

6/2/26 Merger Website Questions with Responses

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

#1

Does Adams have a recent comprehensive plan? Does Mars have one? Has a formal plan been made for the planning and implementation of the proposed consolidation?

Would the old borough be rezoned?

Would code enforcement officers be added for commercial inspections?

The municipality needs a community center with a public meeting room.

Adams' is dated 2013 and Mars' does not. The joint merger agreement outlines the plan and subject matter committees consisting of members from each board have been created to facilitate implementation of the merger. Each municipality currently contracts out to third parties for commercial inspections, and we do not envision that changing.

#2

What will happen to the two separate water systems? Is the sewage treatment currently shared?

The Mars Water System's ownership would be transferred to the new Mars Township. Operations of both would continue as-is. Yes.

#3

In the joint agreement, Sec 4, paragraph C: the elected positions of Borough Council members will be eliminated as of the date of the agreement. Sec10, says that there will be a three-member advisory committee for two years. An advisory has voice but no vote. When will the voters living in the current Mars be able to vote for township supervisors and other elected officials? When the ordinances in Sec 9 are voted on, will Mars be represented in the vote?

In 2027, Mars residents would be eligible to vote in the Primary and General Elections on the Township Supervisor seat that opens at the end of 2027 and gets seated at the start of 2028. Elections for the rest of the positions would follow when terms expire in the regular cycles. The advisory board would have input on ordinances, and the ordinance votes can be expected before and after the Effective Date depending on the topic. The governing body of the municipality is the only body permitted legally to pass ordinances.