

CHAPTER 7

Intergovernmental Cooperation

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The intergovernmental cooperation chapter identifies opportunities for establishing or maintaining cooperation between local units of government. Cooperation improves lines of communication between different units of government, and aids in the recognition and possible resolution of, conflicts between jurisdictions, and allows for the identification of mutual service needs and improvements. The intent of this chapter is to identify, inventory and analyze existing and potential cooperative relationships.

Section 7.1 Inventory of Intergovernmental Agreements

Inventory and examination of existing municipal relations allows for the understanding of how units of local government currently work together and how these relationships can be enhanced. As Forreston develops and redevelops in the future it is important for the Village to continue to work with surrounding units of local government. The Village of Forreston has two standing agreements with other units of local government.

A. Forrestville Valley Community Unit School District

The Village has an agreement with Forrestville Valley C.U.S.D. No. 221 for the use of the Warnken Park baseball field by the high school baseball team.

B. Ogle County GIS Partnership

The Village is a member of the Ogle County GIS Partnership. The role and function of the Ogle County GIS Partnership is to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of its members through the coordinated development of a county-wide Geographic Information System (GIS). The intended beneficiaries of this partnership are the citizens, taxpayers and GIS Partnership members of Ogle County. The expected benefits are improved products and services delivered at a reasonable cost. When developed in a coordinated fashion, GIS affords many opportunities and benefits including: Capture of the available economies of scale in the initial investment and maintenance of systems; Risk sharing and minimization; Elimination of needless duplication of effort through coordination and custodianship; and Enhanced tools to support decision making and operations in carrying out the public's business.

Section 7.2 Issues/Conclusions Regarding Intergovernmental Relations

The Village should continue its ongoing agreement with the Forrestville Valley C.U.S.D. for the use of the Warnken Park baseball field by the high school baseball team.

The Village should continue to actively participate in the development and maintenance of the Ogle County GIS program, and benefit from the program.

The Village should maintain communications with Ogle County to ensure that County and Village plans and land use decisions are consistent.

Section 7.3 Goals/Objectives/Policies

A. Goals

1. Encourage cooperation between Village of Forreston and other units of government, where appropriate, to ensure availability of services and facilities.

2. Encourage Ogle County to adopt plans and land use regulations that are consistent with Village plans for future development.
3. All intergovernmental agreements shall be entered into with the best interests of the residents of the Village of Forreston getting foremost consideration.

B. Objectives

1. Share services across county or municipal borders whenever deemed appropriate by the Village.
2. Periodically review intergovernmental agreements to re-affirm that they are still in the best interests of the residents of Forreston.

C. Policies

1. Establish and maintain communication with Ogle County, surrounding townships and other units of local government for discussion on land use and other related issues.
2. Maintain existing intergovernmental relations and cooperation.
3. Explore additional opportunities for intergovernmental cooperation and beneficial agreements.