

Charter Township of Bloomfield
Plan for Consolidation of Services
Economic Vitality Incentive Program
December 20, 2011

In March, 2009, the Bloomfield Township Board of Trustees adopted a five-year Strategic Plan that addressed the importance of consolidation of services and collaborative agreements. While Bloomfield Township had been actively participating in a wide range of collaborative efforts for years, the Strategic Plan called for increasing and ongoing efforts to seek out new initiatives. This report will list Bloomfield Township's existing collaborations, existing consolidation of service agreements, and its plans to develop further collaborations and consolidations.

The Strategic Plan, which refers to ongoing collaborative and consolidation efforts, is available to the public on the Township website and from Township offices. This specific Plan for Consolidation of Services is available to the public at Township offices.

Existing Collaborations

Revenue Producing

- Passport Services: provided to customers of the Bloomfield Hills Post Office and residents of other municipalities;
- FEMA Flood Mitigation Grant: enabled development of a plan to reduce flood damage;
- FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant: enabled development of a plan to reduce risk of general hazards;
- Tri-Party Agreement: road replacement funds from the Road Commission of Oakland County (RCOC) and Oakland County;
- Department of Energy Grant: received federal grant to perform an Energy Efficiency Audit and Retrofit Program;
- Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) Contract: pays Bloomfield Township to mow medians and rights-of-way on state highways;
- Water and Sewer Intergovernmental Agreements: collaboration among West Bloomfield Township, City of Troy and City of Bloomfield Hills for water and sewer services;
- Road Commission for Oakland County (RCOC) Contract: pays Bloomfield Township to maintain local roads;
- Court Ordered Preliminary Breath Tests: offered to residents of neighboring communities.

Cost Saving

- Safety Path Construction: in cooperation with the Road Commission of Oakland County (RCOC) and the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT);
- West Nile Virus Treatment Program: in cooperation with Oakland County;
- Southeastern Oakland County Water Authority (SOCWA): joined intergovernmental authority to reduce cost of water;

- Rouge Program Office: cooperative watershed planning with Wayne and Oakland County communities;
- Alliance of Rouge Communities: cooperative effort with other local governments in the Rouge Watershed;
- Michigan Intergovernmental Trade Network (MITN) Participation; privately owned and operated organization used by public entities to post bids and sell and purchase equipment and services;
- EMS Purchasing Consortium: includes 80 members from Oakland and Wayne County;
- EMS Hospital Transit: Bloomfield Township transports patients to area hospitals and collects approximately \$900,000 from insurance companies;
- Oakland County Ladder Testing Consortium: fifteen fire departments in Oakland County submit one request for proposals for required annual testing of ladders;
- Fire Records Management Systems: consortium to purchase equipment provide software support for records management;
- Tax and Assessing Program and Reporting System: in cooperation with Oakland County reducing overall costs and duplication of effort by maintaining a joint data repository.
- OakWIN Radio System: first responders use a countywide radio system connecting local agencies with each other, Oakland County and Michigan State Police.
- Oakway Mutual Aid Group: shares emergency response resources with eight other communities;
- Community Emergency Response Team training: with federal, state and county governments;
- GIS Data Development: with Oakland County, Southeast Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG), and other local governments;
- NetRMS Reporting System: part of Clemis county-wide system;
- K-9 Unit: mutual aid agreement makes K-9s available for searches and presentations in neighboring communities;
- Motorcycle Unit: lent to other communities as part of mutual aid agreement;
- Michigan MIDEAL: purchasing consortium.

Revenue/Cost Neutral

- Bloomfield Hills Schools: Bloomfield Township sells the school district salt and road maintenance materials at cost. The district lends the Township specialized maintenance tools.

Combined annual value of \$1.5 million

Existing Consolidation of Services Agreements

Contract with the Birmingham Area Cable Board (BACB) for Local Government and Public Access Television Programs

Initiated in 2000, this agreement requires Bloomfield Township to provide government and public access cable television programming to Birmingham, Beverly Hills, Franklin, and Bingham Farms. It has provided the BACB communities with 6,500 original television programs over the past 12 years.

Revenue to date: \$1,349,000

Revenue expected over the remaining three years of the contract: \$544,500

Contract with the City of Sylvan Lake for Assessing Services

This two-year contract was signed August 10, 2011. It requires Bloomfield Township's Assessor and Assessing Department personnel to provide annual property assessment services for Sylvan Lake for the 2011 and 2012 tax years.

Revenue to date: \$9,550

Revenue expected over the remaining 1-1/2 years of the contract: \$28,650

Contract with the City of Sylvan Lake for Plan Reviews and Building Inspections

Bloomfield Township and Sylvan Lake entered into an open-ended contract on July 28, 2011 that requires the Township to provide all plan reviews and building inspections for the City. It is fee based.

Revenue to date: \$9,100

Revenue anticipated annually: \$30,000 - \$35,000

48th District Court

Four municipalities jointly fund and use the services of the district court. The building and the property are owned by Bloomfield Township, which receives rent. Two additional municipalities use the services of the court and contribute all fees generated by their citizens to its operation.

Annual Rental Revenue: \$524,000

Plans for Future Consolidation of Services Agreements

Bloomfield Township is currently engaged in ongoing, serious discussions with a number of other neighboring communities to consolidate several different governmental services provided to our residents. It is difficult to estimate potential revenues or savings until actual agreements are negotiated with those governmental entities. We expect the combined revenues and savings to have a total value of \$500,000 for the 2012-2013 fiscal year.

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