



City of New Buffalo  
Berrien County, Michigan  
Economic Vitality Incentive Program  
Certification of Consolidation of Services  
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Update Status of Previous Year's Service Consolidation Proposals

Police Service Consolidation: The City of New Buffalo and the Village of Three Oaks discussed the shared use of the City's Police Chief and Clerk with Three Oaks deciding to hire a Police Chief that could also cover a patrol shift. This plan was not implemented and has been cancelled. No barriers were encountered. Time line: 3/2012 – 6/2012

Cooperative Purchasing Consortium: The City of New Buffalo, Village of Three Oaks and area townships started discussion and due to elections and new officials, this process was slowed. This proposal has not been implemented yet and no barriers were encountered. Time line: 3/2012 – 4/2013

Shared Mechanic: The City of New Buffalo and the Village of Three Oaks discussed the shared use of the City's mechanic. As the City's mechanic is a working member of our Street Department, time taken to repair other vehicles would mean that the City may need to hire another employee to cover the hours. Being cost prohibitive this was not implemented and has been cancelled. No barriers were encountered. Time line: 3/2012 – 5/2012

Fuel Depot: The City of New Buffalo, New Buffalo Community Schools, New Buffalo Township, Galien River Sanitary District and Pokagon Band of Pottawatomi Indians joined together to discuss and implement a collaborative fuel depot. From start to finish this project took approximately six months. It was fully implemented with no barriers encountered and a savings to the City of approximately \$6000.00 a year. Time line: 12/2011 – 9/2012

Proposed Service Consolidations

Maintenance/use of parks/athletic fields: The City of New Buffalo and the New Buffalo Area Schools are discussing the shared use and maintenance of these facilities. The City Park and the Middle/High School are adjoined. The savings can range from \$1000.00 a year to \$30,000.00 per project based upon maintenance costs and non-duplication of facilities. Time line: 11/2012 – 3/2013

Shared Facilities: The City of New Buffalo will have discussions with the New Buffalo Area Schools regarding the shared use of maintenance facilities and storage areas. The City and School would benefit by not expanding facilities that are needed seasonally. Space that is not being used by one can be used by the other. The cost savings is unknown but could reduce the need to build a new structure by either entity and will provide more efficient service. Time line: 1/2013 – 4/2013