

City of Clare
New Cooperation, Collaboration,
Consolidation and Process Improvement
Service Initiatives
as of
January 30, 2014

The City of Clare has for decades successfully partnered with other local units of government, public, private and non-profit organizations throughout the community with the specific intent of being a good neighbor through the development and implementation of cooperative cost-saving opportunities for the City as well as all other public service organizations. Within rural Michigan this is not a new concept or practice, rather it is a way of life. This good neighbor philosophy and practice continues to be a fiscally important practice due to the continued reductions of State Revenue Sharing, reduced property values and consequently the tax revenues that local units of government depend.

Itemized below are the newly developed Cooperation, Collaboration, Consolidation and Process Improvement Service Initiatives that the City of Clare has developed since our last report submitted to the State of Michigan Department of Treasury as of January 30, 2013.

Road Assessment/Engineering Services

In September 2013 the City of Clare and the City of Mt. Pleasant entered into an intergovernmental agreement whereby the Engineering Department of the City of Mt. Pleasant will complete an assessment of the City of Clare's roads and streets. The assessment will be completed according to the **PA**vement **S**urface **E**valuation and **R**ating (PASER) manual for the approximately 25 miles of local and major streets within the City of Clare. The City of Clare does not have an in-house engineering department to complete this very important evaluation. Upon completion of the assessment the Mt Pleasant Engineering Department will provide the City of Clare 1) an estimate of the remaining life for all existing streets, 2) an estimate of the annual cost to maintain the roadways and 3) an estimated budget to complete improvements on all roads to bring them to a grade of 6 or above on the PASER scale. The cost for this service was \$3,200 which is economical for the City of Clare and provides a revenue source for the City of Mt. Pleasant to support the continued operation of their Engineering Services Department. Based upon established engineering services agreements for other City of Clare projects with the City's engineer of record the estimated savings by partnering with the City of Mt. Pleasant on this work is estimated to be approximately \$5,000.

Project Start:	September 2013
Project Completion:	December 2013
Barriers:	None encountered

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County Fire Department Training Consortium

In October 2013 the City of Clare entered into an intergovernmental agreement with all five fire departments located in Clare County to cooperatively provide, promote and conduct ongoing training of fire response personnel. These fire departments include: the City of Clare, the City of Harrison, Garfield Township, Lincoln Township and Surrey Township. The ongoing training will be scheduled and coordinated by the five fire chiefs with the very limited required funding coming from grant funding and also as necessary proportionally from each of the participating cities and townships.

Project Start:	Planning for the consortium began in the Spring of 2013 and the intergovernmental agreement was entered into in October 2013
Project Completion:	Fully implemented and ongoing
Barriers:	None encountered