



Steps Followed by the YRC Project Steering Committee to Become a Rural Community

These are the official steps that have been put in place by the Department of Environment and Local Government to assist interested unincorporated areas in considering and becoming a Rural Community. The YRC Project status is indicated in brackets for each step:

1. A **letter of interest** is sent to the Minister of DELG by interested residents, the Advisory Committee of a LSD, or a town or village council (Completed).
2. An **initial assessment is made** of the area's population, property tax base, shared interests, potential benefits and level of public interest in forming a viable Rural Community (Completed).
3. A **feasibility study petition** (signed by at least 25 residents from each partnering area) is sent to the Minister from the local steering committee (Completed).
4. A **feasibility study** is carried out by DELG staff, the steering committee and/or a consultant. A report of the study results is shared with residents and submitted to the Minister (Underway - Preliminary YRC Feasibility Study Report Release Date = June 30, 2017; Final YRC Feasibility Study Report Release Date = July 28, 2017).
5. The Minister reviews feasibility study report and decides whether or not to hold a **plebiscite** (Pending – If granted, the plebiscite for YRC would take place on the usual fall election date determined by Elections NB).

If there is plebiscite and if a Yes vote is the result and if the government approves, a **Rural Community** is formed and a Council is elected.

NOTE If a community, after hearing the various presentations and viewing the information materials presented during the feasibility study, prefers to opt out of a project they may indicate this desire by petitioning the Minister at any point prior to the plebiscite.