



Cooperation, Collaboration and Consolidation Plan December 2011

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As part of the new state government requirements to improve intergovernmental cooperation throughout the state and local governments, the City of Northville has developed this report for our residents. The City has a long history of collaborating with its neighboring communities. In many cases, certain services would not be possible without such collaboration. In other cases, the level of service that we can provide through collaboration is much greater than if we had provided the service for just our residents. Many of the collaborative efforts have become routine business for the City of Northville and many other cities.

The reader should bear in mind that the cost savings by collaborative effort is difficult to calculate. By Statute, this plan is required to list the cost savings for each collaboration. The calculation of the cost savings often depends on perspective of the entity making the estimate and the set of assumptions about the level of service to be provided. For this report, the estimate of cost savings will be from the perspective of the City of Northville. However, not all partnerships have an associated cost saving that can be calculated.

This document consists of three components: Current Intergovernmental Cooperation & Partnerships, Previous Service Consolidations, and Proposed Service Consolidations.

This report will be available on the City's website at www.ci.northville.mi.us. If you have any questions about the content of this document, please feel free to contact the City Manager's office at 248-449-9905 or via email at psullivan@ci.northville.mi.us.

CURRENT INTERGOVERNMENTAL COOPERATION & PARTNERSHIPS

MULTIPLE JURISDICTION PARTNERSHIPS AND AGREEMENTS

Public Works

Household Hazardous Waste Collection
Middle One Watershed Protections Group
North Huron Valley/Rouge Valley Sanitary Sewer System
Alliance for Rouge Communities

Public Safety

Michigan Emergency Management Assistance Compact
Western Wayne County Narcotic Enforcement Team
Western Wayne Mutual Aid Task Force
Western Wayne Special Operations
Western Wayne County Criminal Response Team
Mobile Field Force
Western Wayne HAZMAT
Urban Search & Rescue

Recreation

State of Michigan & Wayne County Parks – Recreation Program Partners
Outdoor Movie Equipment

Other

35th District Court
MITN Purchasing Cooperative
Film Friendly Northville

NORTHVILLE TOWNSHIP & NORTHVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Parks & Recreation
Senior Adult Services
Youth Assistance

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE

Emergency Dispatch and Police Lockup
Johnson Creek Day
Geographic Information Systems

CITY OF FARMINGTON

Police Department Firing Range

CITY OF PLYMOUTH

Water System Backup & Support
Parks & Recreation Registration & Maintenance Software
Building Inspections
Mobile Skate Park

CURRENT INTERGOVERNMENTAL COOPERATION & PARTNERSHIPS

CONTINUED

WAYNE COUNTY

Emergency Management Planning

OAKLAND COUNTY

Ballot Layout and Programming Services

Law Enforcement Mutual Aid Agreement

Court and Law Enforcement Management Information System

PRIVATE & NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS

Chamber of Commerce

Conference of Western Wayne

Northville Central Business Association

Northville Historical Society

Northville Community Foundation

Northville Soccer Association

Northville Baseball/Softball Association

PREVIOUS SERVICE CONSOLIDATIONS

1. Emergency Dispatch and Police Lockup
 - Date Consolidated: August 2004
 - Jurisdictions Involved: Charter Township of Northville
 - Savings Realized: Approximately \$166,000 annually ongoing
2. Shared Services – Parks & Recreation, Senior Services, Youth Assistance
 - Date Consolidated: Recreation & Seniors approximately 1967; Youth Assistance 1986
 - Jurisdictions Involved: Charter Township of Northville & Northville Public Schools
 - Savings Realized: Program offerings would be substantially different if not a collaborative effort. Therefore, unable to determine cost savings.
3. Mobile Skate Park
 - Date Consolidated: 2000
 - Jurisdictions Involved: City of Plymouth
 - Savings Realized: \$20,000 - \$25,000 on one time purchase
 - Other Benefits: Would not be able to offer this opportunity to residents if not purchased jointly. Northville's share paid by donation from Friends of Northville Parks & Rec.
4. Building Inspections
 - Date Consolidated: December 2008
 - Jurisdictions Involved: City of Plymouth
 - Savings Realized: Approximately \$50,000 annually
5. Parks & Recreation Registration & Maintenance Software
 - Date Consolidated: 2007
 - Jurisdictions Involved: City of Plymouth
 - Savings Realized: \$14,600 on one time purchase
6. Parks & Recreation Outdoor Movie Equipment
 - Date Consolidated: November 2009
 - Jurisdictions Involved: Cities of Novi and South Lyon, Townships of Canton & Milford
 - Savings Realized: \$20,100 on one time purchase
 - Other Benefits: Would not be able to offer this opportunity to residents if not purchased jointly.
7. Ballot Layout and Programming Services
 - Date Consolidated: October 2007
 - Jurisdictions Involved: Oakland County
 - Savings Realized: \$1,500 per election

PROPOSED SERVICE CONSOLIDATIONS

As demonstrated in the previous sections of this report, the City of Northville has a long history of collaborating with outside agencies. City administration is continually exploring ways to improve services or reduce costs via cooperative effort. Several potential future collaborations are identified below, as well as one which will become effective January 1, 2012.

1. **Fire Service for City of Plymouth:** Beginning January 1, 2012, the City of Northville will provide fire services to the City of Plymouth. This includes fire suppression, fire safety inspections, fire prevention education, and EMS response at the basic life support level. This agreement will continue to be in effect at least until June 30, 2023. Afterwards, it will continue to be in effect in two-year increments unless terminated by either City. The department has one full time Chief and approximately 30 paid on call firefighters. The number of paid on call firefighters will increase to 50. This will result in more firefighters being available for runs at the Northville location. Estimated cost savings to the City of Northville for year one is \$35,000.
2. **Joint Fuel Purchasing:** The City of Northville, the City of Novi, and the Northville Public Schools are currently exploring the option of establishing one fuel center to be utilized by all three entities. This item is still in the exploratory phase. As such, savings have not yet been calculated.
3. **Joint Dispatch:** Currently, the City of Northville and the Charter Township of Northville have a joint dispatch agreement. Northville Township provides this service to the City. There are discussions with a neighboring community to have their dispatch services provided as well. While there would be some increase in costs for labor and fringes, the total costs would be split among three, rather than two, communities, thus resulting in a savings. This item is still in the exploratory phase. As such, savings have not yet been calculated.
4. **Fire Authority:** There are discussions to which the City is party regarding the establishment of a Fire Authority with neighboring communities. This is in the preliminary stages. Therefore, cost savings estimates have not yet been calculated.
5. **Document Imaging Hosting:** City of Northville and City of Novi staff have been exploring the option of having Novi host the document imaging software on their server for the City of Northville. A determination on whether this will be mutually beneficial is expected by the end of December. Cost savings are currently being calculated to determine the feasibility of this venture.
6. **Joint Purchasing:** The City of Northville and the City of Novi have met to discuss possible joint purchasing options. All items ranging from office supplies, to various contractual services, to raw materials and fuel are on the list. Cost savings are not quantifiable at this time.