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Economic Vitality Incentive Program, Part 2

Intergovernmental cooperation and collaboration has been in existence for many years within the communities in northwest Ottawa County. Past area leaders have forged working relationships to better serve residents, provide needed services economically as possible, and create an environment where residents want to work, recreate, and live. This cooperation and collaboration continues in an effort to create livable, safe and clean communities.

On the attached sheet, existing collaborative efforts are listed. The list is not inclusive of all the cooperative efforts the City of Ferrysburg has participated in or partnered with in the past.

A couple of major projects the City of Ferrysburg has collaborated in the past on and continue to collaborate and cooperate with are worth highlighting. One is the Wastewater Treatment Plant which has been constructed to service the northwest Ottawa County communities. The Wastewater Treatment Plant is overseen by Grand Haven/Spring Lake Sewer Authority and serves five communities. The joint project has helped prevent water pollution by treating wastewater before it is discharged. It has been economically beneficial by eliminating the need to construct multiple Wastewater Treatment Plants in each community. Constructing one Wastewater Treatment Plant reduces construction costs for each community, and operation and maintenance costs.

Another major project is the Water Treatment Plant. Again one plant has been constructed to serve the northwest Ottawa County communities. A representative from each community sits on the Board that oversees the Water Treatment Plant. As with the Wastewater Treatment Plant, one building was constructed reducing construction costs for each community, and operation and maintenance costs.

Ottawa County Public Utilities Department has partnered with the communities in both the Wastewater Treatment Plant and the Water Treatment Plant by issuing the bonds and overseeing the construction and maintenance of both operations.

Both projects have been operated and expanded with how it best benefits all residents and future users. If each community had their own facilities for water and wastewater, the rates necessary to operate these systems would be a burden on each resident and business.

The attached list of existing collaborative efforts has many other such projects that have benefited residents and future residents. Determining cost savings realized from each project is at best a guess, however, the attached sheet attempts to estimate annual realized savings.

On the attached list are proposed collaboration efforts. The first proposed collaborative effort listed is a shared Administrative Assistant with Spring Lake Village. The Village and the City have a long history on working collaboratively, and the joint Police Department is a shining example. An Administrative Assistant will spend one day per week working at the Village Hall. In return, the Village will pay her wages for that day. It is estimated \$5,000 savings will result from this collaboration.

The second proposed collaborative effort listed is a Michigan Municipal League Fleet Maintenance Study. Five area communities along with the Grand Haven Area Public School District and the Spring Lake School District will participate in this study to look at the feasibility of all entities utilizing the same source for Fleet Maintenance. The Ferrysburg City Council has approved funding for the City's portion of this \$48,000 study. The Grand Haven Area Community Foundation has also approved a \$5,000 grant to help pay for this \$48,000 Study. The study will project estimated savings for each community.

The third proposed collaborative effort listed is a joint project with Spring Lake Township to repair two (2) Sanitary Sewer Lift Stations located in the City of Ferrysburg. Collaborating with Spring Lake Township to upgrade these two (2) Lift Stations will save the City of Ferrysburg taxpayers \$75,000. The upgrades will reduce operation and maintenance cost which will result in additional savings to taxpayers.

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Existing Collaborative Efforts	Partner(s)	Estimated Annual Cost Savings Realized
Economic Development Contract	Chamber	\$ 20,000
West Michigan Shoreline Regional Devel. Comm.	Northwest Ottawa County ¹ and Muskegon County units	Unknown
Spring Lake/Ferrysburg Police Department	Spring Lake Village	\$ 40,000
Law Enforcement Mutual Aid Agreement	Various Units of Government	\$ 50,000
Grand Haven/Spring Lake Wastewater Treatment Plant	Northwest Ottawa County municipalities	\$ 75,000
Dispatch Services	All Ottawa County municipalities	\$ 50,000
Northwest Ottawa Recreation Authority (NORA)	Grand Haven City, Grand Haven Township, Robinson Township, Port Sheldon Township, Grand Haven Area Public Schools	\$ 40,000
Harbor Transit Multi Modal Transportation System	Northwest Ottawa County municipalities ²	\$ 100,000
Ottawa County HAZMAT Team	All Ottawa County municipalities	\$ 50,000
Ambulance Service	Northwest Ottawa County municipalities	\$ 50,000
Northwest Ottawa Water System (NOWS)	Northwest Ottawa County municipalities	\$ 75,000
Water Lab Testing	Northwest Ottawa County municipalities	\$ 5,000
Tri-Cities Connector Bike Path	Spring Lake Village, City of Grand Haven	\$ 20,000
Spring Lake Lake Board (SLLB)	All municipalities around Spring Lake	\$ 10,000
Great Lakes/St. Lawrence Initiative	83 municipalities	Unknown
Mutual Aid Agreements (Fire)	All Ottawa County municipalities	\$ 50,000
Joint Road Salt Purchases	State of Michigan	\$ 15,000
WEMET - multijurisdictional drug enforcement task force		Unknown
Proposed:		\$ 630,000
Shared Ferrysburg Administrative Assistant	Spring Lake Village	\$ 5,000
MML Fleet Maintenance Study	Northwest Ottawa County municipalities	Unknown
Lift Station #1	Spring Lake Township	\$ 75,000
1: Northwest Ottawa County municipalities: City of Ferrysburg, City of Grand Haven, Grand Haven Charter Township, Spring Lake Village, Spring Lake Township, Crockery Township.		
2: Crockery Township is not included		

