPIAN

Louisville: Jane to provide

Fulton County, Georgia: Jane/Damian to provide

Seneca Falls, NY: CGR (Center for Governmental Research) Village of Seneca Falls Dissolution Plan Final Report on Dissolution and Alternatives to Dissolution for the Village of Seneca Falls