

**Economic Vitality Incentive Program
Cooperation, Collaboration, and Consolidation Plan
as of: December 2011**

**Local Unit Name: Village of Centreville
County: St Joseph**

Plan Available to the Public (check all that apply): X - In Municipal Offices X - Internet Website Other _____

Previous Service Consolidation(s)					
Service Consolidation	Date Consolidated	Jurisdictions Involved	Realized Savings/(Loss)	Description of Cost Savings/(Loss)	Other Consolidation Benefits
1. Fire Department	Prior to 1989	Florence, Lockport, Nottawa and Sherman Townships, Village of Centreville	\$1,000,000	\$50,000 savings annually	Increased manpower,
2. Law Enforcement	1995	St Joseph County Village of Centreville			Experienced officers, Special Training
3. Sharing of Equipment between entities	Prior to 2001	Villages of Burr Oak, Colon, Mendon and Centreville	\$25,000	\$2,500 savings annually	Convenience
4. Local Lab Services		City of Three Rivers City of Sturgis			Efficiency
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Additional Information:

Consolidation #1: The original agreement was between Nottawa Township and the Village. Over time others have joined the department to better serve their respective communities. Each bringing knowledge and experience in various capacities.

Consolidation #2: The Village contracts with the St Joseph County Sheriff's Dept for 2 full time Deputies. The continuous training that is provided offers assurance to residents. The Sheriff's Dept is located within the Village, this allows for quick response times.

Consolidation #3: Various local municipalities share equipment. When a task is handled in house, a project may be completed earlier than if an outside provider had to be called in. By sharing miscellaneous equipment, we may not need to purchase items that are used only occasionally.

Consolidation #4: The cities are in close proximity to the Village. This reduces the travel time required for delivery of the samples and speeds the receipt of test results.

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Proposed Service Consolidation(s)				
Service Consolidation	Jurisdictions Involved	Estimated Savings/(Loss)	Description of Estimated Savings/(Loss)	Other Consolidation Benefits
1. Staff Sharing	Village Office Dept of Public Works	\$7,500	\$1,500 annually over 5 years	Employee Retention
2. Planning & Zoning	Cornerstone Inspection Services, Village of Centreville	\$7,500	\$1,500 annually over 5 years	Experience & Efficiency
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Additional Information:

Consolidation #1: The Village Office and the Dept of Public Works will share one full time employee. The employee will have experience and knowledge of both departments. Because they are familiar with the operations of each, they will be able to assist with problems and offer solutions. If one department requires more time from the employee, the hours can be adjusted to accommodate the department.

Consolidation #2: All Zoning and permitting will be handled at one location. The residents will have access to documents online which will make the application process more user friendly and efficient. The staff has continued training in planning and zoning, therefore are consistently increasing their knowledge and keeping updated on new restrictions.

Consolidation #3:

Consolidation #4:

Consolidation #5: