

Welcome

Introduction of members

Objectives of the Council

Why Intergovernmental Cooperation?

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This question can be answered in
different ways.

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Pennsylvania Intergovernmental
Handbook lists three benefits.

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- Interdependence. Activities affecting our citizens follow natural boundaries, which aren't always our boundaries.

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- Efficiency. We can lower costs by developing economies of scale. Distribute overhead cost and maximize the use of facilities and capital equipment.

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- Effectiveness. An inefficient program is better than an ineffective one. Some problems originate in one jurisdiction and present themselves in another. An effective solution to some problems can only be accomplished through cooperation.

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“In today’s world of budget deficits and tax cuts, local governments have few viable options to cut costs while maintaining quality services. Municipal collaboration appears to be a practical solution. By working together, municipalities may be able to maintain or improve the quality of services and reduce costs at the same time.”
Public Policy Forum, April 2006

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Every municipality does something well. By the same token, each provides services that can be improved. By sharing information, we can replicate “best practices” throughout the county.

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According to SEWRPC, the population expected to be served by municipal water systems in southeastern Wisconsin will increase from 1.56 million persons in 2000 to 2.10 million persons in 2035.

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We may not reach consensus on a bill to ban annexations, but we might on legislation to expand the definition of impact fees.

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6 x 90

Six meetings of 90 minutes

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- April 28, 2009 – Continue to fish or “cut bait”

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- Contribute to the effort.

We know our areas of disagreement; our challenge is to find areas of common interest.

Discussion