

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
Office of Public and Indian Housing

PHA Plans

5 Year Plan for Fiscal Years 2005 - 2009

Annual Plan for Fiscal Year 2008

**VILLAGE OF MARGARETVILLE
NY429**

**NOTE: THIS PHA PLANS TEMPLATE (HUD 50075) IS TO BE COMPLETED IN
ACCORDANCE WITH INSTRUCTIONS LOCATED IN APPLICABLE PIH NOTICES**

**PHA Plan
Agency Identification**

PHA Name: Village of Margaretville **PHA Number:** NY429

PHA Fiscal Year Beginning: (mm/yyyy) 10/2007

PHA Programs Administered:

Public Housing and Section 8 **Section 8 Only** **Public Housing Only**
Number of public housing units: Number of S8 units: 10 Number of public housing units:
Number of S8 units:

PHA Consortia: (check box if submitting a joint PHA Plan and complete table)

No Consortia

Public Access to Information

Information regarding any activities outlined in this plan can be obtained by contacting: (select all that apply)

- Main administrative office of the PHA: Delaware Opportunities Inc. 35430 State Highway 10, Hamden, New York 13782
- PHA development management offices
- PHA local offices

Display Locations For PHA Plans and Supporting Documents

The PHA Plans (including attachments) are available for public inspection at: (select all that apply)

- Main administrative office of the PHA: 35430 State Highway 10, Hamden, New York 13782
- PHA development management offices
- PHA local offices
- Main administrative office of the local government: Village of Margaretville, 773 Main Street, Margaretville, New York 12455
- Main administrative office of the County government
- Main administrative office of the State government
- Public library
- PHA website
- Other (list below)

PHA Plan Supporting Documents are available for inspection at: (select all that apply)

- Main business office of the PHA: Delaware Opportunities 35430 State Highway 10, Hamden, New York 13782
- PHA development management offices
- Other (list below): Village of Margaretville, 773 Main Street, Margaretville, New York 12455

Annual PHA Plan
PHA Fiscal Year 2008

[24 CFR Part 903.7]

i. Annual Plan Type:

Standard Plan

Troubled Agency Plan

ii. Executive Summary of the Annual PHA Plan

[24 CFR Part 903.7 9 (r)]

The Village of Margaretville was identified as a Troubled Agency in the SEMAP process because the percentage of VMS reported units were more than 95% of the units identified in PIC. The reasons this occurred were:

1. The Village of Margaretville has only 10 housing choice vouchers. One unit difference between PIC and VMS results in a score of less than 95%; and
2. Staff had made changes in PIC during the month which resulted in the elimination of a tenant who received assistance during the month. Staff were not aware of the time limitations involved in the PIC system and the comparison to VMS.

As the administering agent for the Village of Margaretville, Delaware Opportunities has requested and received technical assistance from the Buffalo Area HUD office. Additionally, Delaware Opportunities and the Village of Margaretville are working to consolidate the Village of Margaretville's Housing Choice Vouchers Program with others in Delaware County to establish a larger program which should ease administrative requirements, including issues which resulted in the designation as a troubled agency. The consolidation, however, will also provide additional flexibility and improved overall financial management.

Discussions regarding the consolidation of the program with a larger PHA have occurred with the Buffalo Area HUD Office, and the PHA has been encouraged to proceed with this plan.

It is anticipated that the transfer will occur at the beginning of the 2008 Calendar Year Budget, but that the vouchers will continue to be available for use in the Village of Margaretville. The "receiving" PHA will be the Village of Walton (NY541). The administrative plan and five year and annual goals for these communities are identical.

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Attachments

Required Attachments:

- Most recent board-approved operating budget (Required Attachment for PHAs that are troubled or at risk of being designated troubled ONLY)
- List of Resident Advisory Board Members
- Section 8 Homeownership Capacity Statement, if applicable
- Description of Homeownership Programs, if applicable

Optional Attachments:

- Comments of Resident Advisory Board or Boards (must be attached if not included in PHA Plan text)

Supporting Documents Available for Review

List of Supporting Documents Available for Review		
Applicable & On Display	Supporting Document	Applicable Plan Component
X	PHA Plan Certifications of Compliance with the PHA Plans and Related Regulations	5 Year and Annual Plans
X	State/Local Government Certification of Consistency with the Consolidated Plan	5 Year and Annual Plans
X	Fair Housing Documentation: Records reflecting that the PHA has examined its programs or proposed programs, identified any impediments to fair housing choice in those programs, addressed or is addressing those impediments in a reasonable fashion in view of the resources available, and worked or is working with local jurisdictions to implement any of the jurisdictions' initiatives to affirmatively further fair housing that require the PHA's involvement.	5 Year and Annual Plans
X	Consolidated Plan for the jurisdiction/s in which the PHA is located (which includes the Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice (AI)) and any additional backup data to support statement of housing needs in the jurisdiction	Annual Plan: Housing Needs
X	Most recent board-approved operating budget for the public housing program	Annual Plan: Financial Resources;
X	Section 8 Administrative Plan	Annual Plan: Eligibility, Selection, and Admissions Policies

List of Supporting Documents Available for Review

Applicable & On Display	Supporting Document	Applicable Plan Component
X	Section 8 rent determination (payment standard) policies <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> check here if included in Section 8 Administrative Plan	Annual Plan: Rent Determination
X	Section 8 informal review and hearing procedures <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> check here if included in Section 8 Administrative Plan	Annual Plan: Grievance Procedures
X	Policies governing any Section 8 Homeownership program <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> check here if included in the Section 8 Administrative Plan	Annual Plan: Homeownership
X	Any cooperative agreement between the PHA and the TANF agency	Annual Plan: Community Service & Self-Sufficiency
X	FSS Action Plan/s for public housing and/or Section 8	Annual Plan: Community Service & Self-Sufficiency
X	The most recent fiscal year audit of the PHA conducted under section 5(h)(2) of the U.S. Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437c(h)), the results of that audit and the PHA's response to any findings	Annual Plan: Annual Audit
x	Compliance with Violence Against Women Act: The administrative plan provides for local preferences for applicants who are victims of domestic violence. The PHA follows all HUD requirements and guidance relative to VAWA	Section 8 Administrative Plan

1. Statement of Housing Needs

[24 CFR Part 903.7 9 (a)]

A. Housing Needs of Families in the Jurisdiction/s Served by the PHA

Housing Needs of Families in the Jurisdiction by Family Type							
Family Type	Overall	Afford-ability	Supply	Quality	Access-ibility	Size	Loca-tion
Income <= 30% of AMI	38	5	3	4	2	2	1
Income >30% but <=50% of AMI	21	3	2	2	2	2	1
Income >50% but <80% of AMI	3	3	2	2	2	2	1
Elderly	27	5	5	4	5	1	1
Families with Disabilities	5	5	5	5	5	5	1
Race/Ethnicity (1)	0	1	1	1	1	1	1
Race/Ethnicity (2)	0	1	1	1	1	1	1
Race/Ethnicity (3)	0	1	1	1	1	1	1
Race/Ethnicity (4)	0	1	1	1	1	1	1

- (1) Black
- (2) Hispanic
- (3) Asian/Pacific Islander
- (4) Other

What sources of information did the PHA use to conduct this analysis? (Check all that apply; all materials must be made available for public inspection.)

- Consolidated Plan of the Jurisdiction/s
Indicate year: 2005
- U.S. Census data: the Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy (“CHAS”) dataset (imputed Delaware County to Service Area)
- American Housing Survey data
Indicate year:
- Other housing market study
Indicate year:
- Other sources: (list and indicate year of information) U.S. 2000 Census for Village of Margaretville (Service Area) imputed

B. Housing Needs of Families on the Public Housing and Section 8 Tenant- Based Assistance Waiting Lists

Housing Needs of Families on the Waiting List

Housing Needs of Families on the Waiting List			
Waiting list type: (select one)			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Section 8 tenant-based assistance			
<input type="checkbox"/> Public Housing			
<input type="checkbox"/> Combined Section 8 and Public Housing			
<input type="checkbox"/> Public Housing Site-Based or sub-jurisdictional waiting list (optional)			
If used, identify which development/subjurisdiction:			
	# of families	% of total families	Annual Turnover
Waiting list total	0		1
Extremely low income <=30% AMI			
Very low income (>30% but <=50% AMI)			
Low income (>50% but <80% AMI)			
Families with children			
Elderly families			
Families with Disabilities			
Race/ethnicity			
Characteristics by Bedroom Size (Public Housing Only)			
1BR			
2 BR			
3 BR			
4 BR			
5 BR			
5+ BR			
Is the waiting list closed (select one)? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes			
If yes:			
How long has it been closed (# of months)?			
Does the PHA expect to reopen the list in the PHA Plan year? <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes			
Does the PHA permit specific categories of families onto the waiting list, even if generally closed? <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes			

C. Strategy for Addressing Needs

The Village of Margaretville intends to consolidate its housing choice vouchers program with several other communities in Delaware County. The financial management requirements for this extremely small PHA have the result of declining units of assistance available. This can be offset when operated in the context of a larger PHA. In addition, some of the other communities being included in the consolidation have typically been underleased,. These two factors should result in at least maintaining the 10 housing choice vouchers in the Village of Margaretville and perhaps offering additional housing voucher assistance. The consolidated program will provide a single waiting list.

(1) Strategies

Need: Shortage of affordable housing for all eligible populations

Strategy 1. Maximize the number of affordable units available to the PHA within its current resources by:

- Maintain or increase section 8 lease-up rates by establishing payment standards that will enable families to rent throughout the jurisdiction
- Undertake measures to ensure access to affordable housing among families assisted by the PHA, regardless of unit size required
- Maintain or increase section 8 lease-up rates by marketing the program to owners, particularly those outside of areas of minority and poverty concentration
- Maintain or increase section 8 lease-up rates by effectively screening Section 8 applicants to increase owner acceptance of program
- Participate in the Consolidated Plan development process to ensure coordination with broader community strategies
- Other (list below)

Strategy 2: Increase the number of affordable housing units by:

- Apply for additional section 8 units should they become available

Need: Specific Family Types: Families at or below 30% of median

Strategy 1: Target available assistance to families at or below 30 % of AMI

- Exceed HUD federal targeting requirements for families at or below 30% of AMI in tenant-based section 8 assistance
- Employ admissions preferences aimed at families with economic hardships
- Adopt rent policies to support and encourage work
- Other: (list below)

Need: Specific Family Types: Families at or below 50% of median

Strategy 1: Target available assistance to families at or below 50% of AMI

- Employ admissions preferences aimed at families who are working
- Adopt rent policies to support and encourage work
- Other: (list below)

Need: Specific Family Types: The Elderly

Strategy 1: Target available assistance to the elderly:

- Apply for special-purpose vouchers targeted to the elderly, should they become available
- Other: (list below)

Need: Specific Family Types: Families with Disabilities

Strategy 1: Target available assistance to Families with Disabilities:

- Apply for special-purpose vouchers targeted to families with disabilities, should they become available
- Affirmatively market to local non-profit agencies that assist families with disabilities
- Other: (list below)

Need: Specific Family Types: Races or ethnicities with disproportionate housing needs

The housing needs in the Village of Margaretville are similar for all races/ethnicities.

Strategy 2: Conduct activities to affirmatively further fair housing

- Counsel section 8 tenants as to location of units outside of areas of poverty or minority concentration and assist them to locate those units
- Market the section 8 program to owners outside of areas of poverty /minority concentrations
- Other: (list below)

Other Housing Needs & Strategies: (list needs and strategies below)

(2) Reasons for Selecting Strategies

Of the factors listed below, select all that influenced the PHA's selection of the strategies it will pursue:

- Funding constraints
- Staffing constraints
- Limited availability of sites for assisted housing
- Extent to which particular housing needs are met by other organizations in the community
- Evidence of housing needs as demonstrated in the Consolidated Plan and other information available to the PHA
- Influence of the housing market on PHA programs
- Community priorities regarding housing assistance
- Results of consultation with local or state government
- Results of consultation with residents and the Resident Advisory Board
- Results of consultation with advocacy groups
- Other: (list below)

2. Statement of Financial Resources

[24 CFR Part 903.7 9 (b)]

Financial Resources: Planned Sources and Uses		
Sources	Planned \$	Planned Uses
1. Federal Grants (FY 2008 grants)	31,841	
a) Annual Contributions for Section 8 Tenant-Based Assistance	31,841	
2. Prior Year Federal Grants (unobligated funds only) (list below)	0	
Total resources	31841	

3. PHA Policies Governing Eligibility, Selection, and Admissions

[24 CFR Part 903.7 9 (c)]

A. Public Housing

The PHA does not administer public housing.

B. Section 8

(1) Eligibility

a. What is the extent of screening conducted by the PHA? (select all that apply)

- Criminal or drug-related activity only to the extent required by law or regulation
- Criminal and drug-related activity, more extensively than required by law or regulation
- More general screening than criminal and drug-related activity (list factors below)
- Other (list below)

b. Yes No: Does the PHA request criminal records from local law enforcement agencies for screening purposes?

c. Yes No: Does the PHA request criminal records from State law enforcement agencies for screening purposes?

- d. Yes No: Does the PHA access FBI criminal records from the FBI for screening purposes? (either directly or through an NCIC-authorized source)
- e. Indicate what kinds of information you share with prospective landlords? (select all that apply)
- Criminal or drug-related activity
 - Other (describe below)
Rental history if known

(2) Waiting List Organization

- a. With which of the following program waiting lists is the section 8 tenant-based assistance waiting list merged? (select all that apply)

- None
- Federal public housing
- Federal moderate rehabilitation
- Federal project-based certificate program
- Other federal or local program (list below)

At present the waiting lists of the Town of Middletown and the Village of Margaretville are essentially merged. Additionally, there is a county-wide program funded through DHCR and locally administered by Delaware Opportunities. Applicants from the Village of Margaretville may be referred to openings in that program or applicants to the county-wide program can be referred for listing on the Margaretville waiting list. It is anticipated that the Village will participate in a consolidation program whereby 10 small PHAs will merge under the administration of the Village of Walton and subsequently there will be a single, merged waiting list.

- b. Where may interested persons apply for admission to section 8 tenant-based assistance? (select all that apply)

- PHA main administrative office: Delaware Opportunities 35430 State Highway 10, Hamden, New York 13782
- Other (list below)

(3) Search Time

- a. Yes No: Does the PHA give extensions on standard 60-day period to search for a unit?

If yes, state circumstances below:

Written request of voucher holder and evidence of a good faith search. Extensions may be offered up to 60 additional days.

(4) Admissions Preferences

- a. Income targeting

Yes No: Does the PHA plan to exceed the federal targeting requirements by targeting more than 75% of all new admissions to the section 8 program to families at or below 30% of median area income?

b. Preferences

1. Yes No: Has the PHA established preferences for admission to section 8 tenant-based assistance? (other than date and time of application) (if no, skip to subcomponent (5) **Special purpose section 8 assistance programs**)

2. Which of the following admission preferences does the PHA plan to employ in the coming year? (select all that apply from either former Federal preferences or other preferences)

Former Federal preferences

- Involuntary Displacement (Disaster, Government Action, Action of Housing Owner, Inaccessibility, Property Disposition)
- Victims of domestic violence
- Substandard housing
- Homelessness
- High rent burden (rent is > 50 percent of income)

Other preferences (select all that apply)

- Working families and those unable to work because of age or disability
- Veterans and veterans' families
- Residents who live and/or work in your jurisdiction
- Those enrolled currently in educational, training, or upward mobility programs
- Households that contribute to meeting income goals (broad range of incomes)
- Households that contribute to meeting income requirements (targeting)
- Those previously enrolled in educational, training, or upward mobility programs
- Victims of reprisals or hate crimes
- Other preference(s) (list below)

3. If the PHA will employ admissions preferences, please prioritize by placing a "1" in the space that represents your first priority, a "2" in the box representing your second priority, and so on. If you give equal weight to one or more of these choices (either through an absolute hierarchy or through a point system), place the same number next to each. That means you can use "1" more than once, "2" more than once, etc.

1 Date and Time

Former Federal preferences

- 1 Involuntary Displacement (Disaster, Government Action, Action of Housing Owner, Inaccessibility, Property Disposition)
- 1 Victims of domestic violence
- Substandard housing
- Homelessness
- High rent burden

Other preferences (select all that apply)

- Working families and those unable to work because of age or disability
- Veterans and veterans' families
- Residents who live and/or work in your jurisdiction
- Those enrolled currently in educational, training, or upward mobility programs
- Households that contribute to meeting income goals (broad range of incomes)
- Households that contribute to meeting income requirements (targeting)
- Those previously enrolled in educational, training, or upward mobility programs
- Victims of reprisals or hate crimes
- Other preference(s) (list below)

4. Among applicants on the waiting list with equal preference status, how are applicants selected? (select one)

- Date and time of application
- Drawing (lottery) or other random choice technique

5. If the PHA plans to employ preferences for "residents who live and/or work in the jurisdiction" (select one)

- This preference has previously been reviewed and approved by HUD
- The PHA requests approval for this preference through this PHA Plan

6. Relationship of preferences to income targeting requirements: (select one)

- The PHA applies preferences within income tiers
- Not applicable: the pool of applicant families ensures that the PHA will meet income targeting requirements

(5) Special Purpose Section 8 Assistance Programs

a. In which documents or other reference materials are the policies governing eligibility, selection, and admissions to any special-purpose section 8 program administered by the PHA contained? (select all that apply)

- The Section 8 Administrative Plan
- Briefing sessions and written materials
- Other (list below)

b. How does the PHA announce the availability of any special-purpose section 8 programs to the public?

- Through published notices
- Other (list below)

4. PHA Rent Determination Policies

A. Public Housing

The PHA does not operate public housing

B. Section 8 Tenant-Based Assistance

(1) Payment Standards

a. What is the PHA's payment standard? (select the category that best describes your standard)

- At or above 90% but below 100% of FMR
- 100% of FMR
- Above 100% but at or below 110% of FMR
- Above 110% of FMR (if HUD approved; describe circumstances below)

d. How often are payment standards reevaluated for adequacy? (select one)

- Annually
- Other (list below)

The Village of Margaretville intends to consolidate with other Delaware County communities under the administration of the Village of Walton ACC. The operation of a program with 10 housing choice vouchers leaves no room for variations and predictability is not precise enough. Once the consolidation occurs, it is expected that financial management will be stabilized and that annual evaluations will be acceptable; however, if there are inadequate funds to support the number of housing choice vouchers available, the payment standard may need to be evaluated more often.

e. What factors will the PHA consider in its assessment of the adequacy of its payment standard? (select all that apply)

- Success rates of assisted families
- Rent burdens of assisted families
- Other (list below)

In the event that financial resources are insufficient to support the vouchers in use and the rate of turnover is not expected to balance revenues and expenditures, the program may need to establish a lesser payment standard.

(2) Minimum Rent

a. What amount best reflects the PHA's minimum rent? (select one)

- \$0
- \$1-\$25
- \$26-\$50

- b. Yes No: Has the PHA adopted any discretionary minimum rent hardship exemption policies? (if yes, list below)

5. Operations and Management

[24 CFR Part 903.7 9 (e)]

The Village of Margaretville is a small PHA (10 housing choice vouchers)

6. PHA Grievance Procedures

[24 CFR Part 903.7 9 (f)]

A. Section 8 Tenant-Based Assistance

1. Yes No: Has the PHA established informal review procedures for applicants to the Section 8 tenant-based assistance program and informal hearing procedures for families assisted by the Section 8 tenant-based assistance program in addition to federal requirements found at 24 CFR 982?

2. Which PHA office should applicants or assisted families contact to initiate the informal review and informal hearing processes? (select all that apply)

PHA main administrative office: Delaware Opportunities Inc., 34530 State Highway 10, Hamden, New York 13782.

Other (list below)

7. Homeownership Programs Administered by the PHA

[24 CFR Part 903.7 9 (k)]

A. Section 8 Tenant Based Assistance

1. Yes No: Does the PHA plan to administer a Section 8 Homeownership program pursuant to Section 8(y) of the U.S.H.A. of 1937, as implemented by 24 CFR part 982

2. Program Description:

a. Size of Program

Yes No: Will the PHA limit the number of families participating in the section 8 homeownership option?

b. PHA-established eligibility criteria

Yes No: Will the PHA's program have eligibility criteria for participation in its Section 8 Homeownership Option program in addition to HUD criteria?

8. Civil Rights Certifications

[24 CFR Part 903.7 9 (o)]

Civil rights certifications are included in the PHA Plan Certifications of Compliance with the PHA Plans and Related Regulations.

9. Fiscal Audit

[24 CFR Part 903.7 9 (p)]

1. Yes No: Is the PHA required to have an audit conducted under section 5(h)(2) of the U.S. Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437c(h))?
(If no, skip to component 17.)

10. Other Information

[24 CFR Part 903.7 9 (r)]

A. Resident Advisory Board Recommendations

1. Yes No: Did the PHA receive any comments on the PHA Plan from the Resident Advisory Board/s?
2. If yes, the comments are: (if comments were received, the PHA **MUST** select one)
 Attached at Attachment (File name) NY429e01
 Provided below:
3. In what manner did the PHA address those comments? (select all that apply)
 Considered comments, but determined that no changes to the PHA Plan were necessary.
 The PHA changed portions of the PHA Plan in response to comments
List changes below:
 Other: (list below)

B. Description of Election process for Residents on the PHA Board

1. Yes No: Does the PHA meet the exemption criteria provided section 2(b)(2) of the U.S. Housing Act of 1937?

C. Statement of Consistency with the Consolidated Plan

1. Consolidated Plan jurisdiction: (provide name here): State of New York
2. The PHA has taken the following steps to ensure consistency of this PHA Plan with the Consolidated Plan for the jurisdiction: (select all that apply)
- The PHA has based its statement of needs of families in the jurisdiction on the needs expressed in the Consolidated Plan/s.
- The PHA has participated in any consultation process organized and offered by the Consolidated Plan agency in the development of the Consolidated Plan.
- The PHA has consulted with the Consolidated Plan agency during the development of this PHA Plan.

Activities to be undertaken by the PHA in the coming year are consistent with the initiatives contained in the Consolidated Plan. (list below)

Other: (list below)

4. The Consolidated Plan of the jurisdiction supports the PHA Plan with the following actions and commitments: (describe below)

The New York State Consolidated Plan incorporates the PHA. The following information contained in the New York State Consolidate Plan supports the PHA plan.

New York State recognizes barriers to affordable housing including the lack of federal resources and promises to work with lenders, landlords, and real estate officials, which will further the PHA Plan.

Improve affordability by creating new rental assistance opportunities.

Continue to carry our programs to prevent or eliminate discriminatory practices

Attachments

Attachment A: Most recent board-approved operating budget

Attachment B: List of Resident Advisory Board Members

Attachment C: Section 8 Homeownership Capacity Statement

Attachment D: Report on Progress Toward Goals of 5 Year Plan

Attachment E: Comments from the Resident Advisory Board

Attachment F: Description of Homeownership Program

PHA PLAN COMMENTS

VILLAGE OF MARGARETVILLE NY429

No substantial comments were received during the review and public participation time period and process; however, the process also included the survey of customer satisfaction. Surveys were sent to all holders of Housing Choice Vouchers for the PHA. The following describes the results of the survey:

Total surveys distributed: 9

Responses received: 2 (22%)

- When you contacted our offices were you treated professionally: Yes: 2 No: 0
- Were you served promptly?: Yes: 2 No: 0
- Were you provided with complete information regarding the program including eligibility, your responsibilities, etc.? Yes: 2 No: 0
- Does your rental unit meet your expectations for the rent you pay: Yes: 2 No: 1
- Does your landlord make repairs as needed and in a timely manner: Yes: 1 No: 1
Comment: There is no explanatory information and the question was answered anonymously. It is unclear if repairs are of a housing quality nature. In some other communities, residents were either unaware that they could request an interim inspection or chose not to do so. This may also be the case in the Village of Margaretville. Additional attention to landlord responsibilities discussions in the tenant briefing may should be considered by the PHA.
- Were you informed of other programs or services for which you might apply? Yes: 1; No: 1. **Comment: As the implementing agent for the PHA, Delaware Opportunities and information regarding other programs or services should always be conveyed to program participants. One of the respondents (see below) also indicated they were not informed of the availability of the Family Self Sufficiency Program. Additional attention to these issues must be employed by Delaware Opportunities.**
- Were you informed about the homeownership option: Yes: 1; No: 1 **Comment: See above comment and comment regarding self sufficiency below.**
- Has rental assistance helped you find or keep a job? Yes: 0; No: 2
- Since participation in the rental assistance program do you consider yourself and your family to be more self sufficient? Yes: 2; No: 0
- Do you or your family participate in or volunteer for any community, religious, or social organization? Yes: 1; No: 1
- Were you informed about the opportunity to participate in the Family Self Sufficiency Program and establish an escrow account for yourself/household: Yes: 1; No: 1. **Response: Last year, the Village administrative plan provided for family self sufficiency for interested families. Based on the survey**

response it appears that the residents were not fully informed of this option. Staff will need to put more emphasis on the family self sufficiency option.

- If you have any comments which would help us improve services, please list them below: There were no additional comments other than those reported above.

No significant concerns or comments were received regarding the proposed consolidation of the Margaretville Housing Choice Vouchers Program with other small communities in Delaware County.