

CITY OF ST. JOHNS
COOPERATION, COLLABORATION & CONSOLIDATION PLAN

PREVIOUS/CURRENT
THOSE THAT HAVE \$ SAVINGS
(ESTIMATED TOTAL ONE TIME COST SAVINGS/REVENUE OF
\$3,062,000 TO \$4,062,000)
(ESTIMATED TOTAL ANNUAL COST SAVINGS/REVENUE OF
\$499,478 TO \$501,478)

1. Sewer Agreement

a. City & Bingham Township

(Saved Bingham Township over \$3 to \$4 million for not having to build a treatment plant.) (The City has revenue of approximately \$155,292 annually from those Township sewer accounts.)

2. Administration Agreement with Bingham Township

a. Water and sewer billing & collection

(Savings to Bingham Township - \$3,000 per year estimated)

3. Library Agreement

a. Cost sharing with multiple jurisdictions (this is the amount that the State recommends (3/10 of a mil) but the Library does not receive from the Townships)

3/10ths Mil. (On % of population currently served)

Unit of

Government	Real	Personal	Total
Bengal (100%)	\$14,411.23	\$508.63	\$14,919.86
Dallas (100%)	\$23,622.99	\$643.83	\$24,266.82
Greenbush (80%)	\$18,411.48	\$608.99	\$19,020.47
Olive (50%)	\$13,779.82	\$350.25	\$14,130.07
Riley (49.775%)	\$11,832.88	\$184.68	\$12,017.56
Westphalia (30.92%)	\$7,341.64	\$176.37	\$7,518.01
Total	\$89,400.04	\$2,472.75	\$91,872.79

4. Mutual Aid Agreements

- a. Police & fire
(Fire \$5,000 per year; Police \$15,000 per year)

5. City and St. Johns Public Schools

- a. Joint swimming programs and facility usage
(Savings to the City of approximately \$23,100 per year for using the school swimming pool instead of maintaining our swimming pool.)

(Savings to the City of approximately \$7,600.00 per year for using school facilities for recreation programs and not getting charged for the rental of their rooms.)
- b. Joint purchasing on miscellaneous office supplies
(Savings to the City of approximately \$700.00 per year for purchasing copier paper through the school due to their bulk prices.)
- c. Partner with them on sidewalk replacement on major projects
(One time cost savings to the City of \$20,000)

6. Periodic Agreements with Clinton County Road Commission

- a. Miscellaneous road maintenance
(Yearly savings to the City of \$10,000 - Weigh Master services)

7. (2) 425 Agreements

- a. With Bingham Township
(This provides the City with revenue from water/sewer bills of approximately \$32,414.86 annually) (Taxes of approximately \$39,652.89 annually – we collect \$43,510.22, but \$3,857.33 goes back to the Township)

8. Fire Suppression Services Agreements

- a. With Bingham Township
(Saves Bingham Township \$100,000 annually)
- b. With Bengal Township
(Saves Bengal Township \$10,000 annually)

9. City & Clinton County Agreement

- a. Clinton County contracts with the City to administer their Housing Program through MSHDA (Homeowner Rehab).

(The County does not pay anything for the service and the City receives the revenue of \$24,500 per year to administer this for them)

- b. Inter-Governmental Agreement with the Clinton County Building Department to manage floodplain development for the National Flood Insurance Program.
(Savings to the City of \$10,000 annually – no additional staff needed)
- c. The St. Johns Fire Department uses the County's fit test equipment.
(Savings of \$1,000)
- d. City and Clinton County Drain Commissioner sharing survey equipment.
(One time cost savings of \$3,000)

10. State of Michigan

- a. Purchase of salt through their purchasing contract
(Savings to the City of \$4,000 to \$6,000 annually)

11. Village of Ovid

- a. Rental of a sewer camera from the Village of Ovid instead of purchasing our own
(One time cost savings to the City of \$15,000)

12. Bingham Township

- a. Agreement for the rental of our Electronic Line Locator
(One time cost savings to Bingham Township of \$3,000)
- b. Smoke testing of Bingham Township sewers by the City.
(One time cost savings to Bingham Township of \$1,000)

13. The City of St. Johns has agreed to jointly submit a Tiger grant. Clinton Transit, Pewamo, Ovid, Bengal Township and the City of St. Johns will apply for almost 4.0 million dollars. With the City of St. Johns stepping up to the plate to submit this grant application the other communities have the chance of 100% grant monies of \$1,158,000 dollars.

(One time cost savings of engineering fees of \$20,000 to submit grant)

14. The City performs water testing for neighboring municipalities.
(Savings to each municipality of \$2.00 per sample for an estimated savings of \$1,000 per year)

15. City partnering and providing partial funding for the annual maintenance of the cemetery (Mount Rest Cemetery).

(The City provides \$5,000 each year)

16. City provides partial funding for Meals on Wheels.

(The amount that the City provides each year for this program varies, depending on what their anticipated deficit is for the program.)

PREVIOUS/CURRENT

THOSE THAT HAVE OTHER CONSOLIDATION BENEFITS (WITHOUT \$ SAVINGS)

1. Clinton Area Ambulance Authority

- a. 9 communities (townships, villages, city)

(There is no attributable dollar savings, but this allows the community to have a 24 hour ambulance service in town.)

2. City Parks

- a. Services/venues provided

(maintaining 5 parks, 2 large pavilions and 1 small one, a larger performance shell, a renovated railroad depot, and will mean keeping and maintaining a section of the rails to trails)

(These areas bring more people to our City and therefore bring more money to local businesses)

3. City & Clinton County Agreement

- a. For City Jurisdictional Building Inspection Services

(We used to contract with AGS, but the inspectors were not here in town. In contracting with the County for this service, there is a local office for the inspectors and therefore, better customer service to our citizens.)

- b. We partnered with Clinton County to keep the Courthouse downtown and funding the annual maintenance of the Courthouse and surrounding streets

(This keeps the downtown economy stable and is convenient for citizens that have business to do with both the City and County.)

4. Clinton County Economic Alliance

- a. Public and private groups in Clinton County collaborating for the economic health of the county.

(This group works to recruit businesses to Clinton County and works to retain our current businesses.)

5. Mid-West Michigan Trail Authority

a. The City is now a partner with Ionia and Shiawassee Counties

(Once Rails to Trails comes through this area it should boost the local economy due to people using the trails and shopping and eating in our City.)

6. The City partnered with the Clinton County Veterans in the construction and maintenance of the Veterans Memorial.

(This memorial is located in downtown St. Johns and is a beautiful area that brings visitors to our downtown.)

PROPOSED FUTURE COLLABORATION

The City is currently investigating contracting with Clinton County for all of our I.T. service needs. Currently, the City performs some I.T. functions in-house and contracts with a company for other I.T. functions.

(At this time we are not sure of the savings to the City if we contract with Clinton County. It would be additional revenue to the County as well.)

The City has sent a letter to Greenbush Township to propose offering fire services to the township.

(At this time we are not sure of the savings to Greenbush Township compared to the cost of their current fire service. It would be additional revenue to the City as well.)