

Merger Webpage Comments and Questions with Responses

Comments and questions are in blue and responses are in red.

3/30/26: "I'm totally in favor of the merger. I was away for both merger meetings. I do have one question. I'm familiar that both Adams and Mars currently have their own water systems. What will happen to these systems when the merger comes to fruition? Will the two systems be tied into one system or remain two separate systems serving their current customers? I do know that the type of system that Mars operates is older can be more costly. Will the customers of Adams Water have to pick up added costs?"

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- No changes to either system will take place with the merger. The Adams system is run by a separate authority, and the Mars system would transfer to the merged municipality. Both systems are self-sustaining.

3/27/26: "I have heard about the meeting for this after the fact. I would be like to be added for inclusion for any future public discussion meetings.

I live in a community called ""Pinnacle at Adams"". Changing the name of the township will confuse people searching for our plan or trying to find our plan if this merger goes thru.

Will funding be available to our community of 55 homes so that we can change the name ""Pinnacle at Mars""? Which I'm not sure I even like that name as it doesn't sound as regal."

- We look forward to your attendance at future meetings.
- A name change for a subdivision is not required nor requested when the municipality changes names.
- No, funding will not be made available for this request from the Township. Noted.

3/26/26: I would like to see real numbers related to the dollars offered by grant money. How will the merger help to pay for additional road upkeep in both Adams and Mars?

- Dollar values to particular merger related work have yet to be fully determined.
- Both municipalities currently receive a Liquid Fuels funding allocation from the State. The funds currently going to both would post-merger go to one entity. This value is calculated off of lane miles and thus would not change with the merger.

3/26/26: I am all for shared services and the name sounds great but the residents of Adams need to hear that the property owners are willing to promote the town as well. What happened to the shop n Save will long be remembered as a prime example of property

owners not caring. I see examples of business owners fighting each other on social media. A merger is not going to change that.

- Thank you for the comments.

3/26/26: How will the Mars Post Office change? I know that the Adams part of Treesdale became Gibsonia because the post office couldn't handle the growth back then. Also before The Borough of Mars can grow/change something must be done with the roads especially Mars Evans City road as it comes into town and gridlocks at the funeral home. Additionally there is a ton of truck traffic along with all of the extremely large trucks from the Vogel weigh station.

- There will be no change to postal services or the post office as that is outside of the scope of local/municipal government.
- That particular stretch of roadway is a state road and conversations with PennDOT will continue.

3/25/26: If the merger goes through, who will be the supervisors of the new Mars Township, the current Adams Township supervisors?
And also, what happens to the members of the current Mars Borough council and administration?

- Yes, the Adams Township Board of Supervisors becomes the governing body for the merged entity on January 1, 2028.
- Mars residents would participate in electing one supervisor for the new entity in 2027 to be seated on January 1, 2028. They could run for that seat as well.
- Mars Council and Mayor would dissolve at the end of 2027.

3/24/26: Will Mars Borough part time and full time police officers be offered full time positions with the Adams Township Police Department.

- Full-time officers will be offered full-time positions with the Adams Township Police Department.

3/24/26: I do think the merger of the Police would be a good thing for all>

- Thank you for the comment.

3/24/26: Russ Ford: Stated at the last meeting , this would save tax's for Mars people . HOW? Adams Township, At this time is helping with their taxes now; with all the farms and open land being built with new homes. In five or so years, must will be used up. Then tax's will have to go up.
A week after the last meeting ,the Butler paper showed the tax; for all Butler County

taxes Adams was listed at 25 m . Mars was listed at 10m. Tell me how this is going to save me money.

- With the merger there would be no change to Adams municipal rate of 3.75. The Mars municipal rate of 25.33 would lower to that of Adams.

3/24/26: How will this merger effect the tax rate?

- With the merger there would be no change to Adams municipal rate of 3.75. The Mars municipal rate of 25.33 would lower to that of Adams.

3/23/26: no questions

- Thank you.

3/23/26: "What does this effect for the status quo?"

How does this help financially compared to the status quo?

What benefits to the residents will this bring?

What benefits does this bring for economic development of Mars Borough and Adams Township?

We love being from Mars, with a Mars address, though we don't live in the borough. We hope that identity continues."

- Mars would gain 24/7 local police coverage and have greater resources for Public Works. Please see the presentations posted on the webpage for more benefits.
- We've run the numbers. Even with the proposed tax reduction in Mars, by eliminating duplicative items, additional funds are opened up in the Mars budget.
- Please see our posted presentations for a list of benefits for each municipality.
- It is our expectation that this leads to greater purchasing power and further investment in Downtown Mars with a new library and further infrastructure improvements.
- We understand the value placed on identity, and addresses will not change as the Post Office is not part of this process.

3/19/26: Will it affect my property and other taxes

- With the merger there would be no change to Adams municipal rate of 3.75. The Mars municipal rate of 25.33 would lower to that of Adams.

3/15/26: "I love Mars. I've lived here most of my life. Moved out here into Adams Twp. just out of the borough in the mid-50's as a child. Please don't call Mars by any other name; and Mars High should always be Mars High and NOT Mars- Adams or anything else.

Thank you for listening to my opinion."

- Mars Township is the name being proposed on the ballot for the public vote.

3/10/26: I am concerned about the possible loss of the mayor's position if the merger goes through. The mayor's role has been to be a champion for the region, someone who works to bring favorable recognition and drive tourism and visitation. The current mayor has accomplished this in many ways including the Mars NY which brings top level science into the area. I don't know if the township structure could create a role for this type of person, but I think it is very important to the community.

- The Township utilizes its Chairman in a role similar to a Mayor in a Borough. It is worth noting that Mars will gain Adams' 36 full-time employees in addition to Mars' existing 6 full-time employees.

3/4/26: The school district offered the auditorium for this meeting...why not hold it there?

- Twelve Oaks has been generous enough to donate the use of their facility at no cost for the first and second joint public meetings. Thank you and additional options can be considered for future meetings.

3/3/26: I am a member of the Mars Area Public Library Board

- Thank you for your community service.

2/19/26: It was stated that the residents of Mars Borough would have their taxes decreased as well as that no employees would lose their positions in the merger. How does the Township plan on compensating for the increase of employees and the cost of acquiring more infrastructure? How have potential expenses been accounted for and what is the plan for ensuring that the current residents of Adams Twp do not face the financial burden in the future of this merger if it should happen?

- With the merger there would be no change to Adams municipal rate of 3.75. The Mars municipal rate of 25.33 would lower to that of Adams.
- We've run the numbers. Even with the proposed tax reduction in Mars, by eliminating duplicative items, additional funds are opened up in the Mars budget.

1/24/26: I think this is a great idea and I support this merger as an Adams Township resident. Please keep Mars in the name of the proposed new township name. Thank you for all your hard work bringing this idea to life and getting it on the ballot!

- Mars Township is the name being proposed on the ballot for the public vote and thank you.

1/24/26: It would be a shame to lose the name Mars, even though I live in Adams myself. We have the Mars mailing address already so Mars Township does make sense. I look forward to hearing other suggestions for a new name!

- Mars Township is the name being proposed on the ballot for the public vote and mailing addresses will not change as the post office is not part of this process.

1/23/26: How sad it would be to lose the identity of the town of Mars, PA if there were a merger

- Mars Township is the name being proposed on the ballot for the public vote and we understand the friendly small-town atmosphere that you value.

1/23/26: Mars township or nothing

- Mars Township is the name being proposed on the ballot for the public vote.

1/23/26: When I moved to the area in 1984 the town of Mars was so vibrant! Anytime communities can come together for shared resources is a good thing. I am hopeful that the thinking is more progressive and will allow the owners of Mars real estate to be open to new business. As has been mentioned in the past that might start with a grocery store. I support the merger and really am not concerned about the name or identity. I personally would love to support small business in a town. Excited to hear more!

- Thank you.

1/23/26: As of now i'd say go for it 100%.

- Thank you.

1/22/26: "I live in Adams Twp. I'm mostly indifferent to the merger, although I can see benefits for the Borough.

One thing I think MUST not, CANNOT change, is the names. Any name change will be a great detriment to Mars.

Think of the City of Pgh. and it's neighborhoods. Their identity is in the names. Lawrenceville, Shadyside etc. Everyone knows they are in the City, but they maintain their neighborhood identity. If Mars Borough is part of Adams Township fine. Don't change the name!"

- Mars Township is the name being proposed on the ballot for the public vote.

1/22/26: "Adams Township resident, Mars should keep its name, whether it becomes part of the township or not.

We could become Mars township if it is necessary for any type of name change."

- Mars Township is the name being proposed on the ballot for the public vote.

1/22/26: I'm a business owner in downtown Mars and wondered what the merger will mean for businesses.

- We are committed to a new library in Downtown Mars if the merger is approved. If you own your property, taxes will be reduced. We do not anticipate any other changes at this point.

1/21/26: Interested in how a merger would affect Zoning, both commercial and residential.

- No changes to Adams'. We are reviewing Mars' current zoning and expect to roll those current districts into the Adams Code. Further analysis is needed and we invite you to review any proposals related to this as they are presented.

1/21/26: Just wanting to understand the process for this to possibly be considered by both communities.

- Please see the presentations posted from the recent public meetings for process information.

1/20/26: "How will this merger impact property taxes in Mars Borough?"

Does this mean the Mars Library will be moved out of the borough?

With consolidation, does that mean there will be layoffs related to the merger?"

- With the merger there would be no change to Adams municipal rate of 3.75. The Mars municipal rate of 25.33 would lower to that of Adams.
- We are committed to a new library in Downtown Mars if the merger is approved.

- No full-time employee in Adams would lose their position. All Mars full-time employees would be offered employment with the Township.

1/20/26: Would a merger require the Postal Service to make mail deliveries in the Boro and would that mean Box holders would need to pay rental fees to keep their PO Box?

- There will be no change to postal services or the post office as that is outside of the scope of local/municipal government.