



**VILLAGE OF  
BELLAIRE**

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**Economic Vitality Incentive Program  
Cooperation, Collaboration, and Consolidation Plan  
Proposed Service Consolidation  
Prepared December 2011**

**Village of Bellaire, Antrim County**

Plan made available to public on village website and in municipal offices.

**New Service Consolidations**

1) Parking Agreement between Village of Bellaire and Antrim County

The Village of Bellaire is increasingly becoming a tourist destination. While this is a positive development on the whole, parking is a growing difficulty, especially during the evenings and on weekends. To augment parking availability near the downtown core, the Village Council recently voted to work with Antrim County to amend the county's parking ordinance. Currently, the ordinance limits parking in county lots to people who have business with the County.

If an agreement can be reached to allow open public parking on the land currently leased by the county from the village, an extra 32 spaces will be added to public parking less than two blocks from downtown.

Potential Savings

The cost for a new parking lot could be substantial. Storm water containment and paving alone have been estimated at \$20,000. Add in the price of purchasing property and the total cost of constructing a new parking lot could easily exceed the village's entire \$115,900 budget for local streets in FY 2011-2012.

An agreement between the Village of Bellaire and Antrim County will be beneficial not only for both the village and county, but also for residents of, and visitors to, the village.

2) Rental of Community Hall

The village recently became sole owner of the Bellaire Community Hall. To compensate for the loss of the maintenance and utility costs once shared with Kearney Township, the village is leasing office space to Parkside Arts Council, a 501c(3) organization. There is a community room also available and the village council has directed a committee to craft a policy regarding the rental of that space to various entities.

Potential Savings

Potential revenue could range from \$0 to thousands.

**Cooperation, Collaboration, and Consolidation Plan**  
**Previous Service Consolidations**  
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Description of Service	Jurisdiction(s) Involved	Estimated Date of Consolidation	Estimated Cost Savings
Joint maintenance of cemetery.....	Forest Home Township.....	1975.....	\$3600.00 annually
Joint tenancy of community hall.....	Kearney Township.....	1970's.....	\$8,400.00 annually
Rental of idle equipment.....	Antrim County.....	2011.....	\$530.00
Computer Forensic Team.....	MI Association of Planning..... Antrim County Sheriff's Dept. Mancelona Police Dept. Central Lake Police Dept.	2009.....	\$20,000.00
Training consortium.....	Antrim County Sheriff's Dept..... Many other local law enforcement agencies	2012.....	\$1,250.00 annually
Closest car concept.....	Antrim County Sheriff's Dept.....	2000.....	\$4,900.00 annually
Seasonal lifeguard.....	Forest Home Township..... Kearney Township	2007.....	\$2,000.00 annually
Internal consolidation.....	Village office staffing.....	2006.....	\$31,000.00 annually
Internal consolidation.....	Village Police Department.....	2010.....	\$37,500.00 annually
Use of village athletic fields.....	Bellaire Public Schools.....	1960's.....	\$3,200.00 annually
Curb repair on state highway.....	State of Michigan.....	2001.....	\$500.00
In-house maintenance of police fleet.....	Village DPW.....	2009.....	\$500.00 annually
In-house equipment repairs.....	Village DPW.....	2005.....	\$27,500.00
Salvage of discarded sign posts.....	State of Michigan.....	2008.....	\$6,750.00
Supply of staging for road construction.....	State of Michigan.....	1985.....	Unknown
Use of salvaged wood from tree cutting program for DPW heating.....	Village DPW.....	2008.....	\$600.00 annually
Rental of irrigation equipment.....	Antrim County.....	2006.....	\$200.00 annually