

Intergovernmental Cooperation

Major Findings

1. The Village of St. Cloud and the Town of Marshfield have developed a cooperative working relationship.
2. Portions of several towns contract for fire services from the St. Cloud Volunteer Fire Department

Recommendation

- ❑ The Village of St. Cloud should always be looking for ways to share services and equipment with surrounding governmental units to become more efficient in the delivery of services.

Goal, Objectives, and Policy

Goal

- ❑ To continue fostering a mutually beneficial, friendly, working relationship with the Town of Marshfield, Fond du Lac County, neighboring Sheboygan County, and State and Federal Agencies.

Objectives

1. Coordinate emergency response services with the St. Cloud Volunteer Fire Department, the Mount Calvary Ambulance Service, and the Fond du Lac County Sheriff's Department.
2. Meet as needed with the Town of Marshfield to discuss mutual issues and opportunities.
3. As part of the Village's annual budgeting process, review the opportunities to provide efficient and economical public facilities and services through cooperation with other units of government.
4. Continue to coordinate a joint planning process and the implementation of the Village's Comprehensive Plan with the Town of Marshfield's Comprehensive Plan.

Policy

- ❑ The Village of St. Cloud shall continue to cooperate with the Town of Marshfield and Fond du Lac County to minimize land use and policy conflicts, and to achieve economies of scale.

Guidelines for Intergovernmental Cooperation

- ❑ Wisconsin State Statutes provide guidelines for intergovernmental cooperation and boundary agreements between municipalities. This statute enables adjoining communities to enter into agreements that will benefit both communities.
- ❑ Mutual aid agreements are a type of intergovernmental cooperation. For example, in a sense the Village of St. Cloud and its surrounding towns have a mutual aid agreement through the shared funding of manning a joint fire department and the involvement of residents of the participating communities.

- ❑ Boundary agreements are typically found in urban and urbanizing areas where there is a desire on the part of adjacent municipalities to agree on where each municipality will provide services. These agreements contribute to better planning and the efficient and economical provision of municipal services.

Governmental Jurisdictions

Towns, Village and City

- ❑ The Village of St. Cloud shares common boundaries with the Town of Marshfield in Fond du Lac and the Town of Greenbush in Sheboygan County. The Village of St. Cloud and portions of the Towns of Marshfield, Russell, and Forest jointly utilize the St. Cloud Fire Department for fire service. This ongoing relationship is anticipated to continue into the future.

School Districts

- ❑ St. Cloud is served by the New Holstein School District. Communication with the District should occur periodically and informally.
- ❑ The potential impact of planned and future growth and development in St. Cloud affects school district enrollments. The school district would benefit from being informed by the Village regarding the status of new home building permits and any plans for subdivision development.

Fond du Lac County

- ❑ Fond du Lac County engages in a minimal amount of activities within St. Cloud. The Village and County actively cooperate in the area of county highway maintenance and improvement projects for roadways in the village limits.
- ❑ The County Health and Human Services Department performs various activities and social service programs for eligible village residents.

Emergency Response

- ❑ St. Cloud is served by County Emergency response dispatch, County Sheriff's Department, and First Responders (EMT) Ambulance from Mount Calvary.

East Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission (ECWRPC)

- ❑ Fond du Lac County is not a supporting member of the ECWRPC. Some individual communities have contracted for services with the ECWRPC; to date the Village of St. Cloud has not.

State of Wisconsin

Department of Transportation

- ❑ St. Cloud is within the WDOT's Northeast Region, which is administered from the WDOT's Green Bay office. Because there are no State highways in the village, there is minimal involvement with this office.

Department of Natural Resources

- ❑ The Village is aware of WDNR rules and regulations, and has had discussions with this agency when WDNR-related issues are involved in municipal or development projects.

Conflicts and Opportunities

- ❑ When any significant conflicts occur with other communities or governmental agencies, initial attempts to address the conflict will involve written and face-to-face communication. If initial attempts are not successful, the Village will consider other methods, including mediation, arbitration and other dispute resolution techniques as described in Wisconsin State Statutes 802.12.
- ❑ St. Cloud officials have demonstrated, through past and current planning efforts, that they are willing to proactively engage in discussions with other government officials to promote and enhance opportunities. Village leaders are encouraged to continue this practice in order to best maximize local efforts and minimize potential conflicts.