

CONSOLIDATION AND COOPERATION AGREEMENTS

Ambulance Service. Maine Emergency Squad, Inc. furnishes ambulance service to both Towns of Maine and Nanticoke.

Assessments. The Towns of Nanticoke and Lisle participate in a coordinated assessment program and share the services of an assessor.

The Towns of Deposit, Sanford and Binghamton all use the same assessor.

The Towns of Dickinson, Fenton and Triangle all use the same assessor.

The Towns of Union and Conklin use the same assessor.

Attorneys. The Town of Conklin and the Village of Johnson City use the same law firm's services.

The Towns of Union and Binghamton use the same law firm's services.

The Towns of Kirkwood, Dickinson, Triangle, Nanticoke, Maine, Colesville, Lisle and Sanford, and the Villages of Port Dickinson, Windsor, Whitney Point and Deposit all use the same law firm's services.

Bridges. Colesville and the Town of Windsor have signed an agreement to share the net costs of replacing the Ouaquaga Bridge which crosses over the Susquehanna River and connects Colesville and Windsor.

Code Enforcement. Union, Dickinson and Village of Windsor all use the same Code Enforcement Officer. That person has also provided back-up service in the Village of Port Dickinson. The Village of Endicott's code enforcement officer has also provided back-up service in the Village of Windsor. The Town of Nanticoke's code enforcement officer has provided back-up service in the Town of Barker.

The Towns of Sanford and Binghamton both use the same Code Enforcement Officer.

Courts. Town of Maine has authorized its two town justices to service as justices in the Town of Nanticoke from time to time to substitute for the Town of Nanticoke justice when he is unable to serve. A similar arrangement is in place between the Towns of Lisle and Triangle.

Village of Port Dickinson terminated its village court and transferred the functions to Town of Dickinson.

Dogs. Dickinson and Chenango share the services of a dog control officer under a cooperation agreement, and this officer further acts as backup in the Town of Barker when needed.

Conklin and Town of Binghamton provide dog control backup for each other.

Numerous municipalities contract with the Broome County Dog Shelter.

Electricity. Municipal Electric & Gas Alliance (“MEGA”) is a not-for-profit local development corporation whose purpose is to assist its customers in “getting the benefits of reduced energy costs through the power of aggregated buying...” Among the participants are The County of Broome, City of Binghamton, Town of Maine, Town of Colesville, Town of Chenango, Town of Kirkwood, Town of Dickinson, Town of Union, Town of Windsor, Town of Vestal, Village of Deposit, Village of Johnson City, Binghamton City School District, Harpursville Central School District, Maine- Endwell School District, Susquehanna Valley School District, Union-Endicott School District, and Binghamton-Johnson City Joint Sewage Treatment Plant.

Emergency Services. The Village of Whitney Point has an agreement to provide EMT services for the Town of Lisle, Town of Barker and Town of Nanticoke. Village of Deposit, Town of Sanford, Town of Afton and Town of Deposit share EMT services. Lisle and Marathon share ambulance services. Village of Windsor and Town of Windsor share ambulance services.

Engineers. The Towns of Kirkwood, Windsor and Dickinson share the services of the same engineer.

Equipment. After the fire at the Town of Barker highway garage, both Broome County and the Town of Maine loaned trucks to Barker, and other municipalities offered other assistance.

Facilities. Town of Binghamton and Susquehanna Valley School District have an agreement where SV uses a gas pump in exchange for facility use by the town.

Susquehanna Valley School District and Conklin share athletic fields and gymnasium space.

The Village of Port Dickinson allows the Chenango Valley School District to use the Village Athletic Fields. The Port Dickinson Community Park has been the home field of the Chenango Valley Boys Baseball Team and the Girls Soccer Team for more than ten years. This has required the sharing of mowing and field maintenance services between the Village DPW and the School District’s Department of Buildings and Grounds.

The Town of Kirkwood and the County share hydroseeding services at reduced cost.

Fire Inspections. Each school district is required by law to have fire inspections of its schools carried out by duly licensed building code inspectors. The Town of Kirkwood has a qualified employee who can do these inspections, and Kirkwood furnishes these services at no charge to the Susquehanna Valley School District.

Fire Protection. The Village of Deposit Fire Department and Township of Scott, Pa. furnish fire protection within Town of Sanford and Town of Deposit.

Union Center Fire Company, whose headquarters is in the Town of Union, furnishes fire protection within Town of Maine.

Glen Aubrey Fire Company, Inc., whose headquarters is in the Town of Nanticoke, furnishes fire protection within a portion of the Town of Maine.

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Village of Port Dickinson Fire Department furnishes fire protection to a portion of the Town of Dickinson.

The Village of Whitney Point provides fire protection for portions of the Towns of Barker and Triangle.

The Town of Barker has contracts with volunteer fire departments of Chenango Forks, Castle Creek, and Triangle for Fire and Emergency services.

East Maine Fire Company, Inc., whose headquarters is in the Town of Maine, furnishes fire protection at the Broome County Landfill within the Towns of Nanticoke and Barker.

Village of Windsor leases a building to the Windsor Fire Department

Under various mutual aid arrangements, fire companies with headquarters in one town frequently provide fire protection within another town.

Highway equipment and personnel. Among the municipalities which have agreements in place to allow the sharing of highway equipment and personnel are: Towns of Kirkwood and Windsor; Towns of Kirkwood and Conklin; Towns of Kirkwood and Chenango; Village of Port Dickinson and Town of Dickinson; Towns of Sanford and Deposit; Town of Sanford and Village of Deposit; Towns of Sanford and Colesville; Towns of Colesville and Chenango; Towns of Dickinson and Kirkwood; and Towns of Dickinson and Chenango.

Insurance. The New York Municipal Insurance Reciprocal is a non-profit, licensed insurance company which enables participating municipalities to address loss exposures unique to local governments, receive risk assessments, participate in a risk management program, and obtain customized training. The subscribers in Broome County include Towns of Dickinson, Sanford, Maine, Barker, Chenango, Fenton, Vestal and Windsor; and Village of Port Dickinson.

Joint Meetings. The Association of Towns and Villages in Broome County meets monthly, and shares ideas for cost savings and shared services.

The Towns of Barker, Lisle, Nanticoke and Triangle, and the Villages of Whitney Point and Lisle, and the Whitney Point School district hold quarterly meetings to discuss further ways to cooperate and reduce costs.

The Court Clerks and Town Clerks have an association that meets monthly, and shares ideas for cost savings and shared services.

The Association of Highway Superintendents throughout the County meets monthly, and shares ideas for cost savings and shared services.

Landfill. When Broome County expanded the Broome County Landfill to include property in the Towns of Maine, Nanticoke and Barker, the Towns jointly hired one attorney and one engineering firm to

advise them as they successfully negotiated a host community benefit agreement between the three towns and Broome County.

Parks. The Town of Windsor and the Village of Windsor have entered into an agreement for the Town to do some work in the Village park.

Police Dispatch. The Village of Port Dickinson, Town of Vestal, Village of Johnson City and City of Binghamton have each transferred their police dispatch functions to the County.

Police Protection. Maine leased a portion of its town hall to Broome County for use as a Sheriff's Department substation. The Town of Triangle provides a portion of its Town Hall to the State Troopers as a substation.

Public Safety. A Broome County Outdoors Public Training Facility is being created at Binghamton Regional Airport in the Town of Maine. The facility may be used by a number of police and fire departments, Broome County, the City of Binghamton, the Town of Vestal, Village of Deposit, Village of Endicott, Village of Johnson City, Village of Port Dickinson, Binghamton University and numerous fire companies.

Purchasing. All the municipalities frequently take advantage of purchasing items pursuant to County or State bid, to secure a better price through volume purchasing.

Recreation Programs. The Towns of Kirkwood and Conklin Joint have an agreement to provide joint summer recreation activities.

The Towns of Sanford and Deposit, and the Village of Deposit have a joint recreation facility.

Recycling. The Town of Sanford, Town of Deposit and Village of Deposit entered into an agreement between themselves and Broome County whereby they provide an employee to manage and retain the recycling drop-off point in Deposit.

Sewage Treatment. The City of Binghamton and Village of Johnson City created the Binghamton-Johnson City Joint Sewage Treatment Board to operate the sewage treatment plant. Sewage is treated from City of Binghamton, Village of Johnson City, Towns of Kirkwood, Vestal, Dickinson, Fenton and Village of Port Dickinson.

The Village of Endicott sewage treatment plant treats sewage from the Village of Endicott, Town of Union and Town of Vestal.

The Town of Sanford has contracted with the Village of Deposit to operate the Town's sewer plant, so that only one set of operators' licenses and training is required.

Snow removal. Towns of Maine, Barker, Nanticoke and Kirkwood each entered into agreements with Broome County to do snow plowing on various County highways. Town of Maine and Town of Union have an agreement under which the Maine Highway Department performs plowing, sanding and snow and ice removal on a portion of Cornell Hollow Road in the Town of Union, and the Union Highway

Department performs plowing, sanding and snow and ice removal on a portion of Boswell Hill Road in the Town of Maine. The Towns of Kirkwood and Windsor have a similar agreement for cross-plowing of roads. Susquehanna Valley School District and Conklin have traded lawn mowing equipment for snow plowing services.

State Office Building, Edwin L. Crawford County Office Building and Binghamton City Hall. These three buildings, owned by different units of government, were all constructed on a shared foundation under a tripartite agreement between the State of New York .County of Broome and City of Binghamton.

Street Work. Street work and snow removal are the topics of agreements between Town of Triangle and Village of Whitney Point. The town provides personnel and equipment to do the snow plowing in the Village, and the Town also does some street work in the Village.

The Town of Kirkwood provides water to the County at no charge for street sweeping.

Surplus Equipment. The County of Broome annually conducts an auction in which municipalities can dispose of surplus equipment and retain the net proceeds.

Tax collection. The Towns of Conklin, Union and Dickinson have authorized Broome County to collect town and county real estate taxes within the Towns.

Town and Village Halls. The Town of Triangle rents space within the Town of Triangle Town Hall to the Village of Whitney Point.

Water. A joint water supply has been created by virtue of an agreement between Town of Kirkwood and Town of Conklin. Kirkwood has a water supply in the town of Kirkwood, whereas Conklin did not have an adequate supply of water. Under the agreement, Conklin runs water lines across the Susquehanna River, Kirkwood sells water to Conklin, and Conklin avoids the expense of developing its own wells.

Residents of the Town of Dickinson are able to obtain water by virtue of agreements in place between Town of Dickinson, Town of Chenango, Town of Dickinson and Village of Johnson City, and Town of Dickinson and City of Binghamton.

Village of Whitney Point owns a water system and sells water to residents of the Towns of Lisle and Triangle and the Village of Lisle.

Village of Port Dickinson purchases water from Town of Dickinson and City of Binghamton, and has an incentive contract with the Town of Fenton water district.

Village of Port Dickinson allows the Town of Fenton to utilize the Village of Port Dickinson sewer lines to send effluent to the joint sewage treatment plant.

The Port Dickinson Public Works/Water/Sewer Departments have a Mutual Assistance Agreement with the Town of Fenton Water Department for Operations in Confined Space, allowing

both municipalities to adhere to the minimum staffing requirements of OSHA without having to hire additional personnel or contractors.

Workers Compensation. Many municipalities in Broome County participate in the Broome County Workers' Compensation Self-Insured Plan.

This list is not comprehensive, as many agreements have not been listed here, but it does reflect the number and type of shared services agreements in place in Broome County.

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