

# **VILLAGE OF KENT CITY, MICHIGAN**

## **Economic Vitality Incentive Program (EVIP) Cooperation, Collaboration and Consolidation Plan**

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The Village of Kent City has developed this report for our residents and to comply with new state government requirements to demonstrate the Village's determination in implementing intergovernmental cooperation, collaboration and consolidation for the purpose of maintaining an efficient government and improving cost savings. In many cases the level of services that we can provide through consolidation and collaboration is much greater than if we had provided the services for only our residents. The benefits of consolidation and collaboration are more coordinated efforts that enhance the service for each municipality or entity involved.

This summary consists of two main parts:

1. A summary of proposed service collaborations and consolidations that the Village wishes to implement with other municipalities or entities sometime in the future for the purpose of saving funds or presenting a more efficient government.
2. A spreadsheet chart of previously implemented services that the Village has undertaken for the purpose of efficiency and cost savings through cooperation, collaboration and consolidation.

A copy of this plan is available to the public in the Village offices located at 83 Spring St., Kent City, MI 49330 (616-678-7232) and/or by accessing the Village of Kent City website at [www.kentcitymi.org](http://www.kentcitymi.org).

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## **Proposed Plan to Cooperate, Collaborate and Consolidate Intergovernmental Services**

- PROPOSED PURCHASING COOPERATIVE WITH THE VILLAGE OF SPARTA AND THE VILLAGE OF CASNOVIA.

The Village of Kent City plans collaborating with the Village of Sparta and the Village of Casnovia to combine bid taking on projects related to outside private labor services that cannot feasibly be handled by the Department of Public Works. These services include tree trimming/cutting, asphalt surfacing and repairs, sidewalk replacement, sewer line cleaning and etc. By combining bid packages with various communities we hope to lower our mobilization fees and unit costs with outside vendors. The cooperative would group relevant purchases to obtain competitive pricing of these services. Estimated savings would vary from project to project but the Village would hope to save a minimum of \$5,000 per year with implementation starting in the spring/summer of 2012.

- PROPOSED JOINT PURCHASE OF HYDRAULIC SEWER VACUUM TRUCK.

Villages of Kent City, Casnovia and Sparta have discussed the joint purchase of mobile sewer cleaning and televising equipment. Plans include filing applications for potential federal or state grant money to fully or partially purchase a vehicle(s) and related equipment thereby eliminating the need to pay costly bills for routine maintenance of our sewer systems. If grant money was not readily available, the dividing of the cost between the three municipalities to purchase the equipment would be far less than the Village of Kent City purchasing the equipment on its own. The cost savings is projected to be a minimum of \$30,000 not considering possible grant funding.