

10/2/26 Merger Website Questions with Responses

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

1. Has there been a cost benefit report made to reflect the real costs to Adam's Twp residents

With the elimination of duplicities that can come with the merger, Mars will bring over a net positive in annual operating revenue that can fund infrastructure. Also, they will bring over millions in assets. Direct merger costs can be covered by a mix of state grants, Mars existing revenue, and the sale of duplicative equipment.

2. Still not clear how it is possible this merger will not cost Adams Township money. One point provided is that state grants will be solicited for this, is that correct? Can you expand on that? State money is still taxpayer money.

Is Adams Township paying for all the signs urging people to vote for the merger? Where are the savings that will make up for the huge tax decrease for Mars residents?

Yes to your grants question, and if the merger passes, the State's DCED Department will guide us through grant opportunities. We've already had several detailed conversations with them. No, those signs are paid for by a private political committee. The savings come from the elimination of duplicative costs in the Mars operational budget. Please join us tonight at 6pm as we go through those or check on our merger webpage tomorrow for the slide presentation.

3. You present this merger as a fantastic business opportunity. Let's grow Mars downtown into a thriving center, increase the police force and manage the combined utilities. Take that same energy and focus on the issues that we currently face: loud "jake" braking noise on route 228; loud train whistles every evening at 9-10 PM; and loud motorcycles and trucks speeding on route 228 and Mars-Evans City Rd at all hours. If Mars is a good place to start a business, private investors will figure it out.

Thank you for sharing your concerns.

4. I asked the question about the name change for Adams Township Park after the merger. I was told the Park name would not change from Adams. For context, I live in 'Pinnacle at Adams' and of all the communities in Western PA that are named Pinnacle we are the one in Adams Township. That goes away after the merger unless one of the largest community parks in the area remains as 'Adams'. Given our community's close proximity to the park property the name of our plan still has directional reference.

The Board has confirmed that if the merger passes the park will be "Adams Community Park".