

City of Ecorse

Shared Services Summary

December 2011

<i>Regional Initiative</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Communities/ Others Involved</i>	<i>Estimated Savings</i>
Public Works			
1. Mutual Aid Agreement Approved in 2010	Downriver Community Conference (DCC) Public Works Mutual Aid Agreement. Cooperative response to natural and man made disasters and major problems beyond the ability of one community to respond. Sharing Resources as needed. Enables each community to save by not having to build up resources sufficient to address all potential situations.	17 Downriver Communities	Undetermined. In case of a disaster this could be a substantial savings
2. Joint Purchasing Opportunities	Allows the solicitation of bids as a group resulting in savings in manpower to develop and analyze bids. Results in more cost savings due to better pricing for commonly used services and supplies.	17 Downriver Communities	Estimated \$ 5,000 Annual Savings
3. Joint Contracting for Solid Waste Disposal	Through the Downriver Community Conference, the City participates in a joint agreement for several of the DCC communities to dispose of Solid Waste at the City of Riverview Landfill.	Downriver Communities	Estimated \$ 15,000 Annual Savings
4. Water Supplies and Sewage Disposal Services	Provision of clean water for drinking and other use. Treatment of Sanitary Sewage. Provided by the City of Detroit.	Most Wayne County Communities including the City of Detroit and other communities outside of the County	Undetermined. Provision of this service by the City of Ecorse would be not be practical and would be extremely expensive
5. Storm Water Drainage	Network of waterways and drainage ditches throughout Wayne County to minimize damage from storms and redirect water flow to facilitate safe discharge to major rivers.	All Wayne County Communities	Undetermined

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6. Traffic Signal and Road Maintenance	Wayne County Road Commission and the City of Ecorse jointly provide Traffic Signal and Road Maintenance to three major roads within the City of Ecorse. These are West Jefferson, Outer Drive, and Southfield Road.	Provided to many Wayne County Communities	Estimated annual savings of \$ 5,000
7. Joint Road Planning	City of Ecorse participates in the Wayne County Federal Aid Commission for Roads. Involves planning and securing financing for road projects.	Available to Wayne County Communities	Undetermined
8. Manufacture of Street Signs	City of Ecorse secures specialized signs through the City of Monroe.	Available to Ecorse by Monroe	Estimated annual savings of \$ 5,000
9. Joint Purchasing	Purchased salt through the Ste of Michigan Cooperative Purchasing Program (MIDEAL) based on State solicited bids. Also made one time purchase of two pickup trucks (2010 Ford F-250's) including associated equipment.	Available to communities throughout the State	Estimated annual savings of \$ 2,500. Undetermined one time savings for purchase of vehicles.
10. Greenway Project	Development of an interconnecting system of walkways with other cities in the region. Downriver Delta is a cooperative effort of citizen volunteers from the cities of Ecorse, Lincoln Park, River Rouge and Detroit promoting the walkway system and other improvements to the area.	City of Detroit and several other cities participating in this effort.	Undetermined
<i>Police</i>			
1. Federal COPS Grant	Grant from the Office of Community Policing, Department of Homeland Security provides for all expenses for one Police Officer for Three years. Grant started in July/August 2010. Requires City to fund Fourth year for the Police Officer. Additional Grants may be available in future years depending on the amount of Federal Funding available.	Competitive Nationwide Program serving many communities in Michigan	\$ 208,000

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2. Mutual Aid Agreement	Police Downriver Mutual Aid Agreement through the Downriver Community Conference (DCC). Started over 20 years ago. Includes the following joint teams: SWAT, Crisis Negotiation, Underwater Dive Team, Downriver Area Narcotics Unit (DRANO), HAZMAT Response, Downriver Major Crime Task Force, Accident Investigation, and Fire Investigation.	17 Downriver Communities	Undetermined. Provides specialized services unaffordable to one community to provide by itself.
3. Auto Theft Investigation Team	Cooperative effort involving the joint investigation of auto theft.	17 communities participating in the DCC and 18 Communities belonging to the Conference of Western Wayne (CWW)	Undetermined.
4. Joint Purchasing	Participation in the Michigan Intergovernmental Trade Network (MITN). City of Ecorse has purchased vehicles, emergency equipment for vehicles, handguns, rifles, and ammunition through this program.	Offered by the State of Michigan to Communities throughout the State	Undetermined, but has resulted in substantial savings.
5. Traffic Enforcement	Participated in traffic enforcement cooperative initiatives.	State Police and multiple agencies and Departments	Undetermined
6. Training	Utilized training programs available through Schoolcraft Community College	Available to communities throughout the County	Undetermined
7. Provision of Jail Facilities	Wayne County provides facilities for housing prisoners arrested by the Ecorse Police Department who are retained for more than 72 hours.	Available to communities throughout the County	Undetermined
8. Warrant Sweep Operation	Cooperative Effort over three days in October 2010 resulting in 34 arrests in Ecorse and serving of 75 warrants.	State Police, Federal United States Marshals, Western Wayne Investigation through the Conference of Western Wayne (CWW), River Rouge, and Ecorse.	Undetermined

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<i>Fire</i>			
1. Federal Grant	Federal SAFER grant effective November 2010 through the Federal Emergency Management Authority (FEMA) to fund the expense for part time Fire Fighters (five Full Time Equivalents).	Competitive program available to communities in Michigan and throughout the country	\$ 395,000
2. Fire Mutual Aid Agreement	City of Ecorse and City of River Rouge signed a Fire Automatic Mutual Aid Agreement on December 5, 2011. When there is a structural fire, fire units from both cities will be dispatched at the same time. This will provide more equipment and manpower to fight fires and stop fires before they spread.	City of Ecorse City of River Rouge	Undetermined savings in staffing and reduction of property damage.
3. Fire Downriver Mutual Aid Agreement	Provides for mutual assistance in fighting fires. Share the Underwater Dive Team, HAZMAT Response, and Fire Investigation Team. Agreement signed more than 20 years ago.	17 member communities of the Downriver Community Conference (DCC)	Undetermined
4. Joint Purchasing	Participation in the Michigan Intergovernmental Trade Network (MITN) in purchasing medical equipment.	Multiple communities throughout the State	Undetermined
5. Purchased Vehicle	Purchased 2009 Ladder Truck utilizing Federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and City funds.	Federal Grant administered through Wayne County.	\$ 250,000 (\$ 50,000/yr.)
6. Training	Training provided through Schoolcraft Community College	Available to communities throughout Wayne County	Undetermined
<i>Grants</i>			
1. CDBG Grant	Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) was used to develop a portion of Dingell Park located in the City of Ecorse on the Detroit River.	Federal Grant administered through Wayne County. CDBG is available for communities throughout Wayne County	\$ 475,000

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2. CDBG Grant	CDBG was used for Street Repairs during 2011	Grant through Wayne Co.	\$ 65,000
Park and Recreation			
1. Facility Sharing	Cooperative Effort by the Ecorse Public Schools and the City of Ecorse to share facilities.	Ecorse City & School Cooperation	Est. Savings \$ 100,000 annually
Finance			
1. Change in State Law	Secured change in State Law allowing the collection of tax dollars by a private firm (Comerica Bank) to pay the debt payments on bonds first, distribute funds to the Schools & Wayne County second, and then provide remaining funds to the City. This enabled the sale of bonds by the City of Ecorse that would not have occurred due to the City's fiscal condition if this State Law had not been passed. It allows the Bond buyers to be assured that they hold a first position on the use of funds instead of a lower position.	Cooperative effort involving the Governor, State Senate, and State House of Representatives.	Saved City on interest costs and saved a portion of the cost of collecting property taxes.
Consolidations/Reorganization Within the City of Ecorse		Description	
Communities/ Others Involved		Estimated Savings	
1. Library	Reduced operational hours and shared staff with the City of River Rouge Library	Cities of River Rouge and Ecorse	\$ 150,000 per year estimated savings.

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2. Court	Established Court Docket Officer in 2009 and eliminated substantial overtime.	Ecorse	\$ 60,000 annual estimated savings
3. City Attorney's Office	Modified City Attorney operations starting in 2010, eliminated part time secretary position, actively defended legal actions against the City, settled litigation, reduced number of lawsuits against the City, reduced number of outside attorneys and their fees, reduced cost of annual Ordinance prosecution in court, and completed many other cost savings modifications in City operations.	Ecorse	Over \$ 3million of one time savings plus substantial annual savings.
4. Reorganization of Police & Fire Senior Command Structure	Employed an experienced Safety Director and eliminated the Police Chief, Deputy Police Chief, Fire Chief, and Deputy Fire Chief positions in 2010	Ecorse	Substantial annual savings
5. Eliminated 3 Captain positions in Fire Department	Modified Fire Command Structure by eliminating 3 Fire Captain positions upon retirements in 2011	Ecorse	Undetermined
6. Eliminated Regular Emergency Medical Services	Secure Advanced Life Support Emergency Medical Services from a private company at no cost to the City. Upgrade from the City providing Basic Life Support Emergency Medical Services in July 2011	Ecorse	See item 7 below.
7. Reorganization of Fire Department Staffing	Reduced staffing from 14 Full Time to 6 Full Time and 8 Regular Part Time Firefighters in July 2011.	Ecorse	Estimated Annual Savings of \$ 650,000
8. Reorganization of City Hall Staff	Replaced four full time employees with two full time employees with additional needed job skills in May 2011.	Ecorse	Estimated Annual Savings of \$ 110,000
9. Reorganization of Public Works Department	City had privatized operations. Termination of contract and restarting DPW utilizing both City employees and contracts.	Ecorse	\$ 2 million annual savings

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10. Restructuring Management Functions	Public Works Director position expanded to include General Services (oversight of Boat Launch, Building Department, Code Enforcement, and Senior Citizen Programs). Human Resource/Labor Relations Director Position expanded to oversee Information Technology Services including computers, copiers, mail services, and telephone systems. Also expand duties to include special projects. City Attorney role expanded to include grant facilitator and Project Director for Envision Ecorse, a professionally facilitated strategic planning process working with community volunteers.	Ecorse	Undetermined, but utilizes management staff to perform multiple tasks allowing the City to accomplish more with limited staff.
<i>Proposed Regional Cooperation</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Communities/ Others Involved</i>	<i>Estimated Savings</i>
Inter-governmental Agreements			
1. Agreement to explore areas for mutual cooperation	City of Lincoln Park will jointly bid Public Works Services, Equipment, Supplies, and Construction with the City of Ecorse. Ecorse can decide to participate in the approval of the bid or proceed on its own if the bid cost is not acceptable to the City of Ecorse.	City of Lincoln Park and City of Ecorse	Undetermined
Police & Fire and The Court			
1. EVIP Grant Application	Joint EVIP Grant application submitted to the State of Michigan to fund consolidation of Police and Fire Services for the Cities of River Rouge and Ecorse. Also to facilitate the merger of the District Courts in the two cities.	Cities of Ecorse & River Rouge. Grant application to the State.	Projected Ecorse annual savings Police, Fire & Court \$ 994,831

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Public Works Department			
1. Use of Recycling Center	Lincoln Park is developing a recycling center .Ecorse citizens will be able to utilize this center at no cost to its citizens/City.	City of Lincoln Park & City of Ecorse	Annual savings of \$ 50,000
2. Street Lighting Reassessment	Evaluate and then reduce the number of street lights.	DTE(Detroit Edison the electric supplier) & City of Ecorse.	\$ 82,000 annual savings
Grants			
1. CDBG Grant	Demolition of vacant buildings.	Federal Grant through Wayne County	Estimated savings of \$ 60,000
2. Land & Water Grant	Proposed improvements to Ciungan Park.	State of Michigan Grant	Estimated savings of \$ 150,000
3. State Trust Fund Grant	Proposed Improvements to Ciungan Park.	State of Michigan Grant	Estimated savings of \$ 720,000