

CHAPTER 7 Intergovernmental Cooperation Element

66.1001 (2)(g) Wis. Stat.:

Intergovernmental Cooperation element. A compilation of objectives, policies, goals, maps, and programs for joint planning and decision making with other jurisdictions, including school districts and adjacent local governmental units, for sighting and building public facilities and sharing public services. The element shall analyze the relationship of the local governmental unit to school districts and adjacent local governmental units and to the region, the state, and other governmental units. The element shall incorporate any plans or agreements to which the local governmental unit is a party under s. 66.0301, 66.0307 or 66.0309. The element shall identify existing or potential conflicts between the local governmental unit and other governmental units that are specified in this paragraph and describe processes to resolve such conflicts.

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

The following sections list the existing agreements or relationships that the Village of Plover currently has with other municipalities. Inventory and examination of existing municipal relations allows for the understanding of how municipalities currently work and how these relationships can be enhanced. As the Village of Plover develops over the next 20 years it is important for them to continue to work with surrounding municipalities.

A. City of Stevens Point

- The Village of Plover participates with Stevens Point in a mutual aid agreement with several other Portage County communities for fire protection. This is a written agreement.
- Plover has an emergency water connection agreement with Stevens Point. This is a written agreement.
- Plover and Stevens Point work together on sanitary sewer jetting for maintenance. There is no written agreement.
- There is a mutual drop off/pick up location for passengers of the Plover Shared Ride Taxi and Stevens Point Transit at the Econo Foods parking lot (Tommy's Turnpike and Post Road). There is no written agreement.
- Plover works with Stevens Point and Town of Plover to maintain the traffic signals at Hoover Avenue and County Road HH. This is a written agreement.

B. Village of Whiting

- Whiting provides sewer and water service to Village of Plover residential properties located along Elm Street and Elm Court, as well as water service (no sewer) to two residences located at 3401 and 3421 Tommy's Turnpike Road. There is no written agreement.
- Whiting provides a temporary water connection to the McDill School gardens, which are located in the Village of Plover. There is no written agreement.
- The Village of Plover provides water service to the ReMax Building on the east side of Post Road in Whiting. There is no written agreement; both Village Boards approved this servicing agreement.
- Whiting and Plover share an emergency water connection. This is a written agreement.
- Whiting is also working cooperatively with the Village of Plover and Wisconsin Department of Transportation in Post Road transportation and land use planning.
- The Village of Plover has an unwritten road plowing agreement with the Village of Whiting for joint streets/roads.

C. Town of Plover

- The Village has an unwritten road plowing agreement with the Town for joint streets /roads.
- The Village of Plover mows and maintains the medians/boulevards/ditches along such roads as:
 - County Highway B (Plover Road) between Eisenhower Avenue and Post Road.
 - Highway 54 (Plover Road) between Post Road and Grant Avenue.
 - Post Road between Maple Drive and Porter Road
- The Village of Plover maintains the Plover Memorial Cemetery located on River Drive. Cost share – 60% Village of Plover and 40% Town of Plover.
- Traffic Signal Lights located to the intersection of County Highway HH and Hoover Avenue. The Village of Plover maintains the traffic lights. Cost share: 75% Town of Plover and 25% Village of Plover.
- The Village is currently working on an intergovernmental agreement regarding land use within the Plover extraterritorial area, sewer service and revenue sharing.

D. Town of Stockton

- The Village has a contract for service with Stockton for fire service provision within a portion of the Town.

E. Town of Linwood

- The Village has a mutual aid contract with Linwood for fire service provision within a portion of the Town.

F. School Districts

- Plover provides athletic facilities for school district sports activities on a fee basis.
- Plover pays for intramural sports at Roosevelt School (wages for coaches are a part of the Village budget).

G. Portage County

- Plover is home to a branch of the Portage County Library system.
- A segment of the County Green Circle Trail runs through Plover.
- Plover participates with Portage County Purchasing Department to make certain equipment purchases.
- The Village works with Portage County regarding the Senior Activity Center in the Plover Municipal Center.
- Plover is working with Portage County Highway Department regarding the jurisdictional transfer of Eisenhower Avenue. The Village Board is recommending approval of the jurisdictional transfer of Eisenhower Avenue to Portage County.
- Portage County Ambulance provides service to the Village of Plover.
- The Village of Plover Fire Department has mutual aid agreements with all Portage County Fire Departments as of 1996. The County Chief's Association is currently in the process of reviewing the County-wide agreement.

H. Other Municipalities

- The Village of Plover Fire Department has several separate automatic aid agreements; Biron Fire Department (2002), Town of Pine Grove Fire Department (1998), Rudolph Fire District (1998). They also have a mutual aid reciprocal agreement with the City of Wisconsin Rapids Fire Department (2000).
- Plover Area Business Association maintains an office in the Village Municipal Building.

I. State of Wisconsin

- The Department of Commerce maintains an office in the Plover Municipal Center

Section 7.2 Analysis of Intergovernmental Agreements

The Village feels that all current agreements are adequate, and they should be reviewed on a regular basis to determine whether they are still appropriate. The Village will look adding additional intergovernmental agreements opportunities when appropriate.

Section 7.3 Existing or Potential Conflicts with Other Government Units

The Stevens Point Area Sewer Service Area Plan needs to be updated. This will help prevent protracted disagreements regarding areas of Village or City expansion.

Section 7.4 Issues/Conclusions Regarding Intergovernmental relations

- The Village will/should/needs to work with the school district on locations of schools within the Village of Plover
- The Village needs to look for ways to improve ambulance and emergency service to the Village.
- In the future, explore mutual working relationships with the Towns of Plover and Stockton.
- Continue to work with Central Wisconsin Area Economic Development Council.
- Continue to work with Town of Plover and Town of Stockton on extraterritorial and land use issues.
- Work with Portage County on future library needs.
- Continue to work with Portage County Solid Waste Department.
- Work with Department of Transportation and Portage County Highway Department on transportation needs.

Section 7.5 Intergovernmental Cooperation Goals, Objectives and Policies

A. Goals

1. Encourage cooperation between Village of Plover and other units of government to ensure appropriate, cost effective services and facilities.
2. Enter into intergovernmental agreements where appropriate.

B. Objectives

1. Plover and local units of government should work together to develop creative ways to plan for growth across municipal borders, where appropriate.
2. Share services across county or municipal borders whenever deemed appropriate by the Village.
3. Periodically review intergovernmental agreements to re-affirm that they are still in the best interests of Plover.

C. Policies

1. Establish / maintain communication with surrounding municipalities for discussion of land use and other related issues.
2. Maintain existing intergovernmental relations and cooperation with surrounding municipalities.
3. Explore additional opportunities for intergovernmental cooperation and beneficial agreements.
4. Take an active role in the Urban Area Transportation Plan.
5. Any new major intergovernmental agreements, or changes to any existing agreements, are to be reviewed by the appropriate governing committee and Plan Commission for recommendation to the Village Board.