



Village of Edmore, Michigan

Cooperation, Collaboration and Consolidation Plan

Plan Availability: A Copy of this plan is available to the public at the Edmore Village Offices 209 South Sheldon Street, Edmore, MI 48829

Purpose: To document existing efforts and propose new efforts to increase efficiency and save money.

Background: The State of Michigan has passed a law requiring communities to submit a plan prior to February, 1 2014, as a requirement to obtain partial funding of State revenue sharing. This plan must include previous efforts toward cooperation, collaboration, and consolidation along with resulting cost savings. The plan must also contain at least one new proposal for future cooperation, collaboration, or consolidation and give estimates of any potential savings through these future efforts.

Existing History: The Village of Edmore has a long and successful history of cooperation, collaboration, and consolidation projects as listed below:

- 1. Election Process:** The Village of Edmore and Home Township work together on elections. This cooperation includes training, ordering of election supplies, and advertising for the elections. The estimated annual savings \$1,500.00.
- 2. Taxes:** The Village of Edmore and Home Township work together on assessing properties and the printing of tax bills for the Village. The estimated annual savings is \$650.00.
- 3. Highway Maintenance:** The Village of Edmore, County of Montcalm and Michigan Department of Transportation work together on highway maintenance. This collaboration-cooperation includes planning, inspections, sharing of equipment, mutual aid, and emergency responses. This effort results in improved service to the public. The estimated annual savings would be in excess of \$12,000.00.
- 4. Emergency Preparedness:** The Village of Edmore, Montcalm County, Home Township and surrounding communities cooperate on emergency preparedness and response to emergency situations as they may arise. The estimated annual savings would be approximately \$1,000.00.
- 5. Law Enforcement:** The Village of Edmore and the Montcalm County Sheriff's Office share several training programs for law enforcement officers. Some of the training includes but is not limited to; Firearms, first aid, use of force and criminal law updates. The estimated annual savings is approximately \$2,500.00.
- 6. Central Dispatch:** The Village of Edmore and Montcalm County collaborate through the Montcalm County Central Dispatch located in the Sheriff's Office. Central Dispatch not only dispatches Village of Edmore Police Officers to calls within the Village, but also acts as the recipient of Department of Public Works emergency calls outside of normal working hours and notifies the on call worker of the emergency call. The estimated annual savings would be approximately \$4,500.00.

7. Prosecution: The Village of Edmore and Montcalm County cooperate on the prosecution of criminal offenders with the Montcalm County Prosecutors Office providing prosecution on major cases at no cost to the Village. The estimated annual savings are hard to determine.

8. Purchasing: The Village of Edmore is a member of the MIDeal purchasing program. The estimated savings are year to year depending on purchases.

9. Purchasing Agreements: The Village of Edmore has contracted with the Montcalm County Road Commission for Crack and Chip Seal services on our major and local roads. The savings for last year to the Village was estimated to be around \$1,500.00.

10. Police Officer Training: The Edmore Police Department is a member of the Delta College Police Consortium that provides low costs training to officers. A one-time cost provides officers to attend multiple training session over a year. The savings for this last year to the Village was estimated to be around \$1,000.00.

11. Zoning: Shared resources between the Village and the Montcalm County Equalization Department has helped provide necessary documents to the Zoning Administrator to facilitate economic development and streamline the zoning/variance process.

Proposals for Future Collaboration and Shared Services:

1. County Wide Department of Public Works Mutual Aid: The Village of Edmore proposes to join the Mutual Aid agreement with existing cities and villages within Montcalm County as early as April of 2013 and all is expected to go smoothly with implementation no later than December of 2013. This agreement will not only protect the residents of Edmore, it will also provide a cost savings because each community can share resources and assets. It is believed this agreement may save the Village approximately \$5,000.00.

2. Mutual Aid with Montcalm County Road Commission: The Village of Edmore and the Montcalm County Road Commission will develop mutual aid agreement in regards to the use of county barricades and traffic direction signals. Cost savings to the Village are expected to be around \$5,000.00 per year depending upon need.

3. Law Enforcement: The Village of Edmore proposed in February of 2012, within the next five years to develop a Shared Services Agreement with adjacent jurisdictions for the sharing of a Chief of Police/Police Department Administrator. This type of agreement is expected to save \$8,000.00 annually.

4. Training for Officials: The Village City of Stanton and the Village Lakeview propose to formally collaborate via memorandum of agreement to conduct training and education for planning and zoning officials. This proposal started in October of 2013. This effort of collaboration should result in a saving of at \$500.00-\$1000.00 per year.

Update on 2013 Proposals:

The Village was able to continue the 2012 proposal of contracting with the Montcalm County Road Commission (number 9 under existing history) for Crack and Chip Seal services on our streets and had six blocks refurbished over the summer. Talks with the Montcalm County Road Commission on contracting to do crack and chip seal on Village streets began in February of 2012 and concluded in June of 2012 with a signed contract with the Road Commission for the six blocks of chip seal services. There were no barriers experienced in implementing the proposal, with a cost savings to the Village. In 2013 the savings of contracting with the Montcalm County Road Commission and what was allocated to streets allowed the village to Crack and Chip seal eight blocks.

The countywide department of public works mutual aid had its beginning in the spring of 2012 and while there have been no real barriers, getting lists of equipment available has taken time. The goal is still to have an agreement in place with implementation hopefully by the end of 2014.

The law enforcement proposal began in 2012 and progresses. One of the barriers is waiting for retirements of officers so the integration of services can take place. Meetings are still held with a hopeful implementation completion date of December 2018.

2013-14 Proposals:

Added to the list of proposals for future collaboration and shared services is, number 2, mutual aid with the Montcalm County Road Commission.

Continue to establish memorandums of agreement with the Village of Lakeview when the opportunity arises to share resources including equipment, training opportunities and services.