

Economic Vitality Incentive Program Cooperation, Collaboration, and Consolidation Plan as of: December 23, 2011

Local Unit Name: Village of Brooklyn
County: Jackson

Plan Available to the Public (check all that apply): In Municipal Offices 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. Eliminated Village police department and then contracted with Columbia Township	1985	Columbia Township	\$2,280,000	In 1985 the Police Department cost the Village \$120,000 annually. The elimination of the department (personnel and equipment) has realized a savings of that amount annually which has been slightly offset by an annual stipend of between \$10,000 and \$30,000 for 6 of the past 26 years.	Eliminated redundancy in service between the two jurisdictions
2. Closed the sewer lagoon system and contracted with Leoni Township for sewer treatment and Columbia Township for sewer transport	1998	Leoni Township and Columbia Township	Revenue neutral	While the treatment costs were originally much lower, no longer having the personnel expenditures coupled with the new capital costs have resulted in a near neutral financial picture.	No longer required to have personnel with requisite licenses plus eliminated the need for on-site maintenance, and avoided the upgrade to the facility as per the

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					MDEQ. The proximity to the new Clark Lake system further enhanced the viability of the move and resulted in increased efficiencies by eliminating the redundancies in the two systems.
3. Took over the sewer operations and maintenance for the five surrounding townships	2011	Columbia, Liberty, Hanover, Cambridge, and Norvell Townships	Revenue neutral	The cost structure was set up to cover our expenditures with only limited revenues remaining for future upgrades/acquisitions.	Able to ensure that their systems were being property maintained because the imminent failure meant a back-up into our system. Also allowed us to cover the costs for upgrading a vehicle and adding another full-time employee.

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1. Collaborate with Columbia Township to create one consistent set of ordinance regulations	Columbia Township	Revenue neutral	We would spend the money to update our regulations even without a collaboration agreement hence there is no anticipated savings or loss from the arrangement.	Eliminates the inconsistencies between the two communities in particular where the commercial district extends beyond the village boundaries and eliminates potential confusion as to why certain regulations apply on one side of the street and not the other. Also provides both communities an opportunity to update any dated regulations. The Township would use the Village ordinances as the base and then expand from there.
2. Collaborate with Columbia Township on code enforcement by hiring one individual to contract with both entities	Columbia Township	\$9,000 annually	We presently have a part time code enforcement officer on our payroll which if converted to a contract employee means a reduction in overall payroll costs plus the hours within the Village could be reduced while still providing	n/a

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			that person with an ample work load between the two jurisdictions.	
3. Collaborate with surrounding townships for the acquisition and utilization of sewer service equipment.	Columbia Township and Summit Township	\$25,000 minimum	One piece of equipment is being considered for this collaboration agreement but others may be added to the mix which would result in a greater savings to all involved jurisdictions.	Prevent any one jurisdiction from having to take out a loan, bond, or transfer funds to cover the capital investment and any subsequent maintenance requirements.