

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

**Local Unit Name: City of Brown City (762010)
County: Sanilac**

Plan Available to the Public (check all that apply): **XXX - In Municipal Offices XXX - Internet Website**

| Previous Service Consolidation(s) | | | | | |
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| Service Consolidation | Date Consolidated | Jurisdictions Involved | Realized Savings/(Loss) | Description of Cost Savings/(Loss) | Other Consolidation Benefits |
| 1. Fire Protection Services | 2/10/1993 | City of Brown City, Flynn, Lynn, Burnside and Maple Valley TWP | 83,392 | Pooling of resources verses creating and maintaining multiple area departments | Uniform level of fire protection service |
| 2. Police Dispatch Services | 1995 | City of Brown City and Sanilac County | 40,000 | No duplication or need to hire dispatcher(s) and purchase/maintain communication equipment. | Uniform dispatch services; central coordination of multiple police organizations (local/county/state) |
| 3. Trading police protection services during local festivals | 2009 | City of Brown City, Yale, Croswell and Port Sanilac | 426 | Brown City police provide services during local festivals and other entities reciprocate. | Police officer know and trust each other. |
| 4. Bulk purchase, storage and distribution of road salt | 2003 | City of Brown City, Brown City Consolidated School District, Village of Peck. | 444 | Bulk purchase under State Purchasing Program. | Single, environmentally approved storage location. |
| 5. Building Official, construction inspection services. | Prior to 1981 | City of Brown City and Sanilac County | 52,000 | No duplication or need to train/hire inspectors(s) and purchase/maintain vehicles/equipment. | Centralized uniform services throughout the county |

Additional Information:

Consolidation #1: The five members each contribute toward operating and equipment costs based on population, acreage, and number of fire runs. This allows one consolidated department rather than needing one for each township and the City. Cost based on the total operating and equipment budget of the Brown City Area Fire Authority less the City's contribution.

Consolidation #2: Sanilac County Sheriff's Department ensures calls for police services are quickly and efficiently sent to where need along with additional officers and resources of required. Current level of service established with the introduction of Enhanced 911 Dispatch Services in 1995; however, the radio dispatch service was established significantly prior to that time. Cost based on the average wage of dispatchers during the two shifts conducted by Brown City officers.

Consolidation #3: Through informal agreement, the City dispatched two officers (the entire department) to provide crowd control and public safety support to the Croswell, Yale and Port Sanilac Police Departments during their annual summer festivals. These departments also sent officers to the City of Brown City during the local Thumb Area Soybean Festival in June of each year. Cost based on the hourly wages and benefits for two officers for eight hours.

Consolidation #4: The City bulk purchases stores the road salt, the School and Peck pick-up truckloads as needed. Cost is based on the difference between the City's cost and what would be charges to the Scholl and peck due to their low volume of use.

Consolidation #5: The City Council and/or Planning Commission authorizes the issuing of a building permit and Sanilac County provides the inspectors and support personnel and conducts the issuing of permits, inspection of mechanical, electric, building and plumbing.

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| 1. Equipment Sharing | City of Brown City and City of Marlette | 1,000 | Use of Marlette's street sweeper or other equipment as required. | The City also has equipment not owned by Marlette available for their use. |
| 2. Equipment and Personnel Sharing | City of Brown City, Sandusky, Croswell | unknown | Anticipate saving by sharing equipment when formal agreements are finalized. | Increased availability of equipment at MDOT rather than commercial rates. |
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| Additional Information: | | | | |
| Consolidation #1: A copy of the formal agreement is attached. This agreement was finalized in September/October of 2011. | | | | |
| Consolidation #2: Anticipate agreements similar to that with the City of Marlette to be concluded with other county municipalities in 2012. | | | | |