

# 7. Intergovernmental Cooperation

In general terms, intergovernmental cooperation is any arrangement by which officials of two or more jurisdictions coordinate plans, policies, and programs to address and resolve issues of mutual interest. It can be as simple as communicating and sharing information, or it can involve entering into formal intergovernmental agreements and sharing resources such as equipment, buildings, staff, and revenue. It can even involve consolidating services, jurisdictions, or transferring territory.

## 7.1 Inventory of Existing Agreements

Other than mutual aid agreements for fire protection and emergency medical service, the town is party to no other formal service agreements.

## 7.2 Intergovernmental Opportunities, Conflicts, and Resolutions

### Opportunities

Numerous opportunities for service or program administration exist for cooperation with other units of government. Several opportunities are described as follows:

<u>Opportunity</u>	<u>Other Governmental Unit Assistance</u>
1. Assistance in rating and posting local roads.	Clark County Highway Department
3. Reduce costs for providing town services through working with neighboring communities for such items as road maintenance, fire and emergency service, solid waste and recycling, local parks, etc.	Towns of Green Grove, Loyal, Unity Warner, City of Loyal (Clark County) United Communities of Clark County Group
4. Update and amend Town of Beaver township plan and/or ordinances when applicable.	Clark County Planning and Zoning Department/West Central WI Regional Planning Commission

### Potential Conflicts and Resolutions

Several potential conflicts may develop through the course of the planning period. Potential conflicts can be most effectively addressed in a “pro-active” fashion. In other words, pursuing opportunities will often avoid future conflicts. Thus several of the potential conflicts identified

may be similar to the opportunities discussed earlier. Potential conflicts and the process to resolve the conflicts are summarized as follows:

<u>Potential Conflict</u>	<u>Process to Resolve</u>
1. Concern over too much intervention by Clark County and state relative to local control of land use issues.	Town adopts local township plan.  Town takes responsibility to develop, update, and administer local land use ordinances and programs.  Maintain communication with the Clark County Planning and Zoning Department on land use issues.  Town provides ample opportunities for public involvement during land use planning and ordinance development efforts.
2. Concern over unregulated land use in bordering communities negatively impacting Town of Beaver landowners and residents.	Meet with adjacent local officials to encourage local land use planning efforts.
3. Address Townships of Green Grove, Loyal, Unity and Warner’s growth (annexation) into the town. Consider development of border agreements.	Review and provide comments on Recommended Drafts developed by neighboring communities.

### **7.3 Intergovernmental Cooperation Goals and Objectives**

***Goal 1: Establish mutually beneficial intergovernmental relations with other units of government.***

#### ***Objectives***

1. Improve working relationships with neighboring communities and the county to provide efficient and cost effective emergency services, street/road maintenance, and other services when appropriate.
2. Improve cooperation and coordination with the City of Loyal with respect to long-range planning and land use controls.
3. Improve communication with the Clark County Board of Supervisors regarding local issues, concerns, desires and successes.

***Goal 2: Coordinate and communicate planning activities with other communities in the county to address regional issues that cross political boundaries and jurisdictions, to ensure efficient use of resources, and to provide for increased certainty between all levels of government, developers and landowners.***

### ***Objectives***

1. Establish a joint meeting schedule between local units of government to encourage discussion and action on area issues.
2. Maintain and/or increase correspondence with the Wisconsin Towns Association, League of Municipalities, area schools, and other groups.
3. Create opportunities to jointly hold public forums and workshops to exchange information and increase public understanding and acceptance of innovative planning tools, programs and regulatory procedures.
4. Maintain constructive relationships with the various levels of government and private organizations which have a vested interest in the protection and conservation of land and water resources.

## **7.4 Intergovernmental Cooperation Policies and Recommendations**

### **Policies**

1. Cooperative planning efforts with surrounding communities, the county, and applicable agencies and special purpose units of government should be pursued when appropriate including:
  - ◆ Cooperative land use planning along boundaries.
  - ◆ Open discussion of plan and ordinance amendments and updates.
  - ◆ Joint planning for overlapping jurisdiction or areas of mutual interest.
  - ◆ Joint purchasing or use of equipment, facilities or services.
2. Existing intergovernmental agreements shall be reviewed annually for their effectiveness and efficiency.
3. Neighboring communities and districts shall be invited to any future meetings in which amendments or updates to the comprehensive plan are made or discussed.
4. A multi-jurisdictional planning effort shall be considered when the plan is updated.

### **Recommendations**

1. The town shall pursue a cooperative boundary plan with the Green Grove, Loyal, Unity

and Warner Townships.