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A Note to the Reader:

Just as a community is never finished modifying, adapting, and organizing its natural, political, and social environments, an attempt to profile those dynamic processes must be a work in progress. Materials below are organized to reflect community characteristics and resources. Please join us in this profiling effort and call atten

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While the mountains in the western portions of these towns provide often spectacular skylines, there are a number of significant local “viewsapes,” including those from Hazen’s Notch, the state forests, the long trails and especially around the River Road Covered Bridge in Troy. Other infrastructure-enhancing local civic structures include the cluster of activity in North Troy Village, exemplified by the close proximity of the town fire station, the library, Troy Elementary School, the Town Hall and the Post Office. Moreover, the underutilized railroad and accompanying railroad bed is still an important resource to the village town and region.

4. TABLES

Table 1. Natural Resource Information

	Jay	Troy	Westfield
Area of Land, Sq. Miles	39.8	35.9	39.8
Area of Water, Sq. Miles	0	0	0
% Private/Public Conserved Land 1999	10.9%	10.9%	16.1%
Change in Forest Land to Developed Land, Acres, 1970-90	39.8	46	2
Change in Forest Land to No			

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Table 3. Town, County and State Population, 1790-2000

	1800	1810	1820	1830	1840	1850	1860	1870	1880	1890
JAY		28	52	196	308	371	474	553	696	641
TROY		231	277	608	856	1,008	1,248	1,355	1,522	1,673
WESTFIELD	16	149	225	353	370	502	618	721	698	763
LOWELL		40	0	314	431	637	813	942	1,057	1,178
MONTGOMERY	36	237	293	460	548	1,005	1,367	1,428	1,935	1,734
NEWPORT CITY										

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Table 4. Housing Units, 1990-2000

Source: Census	Jay	Troy	Westfield	Orleans County	Vermont	U.S. Bureau
Total Housing Units, 1990	333	641	265	12,997	271,214	5.
Total Housing Units, 2000	417	734	339	14,673	294,382	
% Change in Housing Units, 1990-2000	25.2	14.5	27.9	12.9	8.5	

Gender Breakdown, 2000 (percent)

	Jay	Troy	Westfield	Orleans County	Vermont
Male	51.2	50.3	50.3	49.6	49
Female	48.8	49.7	49.7	50.4	51

Source: U.S. Census Bureau

Table 6. Age Breakdown, 2000 (percent)

	Jay	Troy	Westfield	Orleans County	Vermont
Under 5 years	7.0	5.4	4.4	5.7	5.6

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Table 7. Employment and Income

	Jay	Troy	Westfield	Orleans County	Vermont
% Unemployment Rate, 2000	7.9	7.0	8.6	5.9	2.9
% Population in Poverty, 1990	16.3	16.4	20.1	20.5	20.2

Annual Per Capita Income (2000) Jay: 46,806 Troy: 67,620 Westfield: 60,228 Orleans County: 62,280 Vermont: 60,225

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