

6/5/26 Merger Website Questions with Responses

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

#1

Hi, I own a townhouse in Adams Ridge and I approve of the merger. What I don't approve of is the hundreds of new residents on top of the hill across 228 having their driveway coming down to our ONE and ONLY way out of Seven Fields. There is already so much congestion, and now adding hundreds more, it's going to be a nightmare for us. I really believe that you should find a way for us to have another exit out. If there was ever an evacuation, we'd be in a real pickle.

The Quincy Heights Development will have three accesses. Options for an additional Adams Ridge public access are being explored. Do note that there is a secondary emergency access for Adams Ridge from Kaufman Run Blvd. to Route 228.

#2

Is there a big reason why the township needs to be renamed? Can both the city of Mars and Adams Township not just exist together and share the same resources/budget/infrastructure? What is the estimated cost of changing name?

Attendees at early public meetings pushed for the name for the merged entity to be Mars Township given that Mars is the most commonly used name when referring to the area. We do work together on many items, but formally merging eliminates a number of redundant costs. An estimated cost to a name change has not been assigned, but can be done in stages to keep the cost negligible as in changing cars, uniforms, signs, etc. when they'd naturally be replaced.

#3

What is in it for Adam's Township residents? It sounds like Adam's twp will supply money and resources to support Mars Borough and lose our Twp name. I have yet to hear anything that benefits Adams Twp residents.

Adams Township and its residents will benefit from:

- 1. Expanded staffing in Police, Public Works, and Administration,*
- 2. Additional Public Works and Police equipment and trucks,*
- 3. Additional three parks and recreation facilities,*
- 4. Ownership of several buildings and properties,*
- 5. Ownership of Mars Water plant and related infrastructure (approx. \$10 million valuation),*
- 6. Consolidation of Mars' 35% ownership of the Breakneck Sewer Authority*

(approx. \$200 million valuation in total),

- 7. Expanded resources for infrastructure,*
- 8. Joint planning and expanded grant opportunities; and*
- 9. A Downtown core.*