

Economic Vitality Incentive Program Cooperation, Collaboration and Consolidation Plan As of: December 31, 2011

Local Unit Name: City of Charlotte, Michigan
County: Eaton

Plan Available to the Public: In City Offices On City Internet Website

Previous Service Cooperation, Collaboration and Consolidation					
Service	Date Occurred	Jurisdictions Involved	Realized Savings/(Loss)	Description of Cost Savings/(Loss)	Other Benefits
1. Charlotte Volunteer Fire Department and Rural Fire Association	1940	City of Charlotte, Townships of Brookfield, Carmel, Chester, Eaton and Walton	\$200,000 annually	City operating costs reimbursed by Rural Fire Association members	Shared expense of acquiring equipment
2. Emergency Medical Response	Before 2005	Cities of Charlotte and Olivet, Townships of Carmel, Eaton, Roxand, Chester, Walton, Bellevue, Brookfield, Village of Bellevue	Unknown	Joint purchase of ambulance services and equipment	Duplication of effort avoided
3. Charlotte Area Recycling Authority	1995	City of Charlotte, Townships of Benton, Carmel, Chester and Eaton	Unknown	Joint operation of recycling center	Economies of scale
4. Joint Election Notice Publication	2010	Local governments in Eaton County	\$200 annually	Publication costs reduced	
5. Charlotte Area Recreation Cooperative	2010	City of Charlotte, Townships of Carmel and Eaton			Greater impact of pooled funds for development
6. Cooperative Development Agreement	1998	City of Charlotte and Eaton Township			Development facilitated and sprawl avoided
7. Cooperative Development Agreement	2000	City of Charlotte and Carmel Township			Development facilitated and sprawl avoided
8. Public Works Mutual Aid		Local governments in South Central Michigan			Resource sharing during emergencies

Previous Service Cooperation, Collaboration and Consolidation (continued)					
Service	Date Occurred	Jurisdictions Involved	Realized Savings/(Loss)	Description of Cost Savings/(Loss)	Other Benefits
9. Plumbing, Mechanical and Electrical Inspections	2011	City of Charlotte and Eaton County	\$10,000 annually	Labor savings net of permit revenues foregone	Reduction in secretarial labor

Proposed Service Cooperation, Collaboration and Consolidation				
Service	Jurisdictions Involved	Realized Savings/(Loss)	Description of Cost Savings/(Loss)	Other Benefits
1. Bucket Truck Training	City of Charlotte and local unit to be identified	\$240 annually	Costs incurred by City for training staff members	
2. Building Permits and Inspections; Zoning	City of Charlotte and Eaton County or another area jurisdiction	\$20,000	Reduction in labor costs associated with conducting inspections	Duplication of effort avoided

Additional Information:

Proposal # 1. It is expected that a relationship will be pursued with a municipality that operates an electric utility and so has an in-house training program for its bucket truck operators.

Proposal #2. The City has experienced a reduction in the number of building permits that it is administering. Given the state of the economy, this situation is not expected to change for the foreseeable future. This circumstance permits consideration of consolidation of building inspection activities with those of another jurisdiction which might be experiencing a similar reduction in demand for services. Eliminating the inspection program has implications for zoning administration which must also be taken into consideration. Further, state law imposes certain requirements with regard to turning this function back to Eaton County.