

VILLAGE OF SARANAC

Cooperation, Collaboration and Consolidation of Services Plan

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Economic Vitality Incentive Program

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Available for public review at 27 N Bridge Street, Saranac (Village Office) and at www.villageofsaranacmi.org

PLANNED SERVICE CONSOLIDATIONS – *previous year status update*

<u>Description of Service</u>	<u>Participating Units</u>	<u>Estimated Cost Savings</u>
Emergency Medical Services & Fire Protection	Townships of Boston, Keene, Easton & Berlin	\$75,000 (annually)

As of this time last year, the Saranac Community Volunteer Fire Department was awaiting a signed Amended and Restated Emergency Medical Services and Fire Protection Agreement from Easton Township and Berlin Township, already having received the signed document from Keene Township. Both Easton and Berlin have since submitted signed agreements, Easton's as presented and Berlin's revised to eliminate proposed cost sharing for Capital Outlay items. It should be noted, that Berlin Township had been operating under an outdated agreement, that did not include cost sharing for Capital Outlay items, so the new contract in essence, mirrors the old. This concludes agreement revisions and assures continued relationships with the surrounding Townships, which in turn assures an annual cost savings estimated at \$75,000.00.

Rail Trail Construction – Ionia to Saranac	City of Ionia, County of Ionia, Michigan DNR, Michigan DOT, Friends of Fred Meijer Grand River Valley Rail Trail	\$100,000 (one time)
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This project was completed in late summer 2013. A ribbon cutting ceremony was held in November. This concludes the Rail Trail Construction (Ionia to Saranac) project.

Election Services	Boston Township	\$1,000 (bi-annually)
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Beginning in 2014, the Village will realize a bi-annual cost savings of approximately \$1,000.00, due to the fact that Boston Township is now responsible for conducting Saranac Village elections.

Road Maintenance Projects	Ionia County	7 – 14% (per project)
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In the past, the Village of Saranac has entered into road maintenance projects with Ionia County. Fleis & VandenBrink, engineers for the village and the county estimate that both entities realize an approximate cost savings of 7 to 14% of the project cost, when collaborative efforts are utilized. This includes cost savings on engineering services as well as construction. It is surmised, that combining the projects may attract more competitive bidders, resulting in a cost savings for both entities. There are currently no collaborative projects slated for the 2014/2015 budget year. However, the village DPW Director communicates with county personnel on a regular basis (quarterly, or more often if opportunity arises), as it pertains to road maintenance collaborative opportunities.

PLANNED SERVICE CONSOLIDATIONS – new

Saranac Promise	Saranac Community Schools	unknown at this time
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Sharon Darby, Saranac Village President, has been meeting with members of Saranac Community Schools, approximately twice a month, to discuss collaborative efforts for a “Saranac Promise” program. The Promise program has the potential to bring together private and public dollars to improve economic development to the area, thus helping students to realize a college or vocational education. As in other community “Promise” programs, we are expecting to attract quality labor to the area, improve outcomes for local students, improve student behavior, increase local job opportunities, as well as increase housing prices and/or property values. The barriers will be funding, with a full roll out scheduled for a couple years out. There are three phases to the program 1) utilizing existing grants and FASFA completion for all, 2) partial assistance for students and 3) full assistance for students.